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## EMERGENCY IDP SETTLEMENT REHABILITATION PROGRAMME

### Week 2 Progress Report

3-8 November 2007

#### Summary

The second week of the *Emergency IDP Settlement Rehabilitation Programme* proceeded as planned. The reporting period was 3-8 November 2007. All district-based labour teams were fully operational this week.

In the course of this second week, the 2 districts of Heliwaa and Deynile that had failed to take part during the first week of activity (due to security problems in their home districts) were fully activated and they operated in nearby safer districts without incident.

SAACID-Somalia staff and management were still busy this week working with the assigned district and settlement leaders; as some settlements were still submitting a small number of names to replace some workers who had fled from the city as conflict between the Ethiopian/TFG forces and the insurgency intensified during this second week of activity.

In the second week of activities, the district of Hawl-wadag was experiencing significant difficulties due to the security operations of the Ethiopian/TFG forces in their district around the major market of Bakara; and thus had to suspend operations in the district for safety concerns.

Apart from the district of Hawl-wadag, all the other districts and IDP settlements were very happy with the programme initiative, and the work went very well without any serious disruptions.

Attendance of the workers at all the worksites was great.

All truck hauliers completed their contracted load haulage (36 6 tonne loads from 17 trucks = 3,672 tonnes of garbage).

Below are the highlights of the progress of the work, district-by-district.

A total of 4 accidents and 5 incidents were recorded across all worksites in week 2 of the programme.

### **Abdul-Aziz District**

After successfully cleaning Nedko 1 and Nedko 2, the workers of the district moved this second week to clean another targeted settlement called Onot. This settlement has a very large population, and its inhabitants were very much delighted as the work commenced in their area this week. Most of the areas of the settlement and its surroundings were covered with garbage and other harmful materials that were discarded in the settlement and general vicinity for a very long time.

As planned, workers were able to remove from the settlement this week 36 loads of garbage and soon the improvement of the sanitation of the settlement was very evident and the settlement leaders together with the inhabitants were very much satisfied.

During the course of the week the work was done very smoothly without any incident or interruption.

Attendance of the workers was excellent.

### **Bondhere**

This second week of activity in the district of Bondhere commenced in a new settlement called Wabi Shabelle (Shabelle River). This settlement is in at the back side of the Ministry of Post and Communication. The settlement is named after the inhabitants of the settlement who first came from the Shabelle River areas as refugees, and used to work and look for a living in Bakara and other markets.

The condition of the people living in this settlement - especially the children - is very impoverished; and the children are showing clear signs of malnutrition.

The commencement of the *Emergency IDP Settlement Rehabilitation Programme* has in fact inspired the inhabitants of settlement; and has indeed given them some hope that someone is interested in their plight.

Most of the settlement area was covered with heaps of garbage and other undergrowth.

All the workers assigned to work and clean this settlement were very enthusiastic and energetic and have been working non-stop until they succeeded in cleaning the settlement.

Attendance of the workers was excellent.

## **Deynile**

The district of Deynile was not able to start the *Emergency IDP Settlement Rehabilitation Programme* in the first week of activity due security reasons.

The district officials, together with settlement leaders in the district of Deynile, selected to start the sanitation programme in the following two settlements:

- Gahayr 1
- Gahayr 2

The settlements are located at the previous Somali University compounds, which were hosting the colleges of Engineering, Chemical Industry, Veterinary Science, Geology, Law and Economy.

Most of the inhabitants of these settlements are very poor and marginalized people.

During the course of the week, 36 loads of garbage were successfully excavated and sent to the dumpsites.

Attendance of the workers was excellent and there were no incidents or interruptions during the course of the work.

## **Dharkeynley**

The district of Dharkeynley is still this second week at the same settlement of Abdul-Hafid. This settlement occupies a large area, and the workers were not able to complete the cleaning process in one week. They still needed this second week to complete the work.

The sanitation of the area is still very poor, although many loads of garbage, bone, and stinking dirt and undergrowth were removed and dumped at Halane dumpsite.

As with the previous week, workers still had to wear a piece of cloth to cover their nose in an attempt to shun out the smell of the area.

During the course of the week the work progressed smoothly without any incident or interruption.

