

Final Evaluation of SWALIM Phase II - Reporting on Follow-up Action

Recommendations	Action Agreed	Action Taken?		Comment / explanation
		Yes (with date)	No	
8.1.1 SWALIM Liaison Offices in Somalia - to have more capacity and assume more responsibility in product development; - to act as data collection interfaces; - to focus initially on the development of a few simple applications.	Accepted and ongoing for the Hargeisa office. For the other two offices in Center-South, the implementation is subject to security condition and local authorities cooperation.	X		Done for the liaison offices of Hargeisa and Garowe. Not possible in the Centre South because of the security situation. Liaison Office in Centre South planned for the new phase.
8.1.2 Inter Ministerial Coordination Committees (IMCC) - to meet on a more regular basis and identify a few priority applications; - to set up SWALIM working groups to help develop these priority applications.	IMCCs will be requested to provide priorities and to be more pro-active in promoting SWALIM activities ¹ .	X		Done with good results in Somaliland and Puntland.
8.1.3 Monitor: -impact on target populations; -amount and type of information requested, time spent on providing assistance, and what users do with it. Systematically inform PSC on monitoring data.	First monitoring information to be ready by the end of September 2008.	X		The monitoring information were indicated in the SWALIM web site.
8.1.4. SWALIM Head Office capacity should progressively adjust as the focus is shifting towards the users. Head office role to maintain national-level applications, data repository and backstopping functions, and liaise with Nairobi-based international users.	First identification of potential users and preparation of related training programmes, to be ready by September 2008. ²	X		Initiated. It will continued in the next phase.
8.2.1 Training Activities should be clearly aimed at progressively transferring SWALIM functions to Somali institutions.	Identify simple applications (May 2008) and prepare training programmes for existing institutions.	X		Done with good results in Somaliland and Puntland.
8.2.2 A communication strategy be developed based on an analysis of different categories of users and of the information products they require, including products in Somali language.	Start identifying and categorizing users in relation to simple applications (September 2008).	X		Done by the SWALIM Communication Officer.
8.2.3 Improving effective linkages and partnerships with existing institutions and projects.	First list of partners and partnership activities to be prepared by September 2008.	X		SWALIM works with 42 main partners.

¹ The recommendation was only partially accepted. Representation of the various regions is a sensitive political issue because TFG does not accept Somaliland representatives as equal partners.

² The recommendation was only partially accepted as the Management Response stressed that most potential users (government institutions) have not been established yet, and that current demand for information is biased by the need of project level design (feasibility studies, engineering designs, etc) which the project cannot answer to.

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8.3.1 The terms of reference of the PTF must be clearly defined specifically for SWALIM. A Technical backstopping plan of activities must be defined.	Draft TOR for the PTF and plan of activity to be submitted in the next meeting of the PSC (September 2008).	X		The TOR of the PTF has been prepared and approved by the same.
8.3.2 SWALIM organisation and structure should reflect: - Core support services; - Facilitation services for Liaison Offices; - Operational units dealing with specific themes and applications.	Adjustment could be made depending on operational needs. ³	X		Initiated. It will continued in the next phase.
8.3.3 Products to be associated with meta information for users informing about products limitations and appropriate use. This includes also status in terms of technical clearance by PTF members.	More attention and more time will be given to technical clearance in the future.	X		Meta information are provided in the WEB site.
8.3.4 Engineering design and barrage rehabilitation activities of the River Management Project to have a separate identity.	A full time staff member has been employed for the barrage rehabilitation activities (1 July 2008). Other RM activities (76%) are completely information management tasks.	X		Engineering activities are carried under the SWALIM budget for purely practical reasons only if requested by the donor and covered by separate budget lines. Except for the use of the budget provisions, engineering activities are not technically part of the SWALIM information programme and the PTF is not involved in their backstopping.

³ Recommendation only partially accepted. The project team considered that the organisational structure was working very well and that it would be difficult to change the structure in the middle of the project.