

### IPC Learning and Planning Workshop

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## 1. Introduction

The IPC was applied as the classification system for the bi-annual assessment for the first time in February 2007 (short rains assessment), which was also the first time that the IPC has been used outside of the context of Somalia. This first phase was completed with a Learning Workshop conducted in April 2007<sup>1</sup>, which fed in to the second phase of the process during the long rains assessment of August 2007.

As a result of the inputs from the April Learning Workshop, some changes were made in the long rains assessment process. These centred on an enhanced meta-data analysis before the fieldwork (which shifted the emphasis on the fieldwork towards data gap filling and verification), and the first step towards building capacity at the district level by inviting 2 district-based DSG officials to the analysis workshop after the field work was completed

## 2. Meeting Process and Objectives

The second learning workshop had the following objectives:

- **Review the short rains assessment process** with an emphasis on the new aspects of meta-data analysis, response analysis and capacity building
- **Plan the next phases in the IPC roll-out process**, with detailed planning for the next assessment (short rains 2007/8)

The expected outcomes of the workshop were to produce:

- **Detailed workplan for the next assessment**
- **A blue-print for district-level capacity building** for the next 2 years

## 3. Key Issues /Outcomes

### Data Issues

As recommended by the April Learning Workshop, key Nairobi-based analysts met together before the long rains assessment to conduct a meta-data analysis. The overall conclusion was the importance of requesting data in a timely way from data sources (e.g. ALRMP, ministries, Sector Working Groups) and being specific about data requirements.

Main data issues include:

- Access to data from line ministries can be problematic
- Need to request data in timely manner
- Need to increasingly incorporate health data from regular monitoring into the assessment process

### Response analysis/planning issues

- It is rarely done, or very rushed
- There is no critical analysis or prioritization among key issues
- There is insufficient guidance
- This results in a tendency to produce a wish list of responses from the different line ministries.

### Decentralization issues

The Long Rains Assessment 2007 took the first step towards building capacity at the district level by including district officials in the food security analysis and IPC classification at the national level.

<sup>1</sup> See KFSSG Report on the IPC Learning Workshop, 23-26th April 2007, and related workshop brief.

However, to root the process in the districts, capacity should be transferred from data collection to final analysis at the district level.

Main issues include:

- Checks and balances needed to ensure credibility/objectivity and rigour/quality.
- Important resource requirements for districts to carry out the assessments (ex. computers to carry out the data analysis and store data)
- Additional guidance required on data collection, harmonization and analysis
- Capacity-building required on food security assessments, the IPC framework, institutional development and links to the national level.

#### **Structural/ Institutional issues**

- Need to formalise the engagement between the KFSSG at the national level and the DSGs in the districts, including information flow.
- Need to strengthen preparedness at both national and district levels (Sector Working Groups)
- Sector Working Groups need strengthening to avoid coordination problems as agencies work in parallel

## **4. Next steps**

### **Immediate plans for the short rains assessment**

#### **Meta-data analysis process:**

- Each Sector Working Group is to nominate a focal point and meet to review the data, develop an analytical framework, and finalize a data checklist for the field work.
- A meta-analysis data will take place prior to the field work, for analysis of data for the overall assessment.

#### **Response analysis and monitoring:**

- Invest more time in developing response analysis in the districts (separate out responses that are already part of the district development plan, identify national level priorities, identify interventions to target specific sources of funding)
- Training (response analysis per sector, develop "how to" guidelines, develop format for Sector Working Groups and Districts reports)
- Response analysis to follow four steps (response analysis, prioritisation, potential resource identification, peer review at district and national level).

### **Decentralization**

It was decided to pilot the capacity building process in 8 districts spread throughout the country, selected on the basis of the representativeness of their respective livelihood zones and the quality of their human resources. The long-term plan will be to expand the capacity building by 8 districts each season until all the ASAL and Lake Basin districts are completed (this process is anticipated to take 2 years to complete, i.e. 4 seasons).

## Annex1

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