Attendance of the workers was excellent.

## **Hamar-jajab**

In this second week, the district of Hamar-jajab moved to a new settlement. This settlement is located in a large place previously owned by wealthy Indian expatriates during previous times when the country was peaceful. Now it is occupied by IDPs, and is located in front of the Mogadishu central jail.

This is the first time that such an initiative has been initiated in the vicinity of this IDP settlement, and all the people living within the compound and the surrounding areas were very

happy that something was being done to improve their health; and that some small employment was created for IDP dwellers.

So far, 36 loads of garbage were collected from this compound, and the overall sanitation of the settlement is very much improving.

Attendance of the workers was excellent.

### **Hamar-weyne**

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This was the second week at the Somalia National Library IDP settlement. Although the workers were able to remove 36 loads of garbage and other harmful materials and discarded animal remains, there still there remains large quantities of garbage, and the workers were trying their best to completely clear the this settlement by this week.

During the course of the week, the work was carried out very smoothly without any incident or interruption.

Attendance of the workers was excellent.

### **Heliwaa**

This district is one of the biggest districts in Mogadishu City; and it has been suffering very badly from the fighting between the Ethiopian/TFG faction and the opposition.

It has been a joy for the district and settlement leaders that they finally succeeded in sharing this programme with their fellow districts in the implementation of the ***Emergency IDP Settlement Rehabilitation Programme***.

The Jiro settlement that was selected is one of the settlements that is located in the north of the district. Their has been an accumulation of garbage at this site for a long period of time, and the inhabitants were looking for sometime for some means of removing this huge amount garbage. Now this opportunity arrived, all the district officials and settlement leaders are very much delighted and grateful.

So far 36 loads of garbage have been removed from the settlement.

Attendance of the workers was excellent.

## **Hodan**

During the course of this second week, the workers of the district of Hodan were continuing to put great effort into clearing the huge amount of garbage that has accumulated in 2 settlements that they were working during the first week of activities Bulhan and Magol settlements.

It is SAACID's estimate that it may take yet another week to finally clear the garbage from these sites.

What so far have been done is very evident, and the overall sanitation of both settlements is showing considerable improvement; and all the people in the area, together with settlement committees are delighted by the results of this programme.

Up to now, 72 loads of garbage and other harmful materials (72 tonnes) were removed and sent to the dumpsite.

Attendance of the workers was excellent.

## **Karaan**

After successfully completing work on the Waqow 1 settlement during first week of activities, the workers of Karaan shifted to 2 new sites - Nacim 1 and Nacim 2. These 2 sites were jointly selected by the IDP committees and district officials for the large amount of garbage that has accumulated in these 2 settlements. These settlements are not that far from the Waqow settlement.

Access for the truck to enter the settlement was blocked by huge amounts of garbage, and workers started first to remove and load the garbage that is blocking the entrance. Then the workers began clearing the garbage from within the settlements. A total of 36 loads of garbage were removed during the course of activity in this second week.

Work in both these settlements has progressed smoothly without any interruptions and the over all security of the district is relatively excellent.

Attendance of the workers was excellent.

## **Shibis**

The activity of the second week *Emergency IDP Settlement Rehabilitation Programme* has started well in the district of Shibis. As they have successfully finished the work at the previous settlement in the 1<sup>st</sup> week, the district authority and settlement leaders moved to 2 new settlements called:

- Iftin Settlement
- Haji Dau'd Settlement

The inhabitants of Iftin settlement, which is located not far from a SAACID Primary and Secondary School, are refugees from Bay and Bakool areas, and are very poor people indeed.

The Haji Dau'd settlement is located in a former cathedral, and they originate from Ethiopia (Somali Abbo), and they have been refugees in Somalia since 1977 Somali – since the Ethio-Somali war of Ogaden.

Both settlements are covered with garbage, and it will take a full week to clean both settlements.

### **Shingani**

The district of Shingani has finished work in 2 previous settlements - Cirro-weyne and Jubba - and moved this second week to work in 3 new settlements:

- Previous USSR (Russian embassy) compound
- Hassey 1
- Former Mirine and Shipping Agency compound

Work was very good at these 3 sites, and the clearance of these sites was virtually finished in this second week.

