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## **EMERGENCY IDP SETTLEMENT REHABILITATION PROGRAMME**

### **Extended Week 12 Progress Report**

**12 - 24 January 2008**

#### **Summary**

SAACID-Somalia, together with Mogadishu district authorities, and IDP settlement committees from all 16 districts of Mogadishu, jointly decided to end the Emergency IDP Settlement Rehabilitation Programme by coming together and doing a single joint project initiative to show visible unity from across all the communities and clans in the city of Mogadishu.

As part of the joint initiative, all communities agreed to pool local resources to add 1 extra week to the programme (on top of the formal 12 weeks paid for by UN-OCHA and DRC), so as to show the international community that they are serious, and appreciate what the international community is providing for the IDPs and the city.

A site in Hamar-jajab was chosen for the joint initiative (next to the Piazza Libra IDP settlement) - for its centrality and because of the massive mountain of garbage (more than 10 metres high) that had accumulated there even before the fall of the last Somali government in January 1991. District authorities and camp committees considered this area as the filthiest place and the worst 'rubbish bin' in the whole city.

In view of the fact that the worksite was a vast mountain of garbage, it was agreed to pair districts into 2, and each pair of districts were given a portion of the mountainous garbage site, and were assigned to remove the garbage and put it at a collection point specified for them within the worksite. Another group of workers were assigned to shove the collected garbage from the collection point into the truck that then transported it to a dumpsite.

This kind of campaign activity really encouraged workers, district authorities, camp committees as they jointly coordinated and worked together as one. It was great to see that civil society really wants to work together; and when they are given the opportunity, they always shine.

The 16 districts were paired as follows:

- Hamar-weyne/Shangani
- Wardhigley/Deynile
- Yaqshid/Heliwaa
- Hamar-jajab/Hawl-wadag
- Waberi/Hodan
- Wadajir/Dharkeynley
- Shibis/Bondhere
- Karaan/Abdul-aziz

SAACID-Somalia this week facilitated the payment of the final 2-weeks of wages for the workers. Final truck payments were also made.

### **Media**

The local media has been very supportive throughout the programme; and they have broadcast regularly about the programme and the visible benefits that it is providing to IDPs and the city.

Many Somali colleagues in other parts of the world couldn't believe the pictures from the Hamar-jajab garbage site they saw through Universal TV channel, which aired to the public in Britain, Saudi Arabia, etc. SAACID received a number of complimentary telephone calls from colleagues abroad.

### **GPS of the worksite**

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### **Security, Incidents and Accidents**

As usual, the security of the city of Mogadishu was a problem. Hardly a day passed without fighting, firing of mortar shells, roadblocks and security checkups. These unfortunate circumstances continued to hinder the good performance of the garbage collection initiative.

The security of the cleaning campaign worksite remained good compared to the other parts of the city, where insurgents and TFG militias were active and continued fighting each other.

During the course of the 2 weeks of the joint initiative, the number of accidents at the worksite was 49 in the first week and 57 in the second week. Occasional diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting were observed after some workers complained of such ailments.

Some of the wounds sustained were very severe, and workers had to be taken immediately to hospital for further treatment. For instance, a woman worker from the district of Wardhigley sustained an injury to her right leg and needed 8 stitches. She fell unconscious and lost a lot of blood, and was given infusions at the hospital. SAACID-Somalia covered all medical expenses of the workers who attended hospital in this programme.

No incidents were reported at the worksite throughout the joint campaign.

During the course of the cleaning campaign, the public have appreciated this IDP settlement cleaning campaign; and in showing their support, all vehicles and other traffic courteously stopped when passing the joint campaign area so that our trucks and workers could pass freely and safely on the road leading to the worksite.

SAACID-Somalia, district officials, and settlement committees, concluded that the introduction of joint campaign genuinely enhanced coordination, peace and reconciliation among IDP settlement workers – and among the districts themselves.

### **Total amount of garbage removed**

The total amount of garbage and detritus removed from in and around the IDP settlements of Mogadishu was 7,488 tonnes – 96 tonnes per day.

### **Truck Owners**

The drivers and the truck owners were very good in completing their daily quota of trips. Their biggest complaint was the number of roadblocks and security checks; and the amount of ‘tips’ that had to be paid – which they were not compensated for.

### **Dumpsites**

SAACID dumpsite monitors strictly abided by all the regulations; and they refused to be corrupted by some truck drivers. The monitors issued the dumping coupons to the drivers after ascertaining that the trucks were fully loaded. All coupons were then brought back to SAACID office on weekly basis for review and final approval.