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Emergency IDP Settlement Rehabilitation Programme

Week 7 Progress Report

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Summary

The 7th week's *Emergency IDPs Settlement Rehabilitation Programme* has continued with all district work teams operating without constraint.

All the district authorities and IDP settlement committees, the general public of Mogadishu continue to give their appreciation of the sanitation programme, and are requesting not only for an extension of the programme, but also an increase in the number of beneficiaries from each settlement, so as to reach and assist more of the poorest in Mogadishu society, and stimulate their income in this difficult period.

It was also noted that in all 16 worksites across all of the districts, crowds of people from IDP communities continue to come to SAACID looking for employment and showing their appreciation of the programme.

As the Idd festivals became close, the workers received their 3rd payment of wages. The workers were happy with the timely distribution of wages. In fact, they were all generally happy with the Idd festival this year, as they are with their families and they are earning wages. Of course, for the majority of IDP families, this Idd is desperately bleak.

Some 79 accidents and 2 incidents were reported across all worksites in Mogadishu City this week.

Abdul-aziz District

The full quota of 84 workers was working in the district.

After completing cleaning of Halgan settlement, the workers moved to a new site.

The district officials, together with IDPs committees, selected the next site to be Lasaretti settlement, where there is a vast amount of garbage, discarded and used plastic solution containers, needles, etc. It was previously the centre for Somali TB and other contagious diseases control; and now also hosts a cholera control centre for MSF; and a feeding centre for AICF.

The 1 truck assigned to the district loaded its consignments as contracted.

No incidents were reported in this district this week.

5 workers sustained injuries, caused by tools.

Attendance of the workers and punctuality was reported as good.

Bondhere District

The full quota of 42 workers operated at this new site in Bondhere.

The settlement is hosting one of the largest IDP populations in the district, and there large amounts of garbage and other harmful materials.

The 1 truck assigned to the district loaded its consignments as contracted.

8 workers were slightly injured.

Attendance of the workers was very good.

There were no incidents reported in this district this week.

Deynile District

The full quota of 18 workers reported in the district.

They were still working at Gaheyr 3 and are complaining of a vast abundance of thorny shrubs and cactus plus garbage throughout the whole settlement.

The 1 truck assigned to the district completed the agreed number of trips.

This week someone tossed a hand grenade from a speeding car near the worksite at Ethiopian troops; and the Ethiopian troops responded by firing shots and scaring all the people in Gaheyr 3 settlement.

8 people were slightly injured from spikes from the cactus and other pointed objects in the garbage.

Attendance of the workers was very good.

Dharkeynley District

The full quota of 27 workers were this 7th week in the same settlement that they were working in the previous week, as the settlement is still covered with a vast amount of garbage that might need 1 more week to complete.

The district authority and IDPs settlement leaders and general public of the district-at-large appreciated this valuable sanitation activity, and the wet food initiative, which facilitated a one-meal-for-all in the district of Dharkeynley.

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

No incidents were reported in this district this week.

6 workers were slightly injured; 1 needed rest.

Attendance of the workers was very good.

Hamar-jajab and Hawl-wadag Districts

The full quota of 57 workers were, for a second week, operating at Damay 2 settlement.

Despite hard work last week, the garbage that lies within this settlement needed 1 more week of work.

Representatives from the district and settlement leaders are on the site offering moral support to the workers to increase their output.

The 1 truck assigned to the district loaded its consignments as contracted.

5 workers suffered injuries during the course of the week caused by tools.

Attendance of the workers and their punctuality was reported as good.

Hamar-weyne District

The full quota of 39 workers was working in the district of Hamar-weyne.

After completing work at Aw-Aweyska settlement, the district moved to a new settlement, which is full of garbage and other harmful materials.

This new settlement is in a former famous hospital and is hosting a large population of IDPs and disabled people from the Somali-Ethiopian war of 1977-8.

The security of the area is very good, as the site is not far from the Mogadishu main seaport. There are occasional roadblocks and security checks.

The 1 truck assigned to the district loaded its consignments as contracted.

No incidents were reported in this district this week.

No accidents were reported in this district this week.

Attendance of the workers was reported as good.

Heliwaa District

The full quotas of 21 workers were working in the district of Heliwaa.

The workers, for this 7th week of activities, were still working on the previous settlement of Bismillahi, where there is a lot of garbage.

Heliwaa is the district that has been most affected by the ongoing military operations and insurgency. It has been largely vacated by the population, and the workers are working in limited few areas, where there is relative calm, and the IDPs are not able to leave.

The 1 truck assigned to the district completed the number of loads required.

5 minor accidents, caused by being struck by spades and an iron rake, were reported in the district this week.

