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Emergency IDP Settlement Rehabilitation Programme

Week 9 Progress Report

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Summary

The 9th week of Emergency *IDPs Settlement Rehabilitation Programme* was successfully completed without any major problems or constraints in all 16 district workers of Mogadishu.

Residents of the IDP settlements of Mogadishu are openly expressing their appreciation to both SAACID and the donors. In addition, many IDP settlements in different parts of the city still are pressing for the removal of built up heaps of garbage in their immediate IDP settlements.

SAACID distributed some maintenance gear to all districts - like adhesives, manual foot pumps, bolts and nuts etc for the wheelbarrows.

Also, in a number of IDP settlements, chlorine was distributed for spraying stinking garbage and the provision for the cleaning of hands of the workers.

Some 57 accidents and 23 incidents were recorded across all worksites this week.

The large number of incidents included 15 UXO incidents. The remaining were all *ad hoc* incidents and none threatened the viability of the programme.

Abdul-aziz District

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

This 9th week of *Emergency IDP Settlement Rehabilitation Programme* the district workers moved to 2 new sites called UNDP settlement, which is located in front of the famous Lido Beach along the Indian Ocean, and Garruun settlement.

One of the settlements was previously the headquarters of UN mission in Somalia, but currently it is hosting destitute poor families, who were displaced by a decade ago in the civil war period (1991-6). There are vast amounts of garbage and other harmful materials at the site.

In the other settlement (Garruun), there is also a large amount of garbage, empty plastic bags and cow dung.

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

5 workers sustained injuries during the course of the week.

There were no incidents reported in this district this week.

Attendance of the workers and punctuality is reported as good.

Bondhere District

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

The workers were still operating at the Ministry of Industry settlement for a second week in a row.

During the course of the work, workers have found a very large snake that was hiding inside the garbage and the workers managed to kill it with a spade and stone. It was really a panicking scene, and some of the workers were in fact very frightened by the sight of the snake.

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

2 workers were reported injured this week in the district and they were treated onsite.

There were no incidents 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 district is still working on the same site. The site is very big, and there are vast amounts of garbage and cleaning might take 1 more week.

The biggest issue in the district this week was that, a number of people, representing 2 clans, fought using sticks and throwing stones at each other. The district official and settlement leaders intervened. One clan was complaining that the other falsely accused them of implanting bombs around the area. The issue was settled peacefully.

The district officials, and the community at large, are very grateful for both the IDP settlement garbage clearance programme and the food kitchen that is operating in the district – especially in this very difficult period.

Restrictions and roadblocks around the district are still active, and the people are suffering as a result.

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

6 were reported injured - caused by sharp objects and 2 were serious and needed rest.

No incidents were reported in this district this week.

Attendance of the workers was very good.

Dharkeynley District

The full quotas of 27 workers were working at Kax Shiqaal settlement for a second week.

The place is still full of garbage and other harmful materials. Also, inside and outside the settlement there is a lot of cactus and other thorny shrubs.

During the course of the week, there were a few hours of work stoppage when Ethiopians and TFG militiamen raided a nearby school looking for weapons.

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

3 injuries were reported - caused by tools and cactus thorns.

Attendance of the workers was very good.

Hamar-jajab and Hawl-wadag Districts

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

This week the district moved to a new site called Piazza Libero settlement.

This settlement is one of the biggest settlements in the whole district of Hamar-jajab, and it is full of garbage, rusted materials and cactus.

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

4 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 Mogadishu Power Supply Agency. The site was full of stinking garbage, bones and the remains of dead dogs.

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

4 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.

For the second successive week the workers were operating at the same settlement called Burdhere.

Still there is a vast amount of garbage and other harmful materials and cactus.

Most of the workers were complaining of the effects of the cactus, as when they are loading the trucks the wind blows hard and the tiny thorns from the cactus get blown all over their bodies. Nearly all the workers have developed symptoms of allergies and all their bodies are itching.

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

4 accidents caused by cactus and tools were reported.

There were no incidents recorded 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.

This 9th week of activity, the workers moved to 2 new settlements called May Koo Reebay and Ajar Sagoor. Both settlements are full garbage and other harmful materials.

Both settlements are located in areas where there is large presence of Ethiopian and TFG militiamen.

Skirmishes and attacks using hand grenades are very common and cause panic among the workers.

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

7 persons sustained injuries this week in the district.

