

FIMM Workshop Report

01 October 2019

Overview:

The FIMM workshop was held on 01 October 2019 and was attended by MoIFAR, FMS MoI, UNSOM stabilization team and Altai consulting. The intent of the workshop was to review the last round of data collection and reporting and identify steps to improve the next round of data collection, including focussing on FMS MoI ownership and leadership at district level (see attached agenda). The initial sessions examined how the FIMM works in terms of approach, structure and data collection and the latter sessions focussed on planning for the next round of data collection.

Discussions:

The principal focus of the discussion on roles and responsibilities centred on improving coordination in the production of the next FIMM reports across Federal, State and District levels. The consensus reached during the workshop was that the key aspects of the data collection process at the district level and subsequent initial verification of the data would be led by the FMS MoI. This is intended to improve the efficiency of the initial data collection exercise and alleviate issues with regard to the districts authorities' awareness, understanding and engagement in the FIMM, as well as improve the initial review and verification of the data. The FMS MoI expressed confidence in their ability to absorb this responsibility and workload and this is reflected accordingly in the summary timeline and key activities that all parties committed to work as per the agreed schedule. To assist in this process, it was also agreed to share the translated version of the questionnaire with the FMS MoI and develop a contact list to help the coordination of the next round of data collection.

One of the issues recognized during the discussions was how would the reports differ in the next round of data collection. Given the need to ensure consistency and comparability of the data between the last round of reports and the next round of reports, the questionnaire will remain the same for the next round. However, since it is likely that many of the individual ratings in many of the districts are unlikely to change significantly unless processes such as district council formation are completed, what should be the focus of measurement? Since the FIMM questionnaire is structured with (a) questions that are rated, and (b) questions that provide background to the rating, it was suggested to focus on improving data collection on the background information.

For example, background questions around the governance situation, including district council formation, could focus on what steps have been taken so far and what challenges and next steps are required. It was also suggested to include additional photos to illustrate situation on the ground e.g. the condition of Government offices and community infrastructure including marketplaces, wells etc. Given the sensitivity of photography in many areas, it was highlighted that FMS MoI must liaise with District Authorities on this issue.

A number of issues still to be resolved following the workshop include (a) expanding coverage of FIMM, and (b) translation of FIMM district reports. In part these issues remain unresolved due to a combination of financial / resource issues. Several options were considered for expanding the FIMM at the workshop including covering districts under Al-Shabaab control, newly recovered areas and existing fragile areas.

Despite pre-recovery assessments being conducted on Al-Shabaab controlled areas linked to operations in the Transition Plan, the challenges and risks involved were considered too acute to make the exercise viable at this stage. For newly recovered areas and other fragile areas, two options were identified for further exploration (a) FMS MoI undertake the assessment with the

district authorities using current resources e.g. linked to the S2S II project, or (b) expand Altai contract to cover additional districts. Specific districts discussed for expansion included Awdeghle and Warsheikh.

For translation, UNSOM capacity may be sufficient to cover translating the overall report as with last FIMM exercise, but UNSOM lacks sufficient capacity to cover the district reports. The options discussed included the FMS MoI taking on responsibility for translation of the district reports, the issue being limited FMS MoI translation capacity / staff time.

Summary Timeline and Key Activities:

The summary timeline below and accompanying activities were agreed during the workshop and were primarily based on the discussion on roles and responsibilities and planning.

October 2019: Preparations to launch next round of FIMM data collection

- MoIFAR, FMS MoI and UNSOM to confirm locations for next round of data collection, including any additional districts.
- FIMM focal points contact list, translated FIMM report and translated FIMM questionnaire to be shared amongst all workshop participants.

November 2019: Coordination of data collection between MoIFAR, FMS MoI and District authorities

- MoIFAR to formally confirm next round of data collection with all states, based on the notification FMS MoI will then formally notify all districts involved in FIMM data collection.
- FMS MoI will liaise with Altai consulting to ensure District Authorities are aware of both Altai's role in collecting the data and the FMS MoI role in reviewing the data.

December 2019: Data collection

- Altai undertake data collection in districts and process coordinated by FMS MoI
- Once data is collected, initial reports compiled by Altai will be provided to FMS MoI, MoIFAR and UNSOM. FMS MoI will then take lead in review process.

January 2020: Review and verification of FIMM district level report led by FMS MoI

- Following data collection exercise, FMS MoI will have approximately 4 weeks to undertake the initial review of the district data collected for the respective states to ensure its accuracy. UNSOM will provide additional technical support to FMS MoI as requested.

February 2020: Final verification of FIMM District reports and preparation of FIMM overall report

- Following the review of district reports MoIFAR will review the district reports with the FMS MoI to ensure a consistent application of the criteria across all the district reports with technical support from UNSOM.

March 2020: Publication of FIMM overall report and district reports

- Goal would be to have both overall report and individual district reports ready for National Stabilization Meeting due 30 March

Follow-up actions:

- Circulate translated FIMM report (UNSOM)
- Confirm selection of additional districts and data collection responsibility. Timeline: ASAP (MoIFAR, FMS MoI and UNSOM)
- Circulate translated version of FIMM questionnaire (Altai)

- Compile and circulate focal points contact list for FIMM covering MoIFAR, FMS MoI, UNSOM and Altai (UNSOM)



FIMM Workshop Participants Group Photo

FIMM Workshop

1st October 2019

UN JMTC – Aden Abdule International Airport

Time	Agenda	Presenter
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival and Registration	MolFAR
09:00 – 09:15	FIMM goals and purpose	MolFAR
09:15 – 10:00	Discussion on using FIMM data	All Participants
10:15 – 10:45	Presentation on FIMM data collection method	Altai
10:45 – 11:00	Tea Break	
11:00 – 11:15	FIMM Data Collection - Roles and Responsibilities	MolFAR
11:15 – 12:30	Discussion on challenges of data collection including coordination, verification and analysis	All Participants
12:30 – 13:30	Prayer & Lunch	
13:30 – 15:00	Planning for next FIMM data collection exercise	All Participants
15:00 – 15:15	Summary and Closing Remarks	MolFAR
15:15 – 15:30	Group Photo and Close	All Participants