

Health Field Cluster – Mogadishu 2010

Draft Minutes
Mogadishu Health Field Cluster Meeting
Wednesday, 15 December 2010, 10-12:00
WARDI office, Wadajir district, Bulohubey village, Mogadishu

Participants:

Present:

Shaikh Osman Ali Issa	WARDI (chair)
Omar	WARDI
Aided Suleiman	DG (MoH)
Dr. Mohamed Abdikarim	Minister of State for Health
Dr. Abdirisaaq Xassan Cali	Banadir Hospital
Abdullah Mumin	SOS
Nuh Sh. Ibrahim	ACF
Shukri Yusuf	ACF
Omar Muse	Murdo
Mustaf Cabdi	JUMBO
Caydiid Suleman	MOH
Farhaan Bashir	EMP-WHO
Dr. Moh'ud Akhiil	Minister of State TFG (MOH)
Dr. Abdikadir	AVRO
Khadra	SORRDO
Da'uud Cali Rahoye	Hijra
Fatma	HACDA

Absent:

Adan	SAACID
Asha	Zamzam Foundation

Agenda:

- 1) Introduction of meeting objectives
- 2) Short briefing Ministry of Health and health cluster (WARDI)
- 3) Sharing information ...WHO ,WHAT and WHERE (update 3W matrix)
- 4) Outbreak rumours in Banadir
- 5) Health cluster update
- 6) AOB

1) Opening remarks and introduction of meeting objectives

The meeting started with a word of welcome from the chairperson Sheikh Osman Ali Issa from WARDI followed by a round of self-introductions. 19 participants representing 15 agencies operating in Mogadishu city, Banadir region attended the meeting; among them, Somalia's Minister of State for Health accompanied by the minister of health director general.

2) Short briefing Ministry of Health and health cluster

The health cluster chairperson welcomed the (MOH) director general Mr. Aided Suleiman who introduced the guest speaker for the health cluster meeting the Minister of State for health Dr. Mohamed Abdikarim. The Minister of State addressed the health cluster meeting and thanked WARDI for organizing and hosting the health cluster meeting. He continued thanking all the health cluster members providing health services in Mogadishu.

“During that period of 21 years your organizations were actually the health ministry of our community. You did a well done job as you and your partners have sacrificed some your staff members who have lost their lives while providing health services. May all those who have lost their lives be blessed and your organizations be rewarded for your good wills.”

He continued saying that he was amazed to see all the organizations at the health cluster meeting who are committed to serving the most poor war sufferers of Somalia. He said that his ministry was also committed to do something good in regards to health matters and that all stakeholders' contributions to go forward and improve health services for all Somali children, women and the entire population is a matter of urgency. He emphasized that restoring the entire health system of Somalia requires collaborating and coordinating with all health cluster organizations and partners. The Minister of Health promised all necessary support and expertise to the health stakeholders at any given time at national and international level. He further emphasized the importance to share past and present experience in health matters with his ministry. He also requested all health cluster organization to submit all their activities reports to the ministry. “Let us all work together as mutual friends and trust each other. I am sure we will together reach our health issues goals”, the Minister of State for Health completed his speech and declared the meeting was officially opened.

3) Sharing information ...WHO, WHAT and WHERE (update 3W matrix)

WARDI:

- Is supporting 2 health facilities in Banadir (Hamarjajab district of Mogadishu) and Hiraan regions. The facility (a health centre) in Hamarjajab is called WARDI Community Health Center since it started its health operations in June 2010. It was previously called UNICEF Clinic before it was rehabilitated by WARDI with funds from OCHA Cash for

Work project. The other health facility (an MCH) is located in Beledweyne town in Hiraan Region. The facility was an OPD in the past, but was upgraded by WARDI in mid of 2010 with 4 additional rooms.

- Ministry of Health and Ministry of Resettlement and Humanitarian Affairs had donated and provided medical nutritional supplies to WARDI in support of the health activities.
- The highly appreciated support of the government to WARDI staff salaries and running costs enabled the community of Hamarjajab and neighboring districts such as Hamarweyne and Waberi communities to provide free health and free supplementary food to children and women.

JUMBO:

- Support one MCH facility and they send referral services to Banadir hospital for serious nutritional cases found in their TSFP center.
- are planning to establish another MCH center and 4 new OTP centers in 2011

AVRO:

- Operate free ambulance services with 4 vehicles across Mogadishu and its outskirts, targeting the war-wounded and serious medical problems including pregnant women in emergency delivery matters.
- numbers of patients benefitting from the ambulance services continue to increase

ACF:

- established in 1992, ACF support 4 OTP/2 SC/WASH services in Mogadishu and one MCH
- they provide free nutrition programs and health services in their center
- Severe medical cases are referred to Banadir Hospital, while in turn nutritional patients from Banadir Hospital are referred to ACF TSFP centers.
- ACF also mentioned the need to expand Banadir Hospital in regard to respond to the demand of space for maternal and child health services

SOS Hospital:

- provides free health care to the entire public
- receive many severe medical cases from throughout the country
- cases of complications in pregnancies are mostly brought to the hospital at a late stage of the delivery and a mobile service should be established from the hospital (or community mobilisation to be strengthened) for women to come to hospital earlier

Banadir Hospital:

- the hospital manager Dr. Abdirisaaq informed the cluster members that AWD was getting high during this season as the Deyr rain was not received yet.
- he also informed the health cluster members that Banadir Hospital has become the only general hospital after Medina hospital to serve the needy communities, even though the hospital was meant to serve only mothers and children and due to conflict, the hospital is attending all types of cases.

ZAM ZAM Foundation:

- Absent from the meeting due to other pressing matters requested the meeting minutes to be sent to them.

SAACID:

- Absent from the meeting due to some other pressing issues, but they also requested that the meeting minutes be sent to them.

MURRDO:

- currently WASH cluster members in Mogadishu field coordination
- planning to start health activities in Balcad corridor in 2011

HIJRA:

- currently WASH cluster members in Mogadishu field coordination
- also getting involved in health related activities, e.g. provided support to Banadir Hospital i.e. cholera kit and 80 cholera beds and mattresses, as well as fuel and lubes for generator set.

4) Outbreak rumours in Banadir

Omar, WARDI Health & Nutrition Assistant informed the health cluster that about the fear of would be suspected cholera as an increase of AWD is reported in some locations within Mogadishu and surrounding areas. He continued saying that all health actors must consider some kind of preparedness accordingly. Mr. Omar requested all health cluster members to provide any outbreaks data and share with members before it is late for an action.

5) Health cluster update

Sheikh Osman, WARDI chair of the health cluster informed the cluster members that the health cluster for Mogadishu field is new at present and he requested all

health agencies to attend monthly meeting. He also informed the cluster that once the cluster meeting is strong, other health cluster members will be hosting the meeting in their respective locations

6) AOB

Action points Arising from the meeting

- The partners who attended the meeting are small in number according to what we expected, so there is need to communicate with other partners and invite in the meeting.
- WARDI requested to participate other health related agencies par take this valuable meeting.

The next Mogadishu Health Field Cluster Meeting will be held on 9 January 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at WARDI office, Wadajir district, Bulohubey village, Mogadishu

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