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## **Emergency IDP Settlement Rehabilitation Programme**

### **Week 8 Progress Report**

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#### **Summary**

The Emergency *IDPs Settlement Rehabilitation Programme* has continued without any major constraint from the ongoing conflict between the TFG/Ethiopians and the opposition..

Local radio stations continue to provide coverage of the programme.

It was observed that IDPs who initially were crowded into compounds are finding more space with the removal of the garbage. Many cleaned areas in the IDP settlements are now accommodating many poor families, who have started building new small huts made of rags in the cleaned areas.

All the workers have expressed their gratitude, as the programme has enabled them to buy more food and pay for services they couldn't otherwise have afforded before the programme.

SAACID has finished doing the fieldwork for a socio-economic survey of the 780 beneficiaries of the programme; and is now in the process of compiling all the data.

The workers were given 2-days off for the Idd festival (19 and 20 December 2007).

All district authorities and IDP settlement committees were in general very happy with the sanitation programme; but were complaining about the limited number of programme beneficiaries (with only 3 per IDP settlement being chosen). The size and populations of all the settlements are not identical, and they are suggesting that the number of the beneficiaries to be based on the population size of each settlement.

There were 55 accidents and 7 incidents recorded across all worksites in the city this week.

With 2/3s of the programme completed, SAACID, and its district partners, have only managed to clean 112 of the projected 260 IDP settlements (43%). By the end of the programme (week 12) SAACID is projecting that 168 settlements will be cleared (65% of 260 settlements).

While there are ongoing problems with insecurity, roadblocks and security checks, overall, the programme has been able to be implemented without major constraint.

SAACID initially believed that it would take about 10 weeks to clear all 260 settlement sites; with the added 2 weeks as a contingency against security incidents. SAACID has incorrectly estimated the amount of garbage at many sites, and the lowered efficiency of utilising 97% female labour (as opposed to 65% female labour in the previous ILO programmes).

Added to this, SAACID completed a new UNHCR IDP settlement rapid assessment in Mogadishu in November 2007, which has found that there are now 297 significant IDP settlements in the city.

SAACID estimates that it will take 3 more months (10 weeks + 2 weeks contingency) to completely clear all existing and any new (after the November 2007 survey) settlements.

SAACID will prepare and submit a proposal to extend the existing emergency settlement cleaning initiative to OCHA for its consideration in the next week.

### **Abdul-aziz District**

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

After completing the cleaning of work at Lasaretti settlement, the district workers are now operating at a new site called Ged Timir settlement.

The whole area of this big settlement was covered in garbage; and access to the entrance and surroundings was covered with cactus.

The district officials together with IDP committees in the area were complaining of all the cactus thorns that have caused many injuries to the workers.



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

The following UXO item was found in the garbage:

- 122 mm artillery round 1

8 workers sustained injuries caused by the spikes of cactus. The photo of a worker who was injured in the eye is shown above.

Attendance of the workers and punctuality is reported as good.

## **Bondhere District**

The full quota of 42 workers was operating at this new site Bondhere.

After finishing work at Bondhere settlement last week, the district then began operating at a new settlement, previously being the offices of the Ministry of Industry.

The building complex became an IDP settlement a decade ago, and is hosting many IDPs.

The district and settlement leaders had to intervene in one incident, when a lady who didn't pay much attention to the ongoing sanitation works, poured filthy water down from the 3rd floor of a building onto the workers. The workers were complaining that this was not the first time that water was thrown on them, and they would not tolerate such behaviour in the future.

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

No accidents were reported in this district this week.

Attendance of the workers was very good.

## **Deynile District**

The full quota of 18 workers was working in the district this week.

The workers are now operating at a new settlement called 77 settlement.

The settlement is very large and well known, as it was one of the largest military bases for the government of Said Barre that has earned its name from the 1977-8 Somali-Ethiopian war.

The settlement hosts large numbers of IDPs.

In and around the settlement were vast amounts of garbage that had accumulated for a long period and there were also thorny shrubs and cactus.

Restrictions and roadblocks, imposed by the government and Ethiopian troops, made it difficult for the workers to do the cleaning programme smoothly.

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

5 were reported injured - caused by thorns and tools - but none was serious.

No incidents were reported in this district this week.

Attendance of the workers was very good.

### **Dharkeynley District**

The full quota of 27 workers was operating at a new settlement called Kax Shiqaal, where there was large amounts garbage, animal bones with an unbearable smell, and also thorny shrubs surrounding the area of the worksite.

