

**Operational Coordination Team – Farah Province**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Date of the meeting: 29 March 2017 3. p.m.

Venue: CRDSA Office, Farah city

S No.	Agenda item	Key points discussed	Decision/action point (s)
1	Humanitarian Update	<p>The OCT members updated that the armed clashes in Balabuluk district (Farah) in the last week of February have displaced about 700 people (100 families) to Farah city and about 4,200 people (600 families) to Balabuluk villages namely Ganjabad, Granai and Bazar-e-Farahrod. The inter-agency assessment team verified and assisted the affected people in Farah city only; however, the displaced families in Balabuluk district remain hard-to-reach for verification.</p> <p>The routine IDP assessment is ongoing in Farah city and IDPs basic needs are addressed by agencies.</p> <p>OCT members also informed that as a result of increase in conflicts between Non-State Armed Groups (NSAG) and Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) in Balabuluk district since early of March the price of commodities have increased which put extra-pressures on local community. According to local elders and traders, the price of commodities such as cooking oil, rice, wheat flour and sugars have increased by 20 per cent during March particularly in Balabuluk district. The information also shows that traders are facing security challenges when supplying food commodities from Farah central market to the district markets. They indicated that the security situation has deteriorated in March in particular in Balabuluk district and other district centers. Local community in Farah districts are facing security challenges when traveling from villages to the district centers to buy food.</p> <p>OCT members also updated that during March no flash floods was reported. Reportedly, there has been flash floods in Anardara and Balabuluk districts which only affected livestock and agricultural lands; no destruction of houses was reported.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
2	Petitions Screening (OCHA)	<p>OCHA briefed the OCT members that IDPs have submitted about 1,200 petitions to Farah DoRR office. To filter the falsified petitions, the OCT should screen them on regular basis. OCHA also stated that the objective of IDP Screening (IDP SC) Committee is to analyze and support the existing humanitarian response mechanism and to avoid duplication of response as well as to filter the falsified caseloads. The IDP SC process is a routine and consistent activity for DoRR and OCHA in Farah province. The IDP SC team comprises of DoRR, WFP PAT, DRC, CRDSA and OCHA.</p> <p>As agreed in the previous OCT meeting, the OCT members conduct the screening committee every Thursday and share the report with OCHA and rest of the team. The team also agreed to carry out the assessment every day until they finish the screened petitions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DoRR to update OCT on the filtered IDPs assessment progress until all petitions are depleted.</li> <li>• The OCT to meet every Thursday to screen the petitions filed during the week.</li> <li>• DoRR to interview IDPs when receiving petitions.</li> <li>• The petitions were zonally (by district) sorted for better assessment planning.</li> </ul>
3	Preposition in Farah	<p>In line ERP process to understand the level of agencies preparedness in the province, every individual agency updated the OCT members about their pre-position capacity and potential response in the province in case of an emergency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WFP PAT updated that they have food rations for 300 families as pre-positions and their stock is being replenished when it is depleted.</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DRC has adequate fund to response in case of an emergency. DRC also affirms that in case of need resources from other provinces can be allocated and mobilized to the Western Region and Farah province. Therefore, they have adequate resources.</li> <li>- UNICEF have NFI kits and hygiene kits pre-position for 700 families.</li> <li>- CRDSA has no pre-positon in Farah city; however, in case of needs NFIs and shelters can be mobilized from Hirat city.</li> </ul>	
4	Health and nutrition update (CHA, UNICEF)	<p>CHA also informed the OCT members that, as planned, 53 BPHS are operational across Farah province the majority of which are under the control of NSAG.</p> <p>CHA also informed the OCT members that they will implement a Nutrition and WASH project funded by USAID and the overall objectives of the project is to improve nutrition and WASH Status in Farah province. The title of is Initiative for Hygiene, Sanitation and Nutrition (IHSAN) and it is implemented in Farah city, Puchaman, Anar Dara, Pushtkoh, Shibkoh and Lash-e-Juwin districts.</p> <p>CHA also updated that the OCT members that the polio vaccination is underway with no challenges and security concerns so far. The campaign has started on 27 March and will end on 31 March.</p>	
5	AoB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSTR</li> </ul>	

#### Participants List

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