MINUTES OF THE FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER (FSC) NAIROBI PARTNERS MEETING
18th September 2018, FAO Somalia, Ngecha Road, Lower Kabete

Chairs

Mulugeta Shibru - Somalia FSC Co-Coordinator

Agenda

1. Introduction and review of previous meeting minutes
2. Post Gu Debriefing
3. August FSC monthly response analysis
4. FSC Targeting (Sept 2018 – Jan 2019)
5. HNO/OPS Update
6. AOB

1. Introduction and review of previous meeting minutes by Mulugeta Shibru (FSC/FAO)

This meeting commenced at 1000 am following a brief round of introduction for new members, soliciting for AOBs and a run through of the agenda.

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed and endorsed as an accurate reflection of proceedings.

2. Post Gu Debriefing by Abdulaziz Aden (FESWNET)

Highlights discussed include: -

Rainfall Performance

- 2018 Gu (Apr-Jun) was the wettest season in nearly two decades; favorable rainfall during the season has helped end the drought that persisted since mid-2016.
- Pressing humanitarian needs remain despite improvements.
- Rainfall amounts were slightly below average to near average in the northeast.
- Jul-Aug Karan rains is below average in NW agropastoral areas, however, near average precipitations reported in early September.
- Below average Jul-Aug Hagaa rains observed in Juba and Shabelle regions except Badhaadhe district which is above average.
- A recent forecast issued by the Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF50), indicates a greater likelihood of normal to above normal 2018 Deyr (Oct-Dec) rains across Somalia.

Pasture and Water Impact

- Favorable rainfall has improved availability of pasture and water for livestock across most parts of the country leading to increased livestock productivity (conception, births and milk) although livestock herd sizes, especially in Central and North, remain below baseline levels.
- In parts of northeastern regions that currently have below average pasture, livestock
migration possibilities to adjacent livelihoods and forecast average to above average rains during Deyr are expected to help minimize any adverse impact on livestock.

**Impact of Crop Production**

- In the northwest where crop production has been affected by erratic rainfall, the 2018 Gu/Karan harvest in northwest is estimated at **19 000 MT**, which is **58 percent** lower than the average for 2010-17.
- In southern Somalia the 2018 Gu season cereal production is estimated at **147 200 MT**, including **7,200 MT** off-season harvest expected in October.

This level of production is **17 percent** higher than the long-term average/PWA (1995-2017) and **58 percent** more than the five-year average (2013-17).

### 3. August FSC monthly response analysis by Andrew Makachia (WFP/FSC)

In total 23 partners contributed to multiple food security assistance in August 2018

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**IASN Response Analysis**

- FSC partners assisted 1,849,623 beneficiaries out of 2,860,532 targeted (65% achievement) in improved access to food and safety nets objective of the cluster.
- The August achievements are 11% (318,000 beneficiaries) lower compared to July- when 76% of the targeted beneficiaries were assisted. The level of assistance in August has decreased as compared to July in all the regions in Somalia except Bay and Awdal.
- Of the total number of beneficiaries assisted for this objective, 77% were supported through cash/ voucher form while 23% received in-kind support.

**LIIN Response Analysis**

FSC partners assisted 188,994 beneficiaries with seasonal inputs including livestock assets protection related activities (Objective 2 of the cluster). These activities are geared towards supporting production for Deyr season.
LIAS Response Analysis

- FSC partners assisted 380,039 beneficiaries compared to the target of 1,450,357 (26% of the target) in supporting livelihoods through conditional transfers objective of the cluster.
- Of the total number of beneficiaries reached for this objective, 77% were supported through cash/voucher transfer while 23% received in-kind support.
- The response in this objective gradually increasing and it has reached to this level for the first time since the beginning of the year. The level of assistance in Hiran, lower Juba and Togdheer significant as compared to target.

4. FSC Targeting (Sept 2018 – Jan 2019) by Andrew Makachia (WFP/FSC)

The number of people in need decreased from 6.2 million in Gu 2017 to 4.6 million in Gu 2018 (by 1.6 million or 25%). This includes a 50 percent reduction in the number of people in IPC phase 3 or worse. As compared to the preceding dyre season, the overall number of people in need decreased from 5.4 million to 4.6 million.

The IPC (FSNAU led) seasonal assessment attributes these improvements to various factors:

- Average to above average rainfall between April and June that contributed to seasonal improvements in terms of production, income sources and market conditions
- Positive impacts of sustained and large-scale humanitarian assistance.
- Forecasted average to above average Deyr rains (October-December 2018)

Below is the FSC fact sheet of the changed targets derived from the IPC assessment findings.
Action points

- Partners were requested to share plan, funded and likely to be funded figures in the next reporting cycle for a three-month period.
- Again partners were requested to provide sub-division of targets/actuals by livelihood and location for IPC projected and for coordinating responses.

5. HNO/OPS Update by Mulugeta Shibru (FAO/FSC)

The recent changes have seen multi-cluster integration making it easier for partners to edit project profiles. In this regard UN OCHA Somalia will have a series of trainings in various regions including Nairobi for partners to orient them on the OPS tools.

Whilst localization of aid remains a high priority there is a need to balance all aspect of the allocation process to ensure that funds are properly accounted for and the beneficiaries are protected.

A standard allocation is expected in October/November with the focus being on need and not cluster.

6. AOB by Partners (Various)

The recent GHACOF forecasts portends El Nino in the last quarter of 2018, but there is a need to develop contingency preparedness plans that looks at the other extreme i.e. drought.