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.

For the second week the workers were operating at Alla-Magan 1 settlement.

The site is still full of garbage and other discarded materials. Also in some parts of the settlement there is a lot of cactus and other thorny trees.

There was a small brawl between the workers and the inhabitants of the settlement over the misbehaviour of some of the settlement dwellers. The matter was amicably solved by the district authority and settlement leaders.

A large explosion just 200 meters from the settlement targeted and killed a high profile government official. The whole area was cordoned by police thus causing few hours of work stoppage.

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

6 workers were injured during the work in the district this week. Two needed rest.

Attendance of the workers is reported as good.

Shibis District

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

The workers, this 9th week of the *Emergency IDP Settlement Rehabilitation Programme* moved to a new site called Nasir settlement. Previously, the settlement was a primary school, but is currently hosting IDPs.

There are vast amounts of garbage and other rusted materials that have been discarded and dumped in the schoolyard and all surrounding areas.

The District Commissioner of Shibis visited the site this week and encouraged the workers to work hard and clean their environment. He thanked SAACID and the UN and DRC for their contribution to the sanitation programme in all the 16 district of Mogadishu.

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

2 workers were slightly injured during the work in the district this week.

The following UXOs were found in the garbage:

- Anti-tank round 3
- Mortar round 1
- F-1 hand grenade 1
- Recoilless artillery round 2
- 122 mm artillery round 1
- 23 mm Zu anti-aircraft round 1
- DSHK round 1

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 are now operating at a new settlement called SIDAM. It was previously Somali Institute for the Development of Administration and Management. A very high profile institute in Somalia that now has become a settlement for IDPs.

The whole area of the settlement was full of garbage and other harmful materials and cow dung.

As work was progressing well in the settlement, one of the settlement dwellers attacked the supervisor and asked him to stop the work in the site. The District Commissioner went to the site and settled the matter and the work continued as planned.

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

3 workers were injured caused by tools.

The following UXOs were found in the garbage:

- 60 mm mortar round 2
- F-1 hand grenade 1
- Recoilless artillery round 1
- Rifle bullets 3

Attendance of the workers and punctuality was reported as good.

Waberi District

The full quotas of 48 workers were working in the district.

This week the workers are operating at a new settlement called Polytechnics, which was once a large technical school, but is now is hosting a large population of IDPs - not far from

Kilometre 4. The settlement is very large and there vast amounts of garbage and other harmful materials and the over all sanitation of the place is very poor.

Disruptions occur on a daily basis. Minibuses and other cars are lined not far from the settlement and police always come to disperse the people crowded in the area. Also in the worksite vicinity, glue sniffers occasionally fight each other and other civilians in the district. They are armed with knives and other sharp materials, interrupting the work regularly by threatening the workers.

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

4 sustained small injuries caused by tools.

Attendance of the workers was very good.

Wadajir District

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

In this 9th week of activities, the workers moved to 2 new sites, called Jabuti 2 and Jabuti 3. Both settlements are full of garbage, empty plastic bags, animal bones and other remains.

The security of the area was not good. When the workers loaded the last trip and sent it to the dumpsite, two youths came and asked the monitor to leave the area. The youths said that they were waiting for the work to finish, so that they could make an attack. When asked to give proof that they were serious, they simply lifted up their shirts and showed that they had loaded pistols and F-1 hand grenades. Without a second word the workers vacated the site. No attack was made after the workers left. SAACID was later told that they were after tax collectors that were operating in the area; but they did not appear as scheduled.

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.

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 were working at a new settlement called Asha Elmi settlement. There was a large amount of garbage and other harmful materials in the settlement.

On one day, the truck was held by the Ethiopians for nearly one hour as the security of the area is very high and tense all the time.

There was incident in which two workers fought over who would use a bucket during the work. The matter was solved later amicably.

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

3 workers were slightly injured during the week in the district.

Attendance of the workers and punctuality was reported as good.

Yaqshid District

The full quota of 69 workers was operating in the district.

As there are vast amount of garbage, cactus and other thorny shrubs; plus discarded harmful materials, such rusted car bodies, the district workers were still operating at Abtow settlement.

The tight security in the district has caused workers to report sometimes late for work.

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

The workers are showing signs of allergies due to cactus.

5 workers were slightly injured in the district this week.

No incidents were recorded in this district this week.

Attendance of the workers was reported as normal.