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EMERGENCY IDP SETTLEMENT REHABILITATION PROGRAMME

Week 13 Progress Report

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Summary

The second phase *Emergency IDPs Settlement Rehabilitation Programme* began on Saturday 5 of April in all targeted district settlements in the City of Mogadishu as planned. This was after a gap of more than 2 months, while a new proposal and funding were released.

In this phase, SAACID and local communities in Mogadishu are aiming to clean the remaining 130 of the current 297 IDP settlements in the city.

In the course of the week all the workers reported at their respective worksites. According to discussions amongst the reported workers, they were very happy to gather for the start of the second phase of the IDP Settlement Rehabilitation Programme. All site monitors and health workers also reported at their sites for the start of the monitoring work.

SAACID-Somalia field staff and the management have distributed to all sites all the necessary tools: like baskets, forks, shovels steel rakes machetes, wheelbarrows, etc, that workers needed for the implementation of the sanitary activities. Some district and settlement leaders have made re-registering of the workers as there were some workers who did not join with their cleaning teams because of further displacement as a result of the war between the TFG/Ethiopian forces and the insurgency, that has continues to intensify; and has forced some to flee from the city.

Despite some leaving, most of the same workers have been employed. The primary reason for employing the same staff was that it would take up to another 2 months to verify the genuineness of a large group of new workers; and both SAACID and community leaders saw it as being very important that employment activities begin ASAP due to the critical need for economic stimulus in the city.

The dumpsites at Keysaney and Halane were prepared ahead of the start of the programme.

There was 1 incident and 81 accidents recorded across all working sites this week. Two UXOs were discovered across all worksites this week.

Tools and distribution

Before the start of the cleaning work, the workers were distributed the essential tools for the cleaning and garbage collection. The tools are very important for the different activities of the cleaning work. Shovels were distributed to the workers, so that they could take the rubbish to a site in the spot to be cleaned or move the garbage to the wheelbarrow. A number of wheelbarrows were also distributed to the groups. Forks and machetes were also provided to the workers to use them for the cleaning work.

Abdul-aziz District

84 workers reported for work this week in the district of Abdul-aziz.

Most of the workers were very enthusiastic when they all arrived at the site for work, and were immediately divided into 2 groups. Group one was sent to clean Lido settlement while group two were sent to Beach settlement.

Workers at both sites cleared large amounts of stinking garbage from the displaced settlements, and the inhabitants of these areas were very thankful that a lot garbage was removed. They said that they were scared of the incidents of cholera, as the time of the cholera season is now very high.

During the garbage collection process this week, 11 workers were slightly injured by sharp objects inside the garbage and they were treated by site health worker.

The security of the district is excellent; and no incidents were reported.

Bondhere District

42 workers reported for work this week in the district of Bondhere.

Tawakal settlement is the first to benefit from the second phase of the *Emergency IDP Settlement Rehabilitation Programme*.

There were large piles of garbage and other harmful materials in the settlement that had built up for a long time. Huge amounts of garbage have been cleaned from the settlement area by the workers during the course of the week; and 36 loads of garbage were sent to the dumpsite.

There was a small incident in the settlement, when some new IDPs protested to the district representative for been sidelined from this programme. The district official explained to them that no new workers were taken; only those who worked during the Phase I were considered. They agreed, and the work started without further problems.

4 workers were injured, one seriously, when a steel fork hit her in the right leg. This worker needed one day's rest. The other three received on-site medications and when back to work.

Deynile District

18 workers were operating in the district this week.

Deynile is one of the districts that has been badly affected by recent conflict in the city, and there a large number of displaced people.

This targeted settlement 77 is one of the biggest settlements in the district, and was a military settlement before, in the years of the deposed government.

The settlement was full of garbage and other harmful materials, especially thorny shrubs and cactus.

The workers removed a lot of garbage and sent to the dumpsite some 36 loads of garbage.

5 workers sustained injuries caused by cactus and other thorny bushes.

There were no incidents recorded in this district this week.

Dharkeynley District

Mohamud Dhukan settlement was targeted by the district authority because of the mountainous garbage that has accumulated in and around the settlement for a long period of time.

The District Commissioner visited the worksite, and was very much pleased with the progress accomplished by the workers so far this week.

The workers removed a lot of garbage and had sent to the dumpsite 36 loads of garbage.

2 workers were slightly injured in this district tis week.

No incidents were recorded in this district this week.

Hamar-jajab & Hawl-wadag Districts

57 workers from both districts of Hamar-jajab and Hawl-wadag operated in the district this week.

The settlement is very populous and there is a large amount of garbage that has accumulated in the settlement. This garbage was reported by the settlement leaders, who requested the cleaning of the settlement as a priority.

The workers cleaned piles of garbage from the settlement and sent 36 loads to dumpsite.

6 workers were slightly injured caused by tools.

The security of the district was excellent, and no incidents were reported.

Hamar-weyne District

39 workers reported for work this week in the district of Hamar-weyne.

