MINUTES OF THE FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER (FSC) NAIROBI PARTNERS MEETING
2016/November/9th FAO Somalia, Ngecha Road, Lower Kabete

Chair
Charles Hopkins and Mulugeta Shibru

Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Review previous minute and action points
3. Drought situation Update (Somaliland and Puntland)
4. HRP Status Update
5. FSC Monthly update
6. AOB

1. Introduction by Charles Hopkins

- Meeting was opened by a round of introduction at 1005
- Minutes of the previous meeting was adopted and endorsed as an accurate reflection of the transpiration.

2. Somalia Food Security Outlook by Abdulaziz (FEWSNET)

Overview:-

- Deyr rains failed in October resulting in a deterioration of the Food Security situation.
- Pasture will continue to deteriorate until next Gu season in April.
- Livestock body conditions still deteriorating affecting herd size

Drought conditions in the Ethiopian highlands affecting the water level in the riverine areas in the south. Though it is not immediately clear if the rivers will dry up or will the water levels subside. The projections made herein suggest the situation is getting grimmer whilst the prevailing situation is worse of the originally envisaged. Overall there is substantial deterioration from Gu to Deyr.

FEWSNET will create an information product in the near future reflecting the changing context. FEWSNET is also planning a Food Security and Nutrition
assessment in late November/early December. CARE Somalia assessment in four districts indicated that the commodity prices have skyrocketed up to four times the standard rate.

**Partner Interventions (ongoing and planned):**

- VSF Germany has started an intervention in Dollow targeting 18,000 beneficiaries (3,000 HH).
- Solidarities is planning UCT transfers in Dhobley and Afmadow
- ICRC doing mobile cash transfers in Somaliland region

The use of technology should be Utilize for efficient aid delivery especially when trying to navigate the inherent humanitarian challenges in Somalia.

### 3. Food Security Situation in Puntland by Isaack Maalim (ADESO)

An integrated approach recommended dealing with the situation. In-kind interventions might be a better intervention as opposed to UCT or CFW and partners could rethink their interventions. FSC Co-coordinator provided supplemented the presentation by ADESO by adding that partners have been able to respond the emergency food needs, sudden onset of disasters and that the labour market has been disrupted leaving few opportunities.

### 4. HRP Status Update by Mulugeta Shibru (FSC)

The FSC received 88 project profiles by the deadline of 2nd November 2016. The projects were uploaded directly on the UN OCHA-managed OPS (Online Project System) platform. Through the CRC (Cluster Review Committee) all the profiles were reviewed and recommendations sent to the applicants.
- Five partners rejected
- Four partners submitted two profiles, and we requested to merge.

The FSC financial requirements for the HRP may be reduced after further review by UNOCHA and the HC.
5. **Partners October Achievements** by Shibru Mulugeta

**Improved Access to Food and Safety-Nets (IASN):** Overall partners have reached 408,035 beneficiaries representing 40% of the target.

**Livelihood Assets (LIAS):** 241,953 beneficiaries received intervention on activities such as Cash For Work.

**Livelihood Seasonal Inputs (LIIN):** Against a seasonal target of 2,722,174, cumulatively FSC partners have reached 60% through Livelihood Seasonal Inputs based intervention i.e. August to October

6. **AOB and Conclusion** by Charles Hopkins and Mulugeta Shibru

- There were no AOB and the meeting was adjourned at 1150 by the co-chairs.