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Emergency IDP Settlement Rehabilitation Programme

Week 5 Progress Report

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Summary

The 5th week's *Emergency IDPs Settlement Rehabilitation Programme* has continued unabated, with all district work teams operating without constraint.

This week was a special week for most of the districts in Mogadishu, as SAACID-Somalia, in collaboration with UN and INGO partners, launched a wet food programme, which has not been seen in Somalia since 1993.

All 780 labourers and their families expressed their gratitude and appreciation yet again for this timely and helpful programme; as they and their families regularly visit the food kitchens and take their rations, and are able to talk to SAACID freely about their problems and the issues they are facing in their daily fight for existence.

Chronic insecurity continues to exist in parts of the city, but SAACID and the district partners continue to work around the problems caused by this insecurity.

Some tools have been reported as broken, and SAACID has agreed to replace them from the existing budget.

All participants received their second 2-week payment in this period. After the wages were paid, 2 workers exchanged angry words, after they quarrelled over some loans that they had given to each other. Some nearby co-workers intervened and pacified the matter and amicably settled it.

SAACID field staff are closely working DDG and sharing information, and taking them to any site where UXOs are discovered in the garbage.

There were 65 accidents and 3 incidents recorded in week 5 of the *Emergency IDPs Settlement Rehabilitation Programme*.

Abdul-aziz District

A total of 84 labourers were working in the district.

The labourers were working at Marino settlement, which is a 5-story building that houses a large number of IDPs. In addition to this, all the surrounding area of building are also inhabited by IDPs, who have built up the entire area with shanty huts that are made of rags and empty cartons. The sanitation of the area is so poor that all the area is used as a citywide dumping place.

The garbage in the area is huge and there is also rusty and other harmful materials dumped in the area.

The 1 truck that was contracted for the district completed its output of 36 loads as agreed.

4 accidents were reported in the district this week. 3 of the injured workers returned to work after onsite treatment, but one needed at least 1 day's rest, due to the severity of her wounded hand.

Attendance of the workers was very good.

There were no incidents reported in this district this week.

Bondhere District

A total of 42 beneficiaries were working in the district.

The labourers were working at Xuriyo settlement, which is hosting a large number of IDPs. There is the accumulation of large amounts of garbage in the area.

The 1 truck that was contracted for the district completed its output of 36 loads as agreed.

The security of the area was very tight, as the vigilance of TFG/Ethiopian security personnel was high, as the site is near and on the way to Villa Somalia (the Presidential Palace).

2 accidents caused by tools were reported. One was severe, after lady accidentally hit the head of another co-worker with the handle of a spade.

Attendance of the workers was very good.

No incidents were reported in this district this week.

Deynile District

A total of 18 beneficiaries were working in the district.

The labourers are still working on the same settlement (Gahayr 3) at the university compound. Garbage and thorny bushes are still all over the place.

Near to this area is a large presence of TFG/Ethiopian troops, as most of the district is controlled by resistance forces.

The 1 truck that was contracted for the district completed its output of 36 loads as agreed.

8 workers sustained minor injuries after cactus thorns hurt them.

Attendance of the workers was excellent.

There were no incidents reported in this district this week.

Dharkeynley District

A total of 27 beneficiaries were working in the district.

The labourers were working at a new site called Hoosh settlement. The place is still covered with a vast mountain of garbage and thorny bushes.

The 1 truck that was contracted for the district completed its output of 36 loads as agreed.

No accidents were recorded in this district this week

Attendance of the workers was very good.

There were no incidents reported in this district this week.

Hamar-jajab and Hawl-wadag Districts

A total of 57 beneficiaries from Hamar-jajab and Hawl-wadag were working in the district this week.

The labourers were working at a new settlement, called Daamay 1, and were handling and removing vast amounts of garbage.

The 1 truck that was contracted for the district completed its output of 36 loads as agreed.

During the course week, 5 workers were injured by tools, and others with sharp metal in the garbage.

Attendance of the workers was very good this week.

Hamar-weyne Districts

A total of 39 beneficiaries were working in the district.

The labourers were working at a new settlement this week called Aw-awyska. Since the settlement is located in the vicinity of the Indian Ocean it was used as a dumping place by everyone, making the site a mountain of garbage.

Inhabitants of the settlement were very happy with the improvement of the sanitation condition of their area.

The 1 truck that was contracted for the district completed its output of 36 loads as agreed.

3 accidents caused by tools were reported this week.

Attendance of the workers was very good.