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

No incidents were reported in this district this week.

4 injuries were reported - caused by spades and iron rakes.

Attendance of the workers was very good.

### **Hamar-jajab and Hawl-wadag Districts**

The full quota of 57 workers was operating in the district.

In this 8<sup>th</sup> week of activities, the district has moved to a new settlement, which was previously a school compound, but is currently hosting large numbers of IDPs.

The place was full of garbage and other harmful materials.

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

3 workers sustained self inflicted injuries caused by tools.

There were no incidents recorded in this district this week

Attendance of the workers and punctuality was reported as good.

### **Hamar-weyne District**

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

The district workers moved to a new site, which was previously a bank branch, but now hosts IDPs, and the place was full of garbage and other harmful materials.

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

5 workers sustained injured during the course of the week in the district.

There were no incidents recorded 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 are operating this week in a new site. The site is full of garbage and harmful materials and thorny cactus and shrubs.

The district authority and settlement leaders are expressing their appreciation of the programme. They are saying there is a massive influx of newly arrived IDPs in many settlements of the district.

There are daily attacks and artillery shelling in the district and security is very bad.

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

3 accidents were reported. One was serious and required rest.

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.

This week the workers moved to a new settlement where there were vast amounts of garbage and other harmful materials.

Still the district is suffering from insecurity in many parts of the district, because of the presence of Ethiopian and government troops.

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

8 persons sustained injuries. Two were serious, and they needed at least 2 days rest.

There were no incidents recorded in this district this week

Attendance of the workers was reported as good.

### **Karaan District**

The full quota of 69 workers was operating at Alla-Magan 1 settlement.

The settlement is full of garbage and other harmful materials that have put at risk the environmental sanitation of the inhabitants of the settlement.

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

4 workers were injured. Two needed rest.

There were no incidents recorded in this district this week

Attendance of the workers is reported as good.

## **Shibis District**

The full quota of 33 workers was still working at Shibis Primary school for a 3<sup>rd</sup> week.

There are still large areas in the school compound that are covered with garbage and cactus. In addition, some areas within the school are inaccessible, as people residing over the road and are blocking the entrance.

The district officials and settlement leaders have decided to shift a number of huts to allow easier passage.

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

3 workers were slightly injured.

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 operating in the district this week.

The workers were working at a new site, where there were vast amounts of garbage and other harmful materials that had accumulated over the years.

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

2 workers were injured caused by tools.

No incidents were reported in this district this week.

Attendance of the workers and punctuality was reported as good.

## **Waberi District**

The full quota of 48 workers were now operating at a new settlement, which was once the main offices of Somali Airlines, but now is hosting a large population of IDPs.

This settlement was initially targeted early in November 2007, but the work at the site was stopped due to the stinking heaps of garbage in the area, that proved very hazardous to the workers, unless they wear some protective clothes, and the place was properly sprayed on a daily basis.

Now the community in the settlement expressed their gratitude to SAACID and the donors, as work has started in their settlement after every precaution was taken to take care of the health of the workers.

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

6 people were injured in the district this week. Also, exposure to gaseous materials in the garbage has still caused occasional vomiting and diarrhoea.

No incidents were reported in this district this week.

Attendance of the workers was very good.

### **Wadajir District**

The full quota of 54 workers was operating in the district.

The settlement is called Jabuti 1 and at that settlement there is the built up huge amounts of garbage and other harmful materials over a decade in and around the settlement.

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

3 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 was operating in the district this week.

The workers are still working at Florence settlement for a second week.

Still there are vast amounts of garbage in the settlement and its surroundings.

A number of the workers were complaining from harassment from drug-addicted youths living in the area.

Insecurity prevails in the district, following daily attacks by insurgents on government and Ethiopians checkpoints.

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

4 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 was operating in the district.

For the second week in row, the workers are working at Abtow settlement, where there are still vast amounts of garbage, cactus and other thorny shrubs; plus discarded harmful materials, such rusted car bodies.

The security of the district is deteriorating day-by-day, and the workers are finding it harder to execute their duties, due roadblocks and security checks.

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

Many workers were complaining of allergies due to cactus.

The following UXOs were found in the garbage:

- 82 mm mortar (fused) 1
- Rocket 1
- Rifle grenade without safety pin 1
- DSHK round 1

7 workers were slightly injured in the district this week.

Attendance of the workers was reported as good.