

Somalia ICT/ ETC Working Group

Somalia Drought Crisis

ICT/ ETC Working Group Meeting

Date: July 12th, 2017

TIME: 14:00 UTC +03:00

The Emergency Telecommunications Cluster has NOT been activated in response to the drought crisis in Somalia. Nevertheless, there is ongoing coordination through the local ICT Working Group. More information is available here:

<https://www.etcluster.org/countries/somalia>

Attendance

Organisation	Name	Location
WFP	Amos Mwea	Nairobi
WFP, Chair	Eric Kiruhura	Nairobi
UNFPA	Ayub Mohamud	Mogadishu
World Bank	Isabella Maria Linnea Hayward	Nairobi
World Bank	Axel Rifon Perez	Nairobi
World Vision	Fidele Omondi	Baidoa
World Vision	Nicholas Musee	Nairobi

Apologies

Organisation	Name
UNDP	Carey Karani
UNICEF	Winifredo Abulencia

Meeting started at 14:24 UTC +03:00

Agenda

1. Follow up on action points from previous meetings
2. Updates on the drought crisis in Somalia
3. Updates from agencies/organisations on their ICT response efforts
4. ICT gaps and needs
5. Somalia ICT ecosystem assessment to build *ICT Country Profile*
6. Somalia as an ETC2020 priority country
7. Any other business

Minutes

1. Follow up on action points from previous meetings

- **All Agencies to send their Mototrbo inventory to Tue (available & on order) by 15 March, 2017:** Information received from the following agencies: UNFPA, UNDSS, UNICEF and WFP. Other agencies have not shared information yet, and were encouraged to do so.
- **Tue to share through OMT Mototrbo equipment standards:** Update not received as Tue was on annual leave.

- **WFP to follow up on process to formalise licensing for telecoms equipment:** Part of this was answered in the World Bank update regarding their work with the government in its efforts to setup a telecommunications regulatory body, as part of the ICT sector support project.
- **Tue/Eric to reach out to the World Bank to provide updates on the ICT sector support project in Somalia:** Reached out to World Bank, and they attended this meeting to provide an update on their ICT sector support work in Somalia.
- **Tue to reach out to ITU regarding frequencies that had been previously allocated to UN agencies in Somalia by previous government:** An effort was been made to reach out to ITU, further follow will be done – so no solid update at this stage.
- **Eric Kiruhura to reach out to the global ETC to clarify any funding strategy and support for implementing ETC2020 agenda in priority countries:** Discussions held with Global ETC Coordinator. Some guidance will be provided.

2. Updates on the drought crisis in Somalia¹

- Drought conditions are deepening as a result of poor rains and are now expected to continue until October.
- In June, there has been renewed increase in drought-induced movements, particularly in Bay Region. An estimated 13,500 people arrived in Baidoa town between 1 and 23 June.
- AWD/cholera cases continue to be reported in the displacement settlements in Baidoa, Banadir and other locations. More than 53,000 AWD/cholera cases and 795 related deaths have been recorded countrywide in 2017.

3. Updates from organisations on their ICT response efforts

- **WFP:** Due to fiber cut, additional bandwidth had to be procured to support SCOPE operations in affected areas.
- **UNFPA:** No updates.
- **World Vision:** Ongoing survey for local ISPs in Baidoa. New VSAT in Waajid.

4. ICT gaps and needs

- The fiber cut affected some agencies. Report received indicate that a repair vessel had been sent out and repairs expected within 2 weeks.
- No other common ICT gaps and needs were expressed or identified.

5. Updates from sub-working group involved in developing ICT Country Profile

- UNFPA and World Vision volunteered to be part of the sub-working group that is developing the ICT Country Profile. This is in addition to UNICEF and WFP.
- The World Bank provided updates on the ICT sector support project in Somalia. Details included in attached presentation.

¹ [OCHA Drought Response - Situation Report No. 14 \(as of 6 July 2017\)](#)

6. Chair / Co-Chair of ICT/ETC Working Group

- Due to staff transitions in WFP, UNICEF was requested to Chair the ICT Working Group – which they accepted as the alternate Chair. The working group endorsed this decision. Winifredo Abulencia will be the new Chair.

7. Any other business

- The next meeting to be held on 2 August 2017, at 14:00 UTC +03:00.

Minutes: Eric Kiruhura, WFP

Acronyms

ETC	Emergency Telecommunications Cluster
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
UNDSS	United Nations Department of Safety and Security
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
WFP	United Nations World Food Programme
WG	Working Group