

# Somalia Health Cluster 2011

**Endorsed Minutes**  
**IASC Health Cluster/Outbreak Taskforce Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 3 August 2011 at 09:30 am.**  
**Somali Support Secretariat, Baobab Conf. Room, Ngecha Road**

## Participants

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## Proposed Agenda

1. Adoption of minutes for July meeting & follow up on action points
2. Update on outbreaks
3. Update on emergency vaccination interventions
4. UNICEF support to Health Cluster partners
5. Health Cluster updates:
  - 5.1.Strategic plan and training for emergency health response
  - 5.2.Emergency review for CAP 2011
  - 5.3.CERF Appeal for July 2011
6. AOB

- 6.1. Health cluster meetings in Mogadishu
- 6.2. Report on Dadaab camp
- 6.3. Horn of Africa coordination meeting

Documents Distributed:

- 1. Draft July 2011 minutes;
- 2. Proposed Agenda for August 2011 meeting;

**1. Introduction**

- a. The Chair welcomed participants followed by round table introduction.

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

- a. Minutes of July 2011 meeting were reviewed and endorsed without amendments as a true reflection of the discussions that took place.
- b. **Review of action points:**
  - WHO & UNICEF - define clear criteria for crisis planning including buffer stocks.
  - **On going**
    - Cluster -develop preparedness and contingency planning for the current crisis- Movements & IDP's. **On going**
    - Circulate contact details of all surveillance officer to partners, **Done**
    - Circulate need and gap analysis criteria and other related document for early CAP preparation-**Not done** due to CAP process delay
    - HCC- liaises with UNICEF & WHO to have HMIS and IDSR reports on monthly basis. **Done**
    - Dr Madeo – Report to cluster on progress made by HMIS task force. **Done**
    - Brief- by Hongixu on HMIS task force.
    - Laid emphases on importance of collecting reliable and consistent data by using standardised tools. Duplication, under reporting and quality of data collected are some of the key challenges HMIS is facing from south and central region of Somalia.
    - UNICEF and W.H.O partners must report all health activities using different standardised registers developed for reporting. HMIS is not an additional reporting requirement but a replacement of existing reporting system. Somaliland and Punt land health authorities have so far adopted the system.
    - A major TOT training is earmarked for partners before rollout of the registers. Training schedule will soon be shared with partners.
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**2. Outbreak updates.**

- a. Rumours of whooping cough in several places including Badade where access issues hampered surveillance activities.
- b. Cholera outbreak still on in Mogadishu, results of thirty samples recently collected yet to be received. In the meantime COSV is responding to Awdhegle outbreak.
- c. Measles outbreak confirmed in eight districts in Mogadishu.
- d. Dengue fever confirmed in Mogadishu, MOH responding to the outbreak.
- e. Cholera outbreak under control in Baidoa, Xaradhere and Hobyo. No new outbreak reported. So far there Somalia has thirty confirmed cholera cases.
- f. Areas of AWD outbreak concern in the coming months- Kismayo, Beletweyne, Burhakaba and Baidoa.
- g. There is an alert on Malaria and UNICEF and Global fund on malaria working towards repositioning of extra bed nets from September.

### **3. Update on emergency vaccination Intervention by Dr Assegei**

- a. Vaccine preventable diseases (VPD) are a major concern during periods of mass population displacements. Somalia immunization coverage is far below minimum emergency threshold (< 80%). Similarly it has the lowest immunization indicators among the neighbouring countries in the region.
- b. UNICEF/WHO plan to conduct emergency immunization campaigns for Measles, OPV, Vitamin A and deworming, targeting children below five years in all of south central Somalia with priority focus on Lower Shabelle, Banadir, Bay/Bakool, Gedo regions.
- c. Immediate plans- August 8 training of twelve partners and start campaign in Mogadishu.

*See attached presentation for additional details.*

### **4. UNICEF support to Health cluster**

- a. UNICEF developed a crisis matrix for its partners this will also be shared with new partners. The matrix includes newly established four transit points and procurement of supplies for the next six months.
- b. It is anticipated that all centres earmarked to receive UNICEF supplies will start receiving items released directly from Mombasa and a distribution list will be shared by 15 August indicating centres that received supplies.
- c. Partners were forewarned that they may receive kits less some items as UNICEF is sorting and removing items with short expiring periods from the kits
- d. In order to hasten delivery and reduce response time UNICEF is ready to pay transport expenses to partners who are able to transport supplies to the field.

### **5. Health cluster Updates**

- a. The cluster plans to revise the existing contingency plan and will organize a strategic training on CAP planning to inform the strategy before commencement of CAP 2012.
- b. Similarly the cluster participated in emergency revision of CAP
- c. \$4 million received from CERF appeal to carry on the current emergency response.

### **6. AOB**

- a. Partners informed about resumption of Mogadishu Health cluster coordination meetings and encouraged to attend.
- b. Presentation on Daadab situation not done due to lack of a time
- c. Horn of Africa coordination meeting involving Djibouti, Uganda Ethiopia Kenya and Somalia met and discussed cross border issues the outcome presented to donors.

### **Action Points**

1. Re-circulate contact list of surveillance officers
2. UNICEF shares HMIS training schedule
3. HCC to discuss with Somaliland authorities on how to harmonize prepositioning of emergency stocks from UNICEF and W.H.O.
4. Share outbreak and emergency vaccination presentation with partners.
5. UNICEF to share list of supplies released to partners
6. Partners to give feedback on CAP strategic plan template.