

**Coordination of International Support to Somalis (CISS)  
IASC Health Cluster/Outbreak Taskforce**

**Endorsed Minutes  
IASC Health Cluster/Outbreak Taskforce Meeting  
Wednesday 12 January 2011 at 09:30 am.  
Somali Support Secretariat, Baobab Conf. Room, Ngecha Road  
Road**

**Participants:**

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
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Idle Aden Osman	SORDES	Ben Odera	AAH-I
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Patricia Nyimbae	OCHA	Kathryn Harries	WASH cluster Coordinator
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**Agenda:**

1. Adoption of minutes of December meeting & follow up of action points
2. Update on latest rumours outbreaks in Somalia
3. Health cluster updates
  - Introduction of a new dedicated health cluster coordinator
4. AOB

**Documents Distributed:**

1. Draft minutes of December meeting;
2. Proposed Agenda

**Opening remarks (Dr Omar):**

Dr Omar asked members to do a round of self-introductions

**1. Adoption of previous minutes & follow-up on action points.**

Minutes of the previous meeting reviewed, and endorsed without amendments as a true reflection of the discussions that took place.

**Review of Action Points from last meeting:**

1. SAFUK – share assessment report with cluster. DONE
2. Anthony – share summary on annual outbreak report. NOT DONE Compilation of the report is in process
3. Dr Imram - share HMIS report with cluster. NOT DONE – New HMIS officer compiling report.
4. UNICEF and WHO to consult and give feedback to cluster on conflicting information on WHO website- NOT DONE Consultations are on going
5. Patricia - Share CHF presentation document by mail- NOT DONE.

**2. Update on latest Rumours outbreak in Somalia**

Dr Anthony W.H.O reported that he received several rumours of disease outbreaks in the month of December. In early December, there were two confirmed cases of Pertusis and three HINI cases from Lower Shabelle region. W.H.O is training health workers on HINI detection in collaboration with COSV.

**Sordes** reported an increase of AWD cases in Hagar District and HDC reported the same for Baardheere district.

**WARDI** reported five suspected measles cases in Wanla Weyn district Kabaharia village.

**Garad/HAHRF** reported suspected outbreak of typhoid, Pneumonia and Malaria from their facility in Doblely area.

DR Anthony, reminded members on the importance of following procedures in reporting outbreaks and thresholds for determining an outbreak. Partners need to refer to weekly disease trends accessible on W.H.O website to determine if the rumour guarantees an outbreak.

-Partners need to report any increase in number of cases to UNICEF and W.H.O field staff as well as Nairobi. He further drew the attention of members on a revised IDSR form that now includes gender component. The cluster will circulate the revised form by mail and as well as post it on cluster website. A translated version on treatment guideline in Somali language is available on W.H.O website.

Dr Imran informed the members that HMIS officer is on board beginning January and that the three ministers have agreed on the revised HMIS tools, however, Somaliland is not comfortable with the soft ware. The revised tools will be in use by March and they include five MCH registers, six hospital registers and monthly reporting forms for all facilities.

### 3. Health Cluster Update

Dr Omar introduced Dr Kamran the incoming Health Cluster Coordinator Somalia and outlined a few achievements realised by the cluster.

- Annual health cluster report circulated to members
- CHF funding for the cluster
- Health cluster coordination for Mogadishu.

Dr Kamram informed the members that he is not quite new to the cluster as he previously held the position of Health Sector Coordinator Somalia. He said that he is open to receive information from all members and pledged to work together with partners to increase intra and inter cluster coordination and communication for consistency in standards and prompt response

### 4. AOB

**Dr Imran-** CCM is planning training for Health cluster partners in Puntland and Somaliland between January and February 2011.

A UNICEF assessment of all health facilities is underway to decide on which facilities to upgrade or downgrade, the exercise is mostly likely to be complete by end of February.

- **Patricia OCHA** - Somalia is to receive \$15 million dollars through CERF funding to cater for UN agency under funded windows. On the same note an evaluation team is arriving in the country soon to conduct an audit of CERF funded projects. The evaluation will also cover to NGO's who receive CERF funding indirectly through UN agency. All agencies will receive a communication on the Audit from OCHA.

**Betty/SSS** - Informed the members of the move to strengthen link between Health cluster and health sector through the Health advisory board ministries of health.

**Geelo** NGO sent two midwives for training on fistula by UNFPA.

**Dr Kamran** – Health cluster is to update 3w Matrix before the start of second allocation. The cluster is to receive the updated matrices by 16 January 2011

The cluster will constantly update its partners on CHF second standard allocation on the cluster website. Partners asked to give their inputs on the guidance notes through second standard allocation available on OCHA website.

**Action Points.**

- Follow up on pending action points from December 2010
- All partners to update 3w Matrix by 16 January 2011.
- WARDI to share minutes of Mogadishu meeting with partners
- The cluster is sending out a document detailing thresholds to establish a disease outbreak.
- Cluster to Post revised IDSR form on website
- Upload soft copy of IFRC guideline on epidemic control guideline for volunteers.
- Cluster to acknowledge IFRC Geneva for the Epidemic Control guidelines

**The next IASC Health Cluster/Outbreaks Control Taskforce Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16 February 2011 at 09:30 a.m. at SSS Conference Room, Ngecha Rd**