1. Opening Remarks

Dr Mahad from the ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster management, welcomed and appreciated everyone for attending the meeting. He emphasised the need for unified action in addressing identified food security needs. He thanked the donors who support various humanitarian and developmental programs in the country. Mr Mohamoud Isse Farah, Director of Food Security and Early Warning, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (FGS) echoed message from Dr Mahad and noted the need to sustain efforts to address needs.

2. IPC Assessment update

FSNAU provided an update on the IPC as follows:
- Assessment mainly done in July and August.
- Travel restrictions have been eased. Assessment in rural areas is about to be completed.
- There will be final validation of the IPC assessment between 8th-15th September.
- Small group meetings on IPC to be done in Hargeisa, Garowe, Mogadishu and Nairobi to discuss on the IPC validation.
- Partners who are interested to participate can send their names to the FSC.

3. Flood Situation

- There has been an increase in floods in the last 5 years.
• Most of the flooding occurred during the Gu season: with most of the river flooding reported around Shabelle river.
• Provision of Early warning alerts pertaining to flooding has been improving SAWLIM provided a detailed presentation (available on the FSC website).

4. Responses for the months July 2020.

The Food Security Cluster briefed the participants on the needs, coverage and gaps.

• **Under objective 1 (Improved access to food and safety nets):** FSC partners assisted 1,874,812 people out of 3,035,794 targeted (62% achievement). Responses in Middle Juba, Banadir and Lower Shabelle are less than 25% of the target due to both access and funding shortfalls.

• **Objective 2 (Provision of seasonal livelihood inputs):** Cumulatively, starting February, a total of 433,368 beneficiaries have been assisted with farm inputs, land preparation and animal restocking(shoats). The cumulative number of people reached accounts for 48% of the seasonal target (909,130) July being the last month of the season. Bari, Galgaduud, Middle Juba, Mudug, Nugaal, Sanaag, Sool and Togdheer responses are below 15% of the target due to a combination of funding and access.

5. Update on the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) and Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)

Giovanni/OCHA briefed partners as follows:

• The clusters and REACH are finalising on selection of indicators that will be used to calculate the People in Need (PIN) figures for 2021. The PIN figures are required for the HNO.
• Drafting of the HNO itself is ongoing
• Partners will be able to submit their projects for the HRP from 1st-15th October 2020.

6. Minorities and Marginalization (FSC update)

The need for centrality of protection in all partners responses was emphasized. Partners should use the Community Based Guidelines that were developed through a consultative process with an objective to improve targeting.

Although the targeting for minorities has improved, still there are cases of marginalization. As part of ongoing efforts to address these issues, the FSC has been working with representative of minority communities to ensure they attend the regular regional partner monthly coordination
meetings to ensure that minority communities are not inadvertently overlooked in any selection process or prioritisation decision.

To support ongoing efforts on inclusion, it is important to continue with analysing response data to ensure coverage is solely based on need.

7. **Capacity Building Initiatives**

FSC briefed partners on the recent capacity building initiatives. Notably, trainings were conducted virtually in line with guidelines on curbing the spread of COVID-19.

Trainings held recently were as follows

- a) ToT - Integrated inter cluster training package for nutrition outcomes held on 2nd - 11th Jun 2020 with 16 participants
- b) Sphere Standards held 15th July – 6th August 2020 with 38 participants. Participants were divided into two cohorts.
- c) GBV integration workshop held on 12th and 20th August separately with 30 participants for each of the days.
- d) Food security training on assessment needs determination and cluster specific indicators held on 18th August 2020 with 53 participants.

**NB:** In total 167 participants were trained. Partners are encouraged to attend the trainings as it is useful for partners for effective programming and response.

8. **Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring**

The Food Security Cluster briefed partners on results of the Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring (CCPM) conducted in early 2020. This is a country led internal exercise where, the country cluster assess their performance against 6 core Cluster functions and Accountability for Affected Population (AAP) for subsequent improvement. 62 organizations participated in the survey.

Some of the notable recommendations include:

- Strengthening sub national coordination platform
- Improving participation of national organizations and the local authorities in decision making process
- Improving service delivery in hard to reach areas
- Enhancing partners resources mobilization knowledge /skills
- Discussion (advocacy) how best the needs of marginalized and minority communities can be addressed
• Improve on some aspects of cross cutting issues e.g. gender and disability (Program quality)
• Strengthening national capacity on disaster preparedness and contingency planning in collaboration with other actors

ACTION POINTS
1. Invite IPC trained staff to participate in the virtual IPC analysis - FSNAU
2. Share the ICPAC forecast and the 109 river breakage points – SWALIM
3. Further seek the feedback and input of the partners and develop action plan to address some of the observed weakness in subsequent plan of the cluster.

AOB
None