Minutes of the Food Security Cluster (FSC) Nairobi Partners Meeting
2017/February/9th FAO Somalia, Ngecha Road, Lower Kabete

Chairs
Mulugeta Shibru and Charles Hopkins

Agenda

1. FSNAU Post Deyr Presentation
2. Low level/flow of shabelle river and its implication on food security
3. FSC Updates and Presentations
4. AOB

1. Introduction by Mulugeta Shibru

- Meeting was opened by a round of introduction at 1015.
- Agenda was introduced for comments and inputs by FSC partners.
- Minutes of the previous meeting was adopted and endorsed as an accurate reflection of the transpiration.
- All pending action points carried over from the previous meeting were addressed to the satisfaction of the members. This included:
  a. Sharing FSC VC elections results to partners
  b. Election Run-off in Mudug
  c. Sought guidance from SAG on the SOP for VC positions
  d. Establishment of the Cash Value Determination Logic

2. Post Deyr Presentation by Daniel Molla (FSNAU)

Overview and Highlight:
- Oct-Dec rainfall were below average cumulating in a harsh ji’lal season
- Several seasons of below normal rainfall are expected which will aggravate the situation.
- Poor and below average pasture/rainfall shall negatively impact on rangeland and water conditions.
- Over the last few seasons cereal production has dropped significantly only 2005 Deyr production was worse.
- Cereal prices are on the rise especially in high production areas. For instance Red Sorghum prices are above the 5 year average in Baidoa, Bay region.
- Livestock Prices have spiralled downwards since October 2016, in some areas it has shot down to nearly 50% of the market value.
- IPC Food Security map and projection emphasizes that no area is classified under...
(minimal) IPC phase 1, whilst Sool/Sanaag/Bay areas classified under IPC 4 i.e. emergency
- FSNAU issued an alert in 16th January stating famine (IPC 5 phase) is a near likely scenario and prompted actors to scale up through front loading.
- The need for urgent intervention occurs.
- Increased likelihood of IDP numbers growing as families move in search of resources and opportunities.
- Total number of people in need has increased to 6.2 Million, including 2.9 Million in Crisis and Emergency. Banadir, L. Shabelle, W. Galbeed, Bay and Mudug have the highest number of individuals in IPC phase 3 and 4
- Significant population movement (Rural - Urban) continues to be observed in South Central Regions.
- Priority intervention are detailed below:

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<th>IPC Classification</th>
<th>Phase 2 Stressed</th>
<th>Phase 3 Crisis</th>
<th>Phase 4 Emergency</th>
<th>Phase 5 Famine</th>
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<td>Priority Response Objectives</td>
<td>Action required for disaster risk reduction and to protect livelihoods</td>
<td>Protect livelihoods, reduce food consumption gaps and reduce acute malnutrition</td>
<td>Save lives and livelihoods</td>
<td>Prevent widespread mortality and total collapse of livelihoods</td>
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<td>Food Security/ Livelihoods/</td>
<td>3.3 million people</td>
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<td>(Over 6.2 million people in need)</td>
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<td>Nutrition/ Health/WASH</td>
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- Famine declaration is based on certain indicators among them mortality rates and food security conditions. Somalia famine records of 2011 showcased that April is a potentially definitive month exhibiting increased mortality rates and rapidly deteriorating food security situation observed. Hence FSL (Food Security and Livelihood) actors are urged to scale up and avert such a crisis.
- June, July August 2010 FSNAU reported a bumper harvest in Somalia but 12 months later famine was declared.
- Traditional coping strategies and social support systems are over stretched it may lead to a complete breakdown.
- FSNAU is planning assessments in the worst affected areas in March/April to monitor the situation. FSNAU is experiencing funding constraints which might threaten their assessment plans.
- CMB/MEB value will be published every month together with the dashboard. The
transfer value used by partners should adopt a sliding scale model where IPC phases are used to determine the transfers. At the same time in-kind intervention is recommended to lower commodity prices.
- The white shaded regions in the FSNAU produced nutrition maps are the areas where no survey was done.

**Action points**

- FSC to share the dashboard/CMB/MEB links

### 3. GU outlook, drought situation and river levels along the Shabelle River by Peris Muchii (SWALIM)

Climate experts convened at the ICPAK conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in which SWALIM participated. The key message emphasized on early warning and proactive action.

**Highlights**

- Extreme and severe drought conditions are manifested across Somalia. The severity map is updated every mid-month
- Minimal river flow in the Shabelle River giving it an appearance of a seasonal river which is not the case.
- Hydrological drought is being experienced in the Ethiopian highlands which is the origin of both the Juba and Shabelle Rivers additionally Melka Wakena Hydroelectric Power station is hosted on the upper parts further complicating the water storage and distribution.
- Depressed and poor distributed rains is expected over most parts of Somalia during the incoming Gu rainy season.
- Location of strategic boreholes available on the SWALIM website as a live map Ph levels, depth etc. is available.

**Action points**

- SWALIM shall produce a bulletin showing the impact on various sectors
- SWALIM to issue the open river breakages status.
- FSC to share the river breakage locations to partners for Cash for Work activity.
4. **FSC Updates and Presentations** by Mulugeta Shibru (FSC)

**IASN:** FSC Partners are averaging reaching 520,000 beneficiaries

**LIAS:** Averagely 10% of the target beneficiary being reached

**LIIN:** 68% of the seasonal target reached.

**Updates:**

a. FSC has received 7 Million from CERF kitty to be shared among UN agencies

b. Approximately 3 Million USD has been allocated to NGOs under the SHF. Projects have been selected and reviewed for funding.

c. Famine Prevention Plan worth 700 Million USD is spearheaded by Humanitarian Coordinator (HC). The FSC has identified which IASN and Livestock Protection activities should be prioritized.

**Action points**

- FSC targeting to be revised and shared with partners
- FSC shall re-initiate the Cash Market Working Group

The meeting adjourned at 1137 AM, partners were thanked for their participation.