



MINUTES OF THE FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER (FSC) NAIROBI PARTNERS MEETING

December 13th 2017 FAO Somalia, Ngecha Road, Lower Kabete

Chairs

Mulugeta Shibru - Somalia FSC Co-Coordinator

Charles Hopkins - Somalia FSC Co-Coordinator

Agenda

1. Review of previous minutes and action points
2. Fall Army Worm Infestation
3. FSC Monthly Response Analysis
4. AAP Progress Update
5. Report on the validation process (Community Based Targeting)
6. FSC Training plan for January & February 2018

1. *Opening Remarks and Review of previous minutes and action points by Mulugeta Shibru*

The meeting was called into order at 1010 AM with a round of introduction, a review of the agenda and a discussion on the action points.

The previous meeting minutes were unanimously endorsed as an accurate reflection of records after a review by participants.

Action points

- UN OCHA Relief web presentation was postponed and will be presented at a later meeting.

2. *Fall Army Worm Infestation* by Alphonse Owour (FAO)

Fall Army Worm is an invasive pest, with its origins traced to South America, and attacks the staple foods i.e. Maize, Sorghum, millet and even pasture.

It destroys the growing points of crops resulting in reduced yields and its quality.

The unique thing about this pest is it combines all the destructive effects of other indigenous feeds on the leaves, kernel and other important parts of the plant necessary for its growth resulting in withering and stunting.

The menace has not been declared a national outbreak in Somalia, due to the lack of evidence which can be obtained after the cropping season. As part of the efforts to gather and consolidate efforts on the aforementioned outbreak FAO HQ in Rome has



developed an application that will allow farmers to send pictures to a central database. Whilst mapping initiatives are currently underway with FAO taking charge through **the resilience office**.

In order to declare the outbreak certain protocols, need to be in place.

As part of the sustainable management aspect of the mitigation efforts 13 **clan protection workers** have been trained across Somalia on ways to curb the spread of the fall army worms.

Pesticides are highly discouraged in efforts to combat this infestation as they assassinate crop micro-biology and in the long run leads to eventual soil degradation.

Mono crop farming are ill advised because the systems provide an 'all you can eat buffet' suitable for pest growth hence curtailing eradication efforts.

Pheromone traps coupled with letters of agreement with state agencies are in place to detect the presence of the fall army worms.

Resistant seeds are not available in Somalia or in Africa in general albeit tests are ongoing within the continent.

Action points

- Request ICIPE to make a presentation on the subject matter including best practices

3. *FSC Monthly Response Analysis by Mulugeta Shibru (FSC)*

The number of reporting partners and associated levels of FSC responses declined in November after a substantial increase in September and October.

This is an indication of depleted financial resources, a further decline in assistance to drought affected population is anticipated.

Puntland is among the area where gains were reported have recently declared "drought emergency" resulting from another below average season.

See the table below for November actuals summary: -



Improved Access to Food and Safety Nets	Year	Monthly/ Seasonal Target	August	September	October	November
	2017	3,218,700	2,379,656	2,970,915	3,110,831	2,668,984
Achievement	73%		92%	97%	83%	
Livelihood Assets	2017	1,541,767	352,870	186,076	207,049	211,352
	Achievement		20%	12%	13%	14%
Livelihood Seasonal Inputs and livestock asset protection	2017	3,416,210	70,530	1,076,183	2,399,758	2,739,393
	Achievement		2%	32%	70%	80%

Action points

- Partners were requested to share confirmed three month funding figures to facilitate the gap and need analysis.

4. Food Security and Nutrition Paper Update by Kevin Mackey (FSC/WVI)

The three-page document covers the periods between Jan – Dec 2017 and focuses on key messaging for donors and management.

The paper will coincide with the release of the FSNAU post- Gu assessment results in February 2018 or mid-March.

Below are the planned half day workshops: -

- Hargeisa: 22nd Jan 2018
- Garowe: 24th Jan 2018
- Galkayo: 25-26th Jan 2018
- Mogadishu: 1st Feb 2018
- Baidoa/Dollow: 4th- 5th 2018

Once the workshops conclude the targeting guidelines will be assembled to take stock of best practices and unique targeting scenarios per geographic location.

Later on a series of trainings will ensure from February – March

Action points

- Circulate the final draft to partners



5. AAP Update by Paul Gol (FSC)

There has been a global update of AAP guidelines and SPHERE handbook resulting in the reduction of the IASC from five (5) to four (4).

Additionally, PSEA (Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse) has now been included to be part of AAP.

Community Based Targeting Consultative meetings. Consultations with Field staff and Communities started in Bossaso 17/07, Hargeisa 22/01, Garowe 24/01, Galkaayo (Galgadud28/01) (Mudug 29/01), Mogadishu 31/01, Baidoa 04/02 Lower Shabelle 05/02 and Dollow 07/02.

Partners strongly encouraged to participate in this process that aims to develop a Community Based Targeting Guidelines.

Partners can get in touch with the respective Vice Co-ordinators and Andrew Makachia.

Action points

- Circulate SPHERE handbook 2018 draft
- Orientation of partners on the recent changes
- Review and update all AAP documents prepared by the FSC to align to the new changes.

6. AOB (Any Other Business)

a. Charles Hopkins farewell

Charles Hopkins thanked the FSC membership for their support over the last two years as FSC Co-coordinator and announced his departure to take up another position.