No incidents were reported in this district this week.

Attendance of the workers was reported as very good.

Hodan District

The full quota of 135 workers reported for work in the district of Hodan.

Enjoying the largest number of workers, the district has showed the ability to clean 2 settlements every week throughout most of the programme.

After the workers completed the settlements of Bakol and Howlaha Guud 1, they then moved and started operating in 2 new settlements. Both settlements are full of garbage, discarded rusty material and thorny shrubs.

The district suffers for general insecurity. Roads are blocked frequently; sometimes uniformed troops loot at gun point and start shooting in the air in the process.

No incidents were reported in this district this week.

The 2 trucks assigned to the district loaded their consignments as contracted.

7 people were injured caused by tools.

Attendance of the workers was reported as good.

Karaan District

The full quota of 69 workers was operating at Halgan settlement for a second consecutive week, due to the large space of the settlement. The place is full of garbage and remains of animal bones and other noxious things.

In this week, TFG police rounded up suspected militiamen in the area, after theft and daylight robbery increased. The presence of the TFG police units in the area scared the workers.

No incidents were reported in this district this week.

The 1 truck assigned to the district loaded its consignments as contracted.

6 workers were injured. One was referred to Keysanay Hospital, after seriously injuring her left leg with a machete that she was working with.

Attendance of the workers is reported as good.

Shibis District

The full quota of 33 workers was working in the district.

The vast garbage and thorny trees at Shibis Primary School settlement meant that the workers could not still finish in 1 week, and it needed 1 more week to complete the cleaning activity in the area.

The security of this district was excellent this week.

The 1 truck assigned to the district loaded its consignments as contracted.

6 workers were slightly injured; 3 sustained wounds from cactus thorns and 3 from tools.

No incidents were reported in this district this week.

Attendance of the workers was reported as good this week.

Shingani District

The full quota of 42 workers was working in the district.

After completing work at the former French Embassy compound settlement, the district moved to a new site called Shiekh Nuradin settlement.

The site was selected by the district authority together with settlement leaders, as there was vast amounts of garbage and other harmful materials and wreckage of all the surrounding buildings that were hit with heavy artillery during the past 17 years of conflict in the city.

The 1 truck assigned to the district loaded its consignments as contracted.

4 workers were injured - caused by tools. One worker had his toenail removed after being struck by a stone.

Attendance of the workers and punctuality was reported as good.

Waberi District

The full quota of 48 workers was working in the district.

For the second week, the district was operating and cleaning garbage from Villa Wajid settlement, where there are large amounts of stinking garbage and other harmful materials.

The district officials and settlement leaders frequently visit the worksites and are very happy with the progress made so far towards the sanitation activities in their district.

The 1 truck assigned to the district completed the agreed number of trips.

During the course of the week, not far from the worksite, a number of armed people in military uniform fired their weapons into the air, causing panic among the pedestrians in the area. All the workers had to lie down to avoid stray bullets.

5 people were injured by sharp objects in the garbage. They received medication from the health workers onsite.

Attendance of the workers was very good.

Wadajir District

The full quota of 54 workers was operating for the second week Adam Kukay settlement.

Although 36 loads of garbage, animal bones and other scrap were removed, but there still remains vast amounts of garbage, and the district authority, together with settlement leaders are standing by the workers and encouraging them to work hard and clean the settlement properly and on time.

The 1 truck assigned to the district completed the number of loads required.

6 minor accidents, caused by tools, were reported and none was serious.

No incidents were reported in this district this week.

Attendance of the workers was reported as very good.

Wardhigley District

The full quota of 42 workers completed the work at Barwaqo site. They were moved to a new site called Florence settlement. The settlement is located within a previously well known hotel called Florence.

There is an accumulation of garbage and other filthy materials surrounding the settlement.

The district officials of Wardhigley were very complementary of the sanitation programme, and had asked for an increase in the number of workers, and an extension of the programme in an interview with a local radio station.

The 1 truck assigned to the district loaded its consignments as contracted.

No incidents were reported in this district this week.

2 injuries were reported in the district this week.

Attendance of the workers and punctuality was reported as good.

Yaqshid District

The full quota of 69 workers started working at a new settlement. The settlement is called Abtow, and is full of garbage, cactus and other thorny shrubs, plus discarded harmful materials, such rusted car bodies.

The Deputy District Commissioner of the district visited the site and complimented all of the workers for their active participation in the IDP sanitation programme.

The security of the district was not good during this week, as the conflict between the insurgency and government troops intensified in and around this district.

No incidents were reported in this district this week.

The 1 truck assigned to the district loaded its consignments as contracted.

6 workers were slightly injured.

Attendance of the workers was reported as good.