OBJECTIVE

The Flood Response Guide is to guide efficient response to floods in Somalia.

- Key websites and WASH Cluster targets
- Recommended response to floods
- Template to report a flooding event
- WASH Cluster Focal Points

Key Websites

- 1. WASH Cluster Website: http://ochaonline.un.org/somalia/WASH for AWD/Cholera Preparedness and Response Plan and other key documents
- 2. SWALIM Flood Risk and Response Management Information System: http://www.faoswalim.org/subsites/frrmis/index.php The website includes: Background
 - Information on historic floods
 - Flood risk maps for 5, 50 and 100 year floods

Flood information

- Current flood information (actual river levels compared to risk levels)
- Current flooded areas (per Region/District with the number of displaced • population)
- Somalia Road Conditions including travel time
- Response Management
- **Report a Flood online** (hard copy form in Annex 1)

Key Definitions

- River flooding: The rise of a river to an elevation such that the river overflows its natural banks
- Flash flooding: Flooding that develops very quickly on streams and river tributaries

TARGETS to reduce risk of AWD/Cholera

As excreta from latrines spreads with flood water

Flood - Same targets as for AWD/Cholera Outbreak, for prevention AWD/Cholera Outbreak (as per WASH Cluster AWD/Cholera Response Plan) Ensure population of affected villages (if displaced and on return) have: •

- Access and use of Safe drinking water, via:
 - Chlorination of unprotected sources
 - Household water treatment
- Hand washing with soap/ash (and safe hygienic practice)
- Safe excreta disposal in high risk areas:
 - CTC (Cholera Treatment Centre)
 - Hospitals, and wherever people report for treatment, e.g. Health Centre
 - Areas of dense population (e.g. IDP settlements) as per Cluster standards
 - (50 people (ideally 8 households) per latrine)
- Solid waste disposal in high risk areas
 - Areas of dense population (e.g. IDP settlements), with poor sanitation
 - To clear drainage to prevent flooding in food handling areas, markets,
 - CTC, Health Facility and Nutrition Centre

Recommended Response

		Action	Responsibility
1.	Current status and rainfall prediction	Find currently flooded areas and rainfall prediction on SWALIM website. This is updated daily http://www.faoswalim.org/subsites/frrmis/index.php	SWALIM
		Email floodinfo@fsnau.org to join mailing list for rainfall prediction	
2.	Reporting new flood events	Inform SWALIM of any new flood events, using the online form, http://www.faoswalim.org/subsites/frrmis/report_flood.php or emailing the template on Annex 1 to so-hydro@fao.org SWALIM, FSNAU and FEWSNET together verify flood information coming from the field, map the information and upload daily, along with the population affected.	Anyone
3.	Confirming WASH needs	Copy WASH Cluster Zonal Focal Point Douglas Abuuru (dabuuru@unicef.org, mwarfa@unicef.org, kharries@unicef.org, fatali@unicef.org) on the flood reporting form sent to SWALIM	Any WASH agency
4.	Verifying WASH needs	The Zonal Focal Point will verify information for WASH response, via field implementing partners, and send an update to the WASH Cluster Coordinator - if "of concern" for WASH Response (copying OCHA Regional and Nairobi)	WASH Cluster Zonal Focal Point
5.	Response	 WASH Implementing partners in specific locations should respond immediately and inform the WASH District, Regional and Zonal Focal Points of the actions taken and the additional support required. If the WASH partners do not have the capacity, to immediately report to the WASH Cluster. The WASH Cluster Coordinator will identify agency who can respond for WASH (via UNICEF partner, or other) The following are critical to avoid AWD/Cholera (as excreta from latrines spreads with flood water) Ensure safe drinking water available (eg chlorination of water sources, safe drinking water source, Household water treatment, roof catchments) – for displaced and prior to returning to village Hygiene Promotion Sanitation in high risk areas WASH NFI (if population displaced for a period of time) 	WASH Implementing partners
6.	Coordination of WASH Response - at District / Regional level	WASH District Level Lead Agencies for AWD/Flood, and Regional WASH Cluster Focal Points to coordinate WASH response at District and Regional level, to reduce gaps and overlaps in response. The WHO Surveillance Unit also circulates a weekly AWD/cholera rumour tracking matrix, to summarise outbreaks, response and gaps. This is shared with active WASH Cluster agencies. Contact Fatuma Ali (fatali@unicef.org) for a copy.	WASH District Level Lead Agency for AWD Flooding / Regional WASH Cluster Focal Points
7.	Monitoring	WASH District lead agencies for AWD/Flooding to report on WASH response via agreed format to WASH Cluster Coordinator, copying Regional and Zonal WASH Cluster Focal Points	District Level Lead Agencies / Regional Focal Points

Annex 1: Reporting format to SWALIM

Please report floods to SWALIM/FSNAU as soon as possible, either:

- On-line at http://www.faoswalim.org/subsites/frrmis/report_flood.php
- Or email the form below to <u>floodinfo@fsnau.org</u>

This information is collated daily and uploaded on: http://www.faoswalim.org/subsites/frrmis/index.php

SWALIM - FLOOD INFORMATION REPORTING FORMAT

	Enter your information below
Agency name reporting	
Contact numbers	
Contact person	
River flooding (yes/no) *	
Flash flooding (yes/no) **	
Date of river flooding	
Region flooded	
District flooded	
Town flooded	
Number of villages flooded	
Crop fields flooded	
Number of households in flooded area	
Households displaced	
Livestock death	
Any other relevant information	

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