Meeting Agenda:

1. Opening Remarks (MoAI, MoLFR and MoHADM)
2. Update from FSC secretariat
3. SWALIM Flood Update
4. FSC response Update
5. 2020 post deyr assessment and analysis, overall plan and timeline
6. 2021 HRP/HNO process updates
7. Focus on ‘seed production’, update of field visit by MoAI
8. Update from MoHADM

1. Opening Remarks

Mr Mahamoud (Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation) and Mr Abubakar (Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management) welcomed the participants attending the meeting. They emphasised the need for unified action in addressing identified food security needs.

2. Update from FSC secretariat

Mr Mulugeta (the FSC Co-Coordinator for Somalia) will be leaving Somalia operation. He will be joining FAO-Yemen as Senior Program Coordinator. FSC partners took the opportunity to express thanks and gratitude to the commitment and contribution of Mr Mulugeta over the years. In turn Mr Mulugeta thanked the FSC team and partners for the productive working relationship. Information with regards to Mulugeta’s replacement will be shared in due course.

3. SWALIM Update

A. Rainfall update:
   - **North western regions:** Deyr rains started early, since the first week of September, however from mid October there has been reduction in many parts.
   - **Central and South Regions:** Late start of the season in the south, but currently well spread across the regions
B. **Rain forecast 03-09 Nov 2020**

- Forecast for the coming week indicates light scattered rains in the northern parts of the country.
- Widespread moderate to heavy rains is foreseen in the central and southern regions.
- Moderate to heavy rains will continue in Ethiopian highlands during the forecast period.
- Risk of flash floods high in build up low lying areas in the south.

C. **Shabelle river levels:**

- There has been gradual decrease in river levels along Shabelle at the upper reaches over the last 2 weeks.
- Current river level at Beletweyne is within normal for this period.
- In the middle and lower reaches the levels remain high, fluctuating within the high-risk level.
- With the rainfall forecast for the coming week pointing towards high rainfall within Somalia and Ethiopian highlands, there is moderate risk of flooding in the upper reaches and high risk in middle and downstream reaches.

D. **Juba river levels:**

- River levels along Juba have been rising over the last one week.
- The levels along the entire reach are currently above the normal for this time of the year.
- With the current rainfall forecast calling for enhanced rains within the Juba basin in Ethiopia and Somalia, there is high risk of flooding along the Juba river in the coming week.

4. **FSC Response Update (July - September / Actuals against the target)**

- Objective 1: Improved Access to Food through Conditional and Unconditional Cash Transfers.

  The target for this Objective is 2,103,495.
  - In July 1,874,812 of the target beneficiaries were reached;
  - In August 1,652,304 of the target beneficiaries were reached; and,
  - In September 1,531,074 of the target beneficiaries were reached.

- Objective 2: Livelihood Seasonal Inputs and Livestock Asset Protection

  The target under this objective is 1,060,406.
  - July was the last month of the Gu seasonal inputs distribution. A total of 433,368 beneficiaries were reached cumulatively from February to July. This accounts for (48%) of the target beneficiaries.
In August, being the first month of the Deyr seasonal inputs distribution, 26,030 beneficiaries or (2%) of the target beneficiaries were reached; Cumulatively (August and September) 189,916 beneficiaries were reached.

Notably, the number reached is very low compared to the target and hence need for partners to scale up their responses.

**Action Point:** Partners are advised to continue reporting timely to allow time for analysis and consolidated reporting.

5. **2020 post Deyr assessment and analysis, overall plan and timeline**

FSNAU provided an update with regards to the Post Deyr assessment. The process started on 20th Oct and will be finalized around 15th Jan 2021. As usual, partners are requested to participate in the process for greater success and ownership.

**Action Point:** Discussion is scheduled with the protection cluster on how they can be involved in the upcoming IPC analysis.

6. **2021 HNO/HRP Process Updates**

**Cluster Objective 1: Improve Immediate Access to Food**

Priority Activities include both a) Unconditional (e.g. Food assistance) and b) conditional transfers e.g. Cash for work for livelihood interventions that will support community recover their livelihood and meet their immediate needs. Specific activities include rehabilitation of community infrastructure such as water catchments, feeder roads and canals, skills training to increase household income, soil and water conservation efforts, establishment of kitchen gardens and small holder farms. Target is 3.1 million being populations in IPC 3 and above.

**Action Point:** FSC to revert HRP process to partners

**Cluster Objective 2: To Protect and Restore Livelihoods**

Priority activities include provision of i) seasonally appropriate agricultural inputs(e.g. Quality seed, farm tools, training, land preparation and irrigation support, ii) Emergency livestock assistance(e.g. supportive treatment, vaccination, feed, fodder production. iii) Livelihood strengthening and diversification (e.g. fishing, backyard poultry and vocational programme. iv) improved post-harvest practices; and vi) farmer(agro) pastoral and coastal field schools.

7. **Seed Production Update**
Seed Production Companies in South West State

- Seed production is weak in Somalia
- Seed regulatory, inspection and quality assurance dismantled 3 decades ago.
- Currently seeds come from unchecked sources including hybrid and genetically modified seeds which inflicts serious damage and loss to both human health and economy.
- Usually, farmers rescue seeds from own previous production in primitive way, meaning both quality and purity deteriorate.

Background

- SomSEED which is one of the biggest projects started operation in 2019. The project aimed to improve genetic qualities of the seeds in Somalia especially.
- FILSAN and CSET are the biggest seed production companies in Somalia currently supported by USAID through GEEL.
- Somalia Federal government and the states established seed certificate to the seed growers

Seed Certificate

- For the Gu’ and last Deyr season inclusive Seed Certificate procedure with serial and code number existed.
- Seed growers go under very rigorous procedure to make sure the seed quality meets the standard, the requirements are as the following:
  1. Business License from Federal and State Ministries of Commerce.
  2. Registration from Federal and State Ministries of Agriculture
  3. Field Inspection Report
  4. Sample Analyze Report

Seed Production

- Main certified seed production sites are in Lower Shabelle and Bay regions.
- Seed production focused almost on three crops:
  1. Sorghum 128.7 MT
  2. Maize 71.3 MT
  3. Cowpea 27.8 MT
- Total Certified Seeds is 227.8 MT
- FILSAN produced 110 MT of certified seeds while CSET 117 MT of certified seeds.
- Seed Growers use M-TACAB (M-TA’AB).

8. Updates from MoHADM

- MoHADM conducted consultation Workshop on SOP (Standard Operation Procedure) (DRR and DRM) in Mogadishu Somalia, the workshop was attended by all government stakeholders both all Federal ministries relevant with DRR and Federal Member States and BRA.
• The Ministry has also formulated the National Humanitarian Strategy, the final draft is currently been tabled in the cabinets for endorsement.
• The revised National Disaster Management Policy is also in the final stage, is expected to be finalize in next upcoming weeks.
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**AOB:**

FSC again made a notice to the partners that there will be election /nomination of new Vice Coordinators. Once the official email on the same is shared, partners are encouraged to nominate themselves for the various Vice coordinator positions.

**Action Point:** FSC secretariat to send out the call for nominations.