There were no incidents reported in this district this week.

Heliwaa District

A total of 21 beneficiaries were working in the district.

The labourers are working in a new settlement called Halgan. Cactus and thorny shrubs were the main problems facing the workers as they worked.

The 1 truck that was contracted for the district completed its output of 36 loads as agreed.

7 accidents caused by thorns and cactus were reported. Also, many other workers have developed allergic symptoms due to the cactus.

There were no incidents reported in this district this week.

Attendance of the workers was very good.

Hodan District

A total of 135 beneficiaries were working in the district.

Having a good number of workers, the labourers this week moved to 2 new settlements that are covered with vast amounts of garbage and sand. The settlements are called Shabelle and Ayaan.

The 2 trucks that were contracted for the district completed its output of 72 loads as agreed.

There were 9 minor accidents reported, that were caused by tools, thorns and other sharp materials found in the garbage. The site health worker treated the injuries.

The district still faces occasional security problems due to roadblocks and roadside bombs.

Attendance of the workers was very good.

Karaan District

A total of 69 beneficiaries were working in the district.

The labourers were working at a new settlement called Al-Hilaal, which is full of garbage and cow dung.

The DC visited the site and complemented the workers for the good job they are doing for their IDP communities in particular and the district overall.

5 accidents were reported in the district this week from various reasons, and were attended to by the site health worker.

3 unexploded hand grenades were found and handed over to the TFG police by DDG.

The 1 truck that was contracted for the district completed its output of 36 loads as agreed.

Attendance of the workers was very good.

Shibis District

A total of 33 beneficiaries were working in the district.

The labourers start working at 2 new settlements this week. RT settlement (Radio Transmission) and Shabelle 2 settlements. Both settlements are piled up with garbage that has been accumulating for more than a decade.

The local authority and IDP settlement leaders selected these settlements, as they host large populations of IDPs.

The 1 truck that was contracted for the district completed its output of 36 loads as agreed.

3 slight injuries were reported due sharp items in the garbage.

No incidents were recorded in this district this week

Attendance of the workers was very good.

Shingani District

A total of 42 beneficiaries were working in the district.

The labourers were still continuing at the old Ministry of Public Works.

The labourers complained one day that some of the inhabitants sometimes dump water on them from the floors above the building while they are working below. The matter was resolved by the district authorities and the IDP leaders at the site.

The 1 truck that was contracted for the district completed its output of 36 loads as agreed.

2 accidents were reported in this district this week.

No incidents were recorded in this district this week.

Attendance of the workers was very good.

Waberi District

A total of 48 beneficiaries were working in the district.

The labourers were working at 20 December settlement. This settlement is very large and populous and it needs more time to finish and clear the mountain of garbage at the site.

The 1 truck that was contracted for the district completed its output of 36 loads as agreed.

5 workers were injured. One of them fell from a truck and was badly bruised.

Attendance of the workers was very good.

Wadajir District

A total of 54 beneficiaries were working in the district.

The labourers were working at a new settlement called Nageyle, where there is a vast amount of garbage and other harmful materials.

After 1-month of activities in the district, the district authority of Wadajir, all district settlement committees and the workers have expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the donors and SAACID and UN-OCHA for this timely humanitarian initiative.

The 1 truck that was contracted for the district completed its output of 36 loads as agreed.

4 workers were injured in the district this week.

There were no incidents recorded in this district this week.

Attendance of the workers was very good.

Wardhigley District

A total of 42 beneficiaries were working in the district.

The labourers are still working at UKO this 5th week.

They succeeded in removing vast quantities of garbage from the site so far.

The area is frequently a battleground between the Ethiopians and the insurgency, as it is located in a vital junction road. Roadblocks, recurrent police checks and rounding up of people indiscriminately are significant problems for the work in this district, and for the local community. This also sometimes causes workers to arrive late.

The 1 truck that was contracted for the district completed its output of 36 loads as agreed.

5 accidents were reported in the district this week.

Attendance of the workers was very good.

Yaqshid District

A total of 69 beneficiaries were working in the district.

The labourers were working at a new settlement called 8th May. This settlement was previously a primary school in the district of Yaqshid. There is vast amount of garbage accumulated and cactus has flourished in the area.

For the last few days, the security of the area has been deteriorating, as insurgency and government operations were taking place.

The 1 truck that was contracted for the district completed its output of 36 loads as agreed.

6 accidents were reported due to tools and cactus thorns.

There were no incidents recorded in this district this week.

Attendance of the workers was very good.