Alindi is one of the biggest settlements in the district of Hamar-weyne, and reported full of garbage, meat waste, etc, that had piled up in the area, and hindered important entrance roads; and the overall environmental sanitation standard of the settlement was poor.

The workers cleared vast amounts of garbage from the settlement during this week's activity and sent to the dumpsite 36 loads of garbage.

It was reported that 3 women injured by the bones and broken bottles of in the garbage.

The security of the settlement was good, and no incidents were recorded this week.

Heliwaa District

21 workers reported for work during the course of the week in the district of Heliwaa.

The district of Heliwaa started cleaning Geed Timir settlement on 5 April 2008. A main road to the settlement was blocked by trees and other garbage hills, and the workers cleared those blocks from the road to ease access for the settlement.

Work continued smoothly, without meeting any interruptions that could stop the continuity of the cleaning work. Though some incidents of insecurity were reported from some areas of the district, this did not affect the cleaning activities in the district at all.

5 workers were reported injured caused by tools.

Hodan District

135 workers were operating in the district this 13th week of activity.

The district of Hodan enjoys the largest number of workers, and has been targeting this week 3 large settlements that are situated at the heart of the district.

There were vast amounts of garbage that has accumulated in the 3 targeted settlements and the workers cleared large amounts of garbage and have sent to the dumpsite 72 loads of garbage this week only.

15 workers were injured caused by tools like the shovels and the forks as they were collecting the rubbish.

The security of the worksite was okay and no incidents were recorded.

Kaaran District

In the district of Karaan this week 69 workers reported for work.

This settlement was selected because of the large population of occupants and the accumulation of garbage in the area for quiet sometime.

The workers cleaned huge garbage piles that lay around the settlement. That filthy garbage was threatening the overall health and sanitation conditions of the settlement.

8 workers were slightly injured caused by tools, and all received medications on-site.

The security of the district and settlement in particular was okay and there were no incidents reported this week.

Shibis District

33 workers operated in the district this week

There was a large amount of garbage that had accumulated in this settlement and had nearly blocked the settlement entrance for quiet sometime now.

Inside the settlement there was also vast thorny trees and cactus that hurt the small children who are playing around the settlement.

During the course of the week, vast amounts of garbage were collected, and 36 loads of garbage were sent to the dumpsite.

The workers found 2 unexploded mortar shells that were dumped inside the garbage.

No injuries or interruptions were reported this week in the district.

Shingani District

42 workers were operating in the district this week.

This settlement is located in the buildings and stores where the former Ministry of Health stored medicines - especially ampoules for injection.

The settlement was full of piles of garbage, discarded ampoules, bottles that contained water for injection and other medical glass containers.

The workers removed garbage and other harmful materials, including piles of broken bottles from the settlement, and have sent to the dumpsite 36 loads of garbage.

Eight women got injured in the hands and the fingers by the broken bottles in the garbage, as there were a huge number of broken bottles as part of the garbage cleaned from the settlement area.

No incidents were reported in this district this week.

Waberi District

48 workers reported for work in the district of Waberi this first week of activity.

The targeted settlement is full of garbage that has accumulated for long period of time.

The workers were chanting as they cleared vast amounts of garbage from inside and outside the settlement. They sent 36 loads of garbage to the dumpsite.

4 women were injured during the course of the week and they have received medications.

The security of the district is good, and no incidents were recorded.

Wadajir District

54 workers were operating in the district of Wadajir.

The settlement was full of discarded remains of livestock bones, leather, and other rubbish materials. The whole area was very stinky and the workers had to wear a piece of cloth around their noses.

Huge amounts of garbage were removed and 36 loads were sent to the dumpsite.

3 workers sustained slight injuries and were treated properly by the site health worker.

The security of the worksite was okay and there were no incidents recorded.

Wardhigley District

42 workers have reported for work in the district of Wardhigley.

This settlement is located behind the previous 15th May secondary school and was full of garbage and other discarded car bodies. Also in the settlement vicinity, some local pharmacies threw used needles, bandages etc which was seen reused and played with the children in the settlement. The parents were worried that used needles might harm the health of their children and were in the end very happy as the cleaning of such items and the garbage successfully started in their settlement.

36 loads of garbage were sent to the dumpsite.

5 workers got injured from sharp objects that were placed inside the garbage.

Yaqshid district

69 workers reported for work during the course of cleaning this week.

In Yaqshid, Abtow settlement was the focal place for the garbage collection this week. Garbage was collected from all over the settlement area of the settlement and brought together at one spot within the settlement from where the garbage was loaded and sent to the dumpsite.

The workers this week succeeded in removing large amounts of garbage from the settlement and its surrounding areas.

The workers used the distributed tools to collect the rubbish from the area or the settlement.

During the cleaning process 4 women injured, though not deep, with hard sticks in the rubbish.

Although the security of the district was tense due to the presence of large Ethiopian troop numbers and large numbers of insurgents, there were no incidents recorded in the work site.