The progress of the work was very smooth during the course of the week in this district with out any interruptions or incidents.

Attendance of the workers was excellent.

### **Waberi**

Workers from the IDPs of Waberi were able to finish and clean the garbage from Buulo-Elay settlement that was located near the former famous Raage Ugaas Secondary School.

In this second week of activities, they moved and started work at a new settlement called El-Gaab.

Most of the dwellers of the settlement are Bantu people, and they were very happy that their settlement was benefiting from this emergency rehabilitation programme, as there were large amounts of garbage accumulated in the settlement.

The workers were able to remove and send to the dumpsite 36 loads of garbage from the settlement.

During the course of the week, the work was done very smoothly, and without any incident or interruption.

Attendance of the workers was excellent.

## **Wadajir**

The district of Wadajir was still working at the same settlement of Siimanka; and successfully completed excavating another 36 loads of garbage. They have now nearly finished with this settlement, and will move to a new settlement in week 3.

All the progress of work during this second week was excellent.

Attendance of the workers was excellent.

## **Wardhigley**

The district of Wardhigley this week moved to work in 3 new settlements - which are in the vicinity of the Presidential Palace:

- Casha 1
- Casha 2
- Casha 3
- And the previous animal market which is located near the offices of the district

All these targeted settlements were selected because there were large amounts of garbage in these areas that made the sanitation of these areas very poor.

The workers were able to remove 36 loads of garbage from these settlements and are now ready to move to new settlements during the start of the third week of activity.

Attendance of the workers was excellent.

## **Yaqshid**

Although the district of Yaqshid was very severely disrupted by the current conflict between the Ethiopian/TFG and the insurgency, the sanitation work was going very smoothly and without any interruptions in 2 sites - Waamo Eylo and Gargooye settlements.

Both settlements are located in very densely populated areas in the district of Yaqshid, and are inhabited by very marginalized and destitute people whose lives were are much dependent on the casual work they used to do in Bakara Market.

The cleaning work went very well in these 2 settlements, and all the people living in the settlements are very happy, and were chanting with patriotic songs as their fellow settlement members were cleaning their environment.

So far 36 loads of garbage, that was stinking and filthy, were removed from the settlements, and the overall sanitation of the settlements has drastically improved, as large spaces appeared after cleaning the garbage.

The settlement elders agreed not to allow anybody to dump any further garbage in this area in the future.

Not only the inhabitants of the settlements, but also people living in the surrounding areas near the settlement used the vicinity of the settlements as a dumping place, and as a result of that, huge piles of garbage had accumulated in the area, making this place a real threat to the general health of the IDP people.

The progress of the work in these settlements was excellent and there were no reported incidents or hindrance of the work in the area.

Attendance of the workers was excellent and there were no interruptions during the course of the work.

### **Accidents and incidents**

- One accident was reported in Hodan in the second week of activities (see incidents below).
- On the 4 of November 2007, a woman worker in the district of Bondhere was injured, after a thorn from a place they were clearing pierced her left hand. The health workers attended the injured worker and gave her proper medication.
- On 6 November 2007, in the district of Hamar- Jajab one worker got injured slightly while she hit herself with a spade on the right leg. She was given medication.
- On the 8 November 2007, in the district of Shibis one worker lost her balance and fell to the ground as it was raining that day. She was slightly injured.

The number of incidents and interruptions reported for the second week of activities of the *Emergency IDP Settlement Rehabilitation Programme* were as follows:

- On 4 November 2007, in the district of Hodan, there was a shootout between 2 free-lance militias and government police, not far from a worksite. Most of the workers ran and took cover. One lady worker, while running, hit her head on a pole. She was taken to Madina Hospital and got 5 stitches on the head. She is feeling well now, and is recovering from the incident.

Following are the UXOs received:

- On 4 November in the district of Karaan, one F-1 hand grenade was found at the worksite
- On 6 November, in the district of Hodan, a huge anti-tank shell was found at the worksite
- On the 7 November, in the district Hodan, one RPG round was found
- On the 8 November, one mortar shell (60 mm) was found in the district of Wardhigley

To date, there is still no one who is targeting the UXOs once they are found.