**WATER ACCESS VIA VOUCHER Risks / recommendation –** as assessed by Puntland WASH Cluster Meeting, Garowe 20/01/11

The “Water access by voucher” approach was endorsed by the meeting, as it targets people in need, and uses local mechanisms.

Meeting participants identified risks, as well as mitigating factors to reduce or remove the risks, as per table below.

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| **No.** | **Implementation Steps** | **Risk** | **Mitigating factor** | **Recommendation** |
|  | Meet with community to agree people/beneficiaries to target | * Time to select beneficiaries (“How do you select “right” beneficiary; will take long time, may cause conflict…”, “It is good system. But in view of current situation and urgent action”, “Everybody wants to be selected”, “What happens if everyone in village needs emergency water supply?” * Counting animals will take long time * What about Nomadic families? * Water voucher may be used for cash | Develop a criteria to select beneficiaries. PSAWEN (Puntland Water Board) offered to develop a standard criteria for fair water voucher distribution between villages, rather than rely only on village elders. So there is consistency between villages, and justification if all people in one village are selected.  The target for WASH Cluster is human, so animals do not need to be counted. For Livelihood Cluster proposals – a maximum number of animals have been defined as core breeding stock.  Nomadic families travel to find water and pasture. If both are available in one location – via local voucher access they can stay in the same general location until the next rains  If water voucher is used for cash, then the selection of beneficiaries needs to be reviewed. | Puntland Authority to develop a standard criteria for beneficiaries who will receive emergency water vouchers. Elders in each village to review, adjust and endorse  Monitoring of approach is required to assess and improve |
|  | NGO agreement with local water agent | No risk identified |  |  |
|  | NGO agreement with money vendor | Money lenders not available in villages | See point 6 below |  |
|  | Issue serialized vouchers | Time to develop voucher | Livelihood cluster has developed standard voucher template | Use L’hood voucher |
|  | Beneficiaries use vouchers to pay for water | No risk identified |  |  |
|  | Water vendor uses vouchers to claim money from Money vendor | Money lenders not available in villages | Local business person can perform the same role as money lender and is available in all villages | Refer to “money vendor or local business person” |
|  | Money vendor requests payment using vouchers | No risk identified |  |  |