**Project-Level Early Warning Interest Group**

**Meeting Notes:** **11 June 2015**

* Welcome and introductions (~ 10 mins)

Meeting participants:

* + Patrick Coonan, Knowledge Management Specialist, FSN Network
  + Laura Glaeser, Food Security Advisor, FANTA
  + Willbroad Kawemama, Sustainable Development Initiative/Tanzania
  + Arianne Neigh, Global Environmental Management Support Contractor (GEMS/USAID, Cadmus Group)
  + Donard Nyirenda, Save the Children International, Somalia Programme
  + Gianmaria Pinto (presenter), Norwegian Refugee Council, consortium manager for the Building Resilient Communities in Somalia (BRCiS) program
  + Meredith Saggers, Land O’Lakes
* Presentation: *Building Resilient Communities in Somalia: Early Warning, Early Action* – Gianmaria Pinto, Norwegian Refugee Council (~ 30 mins)
  + The full recording of the Interest Group meeting is available [here](https://coregroup.adobeconnect.com/p3uaiego0ta/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal). The presentation is available for download [here](http://www.fsnnetwork.org/sites/default/files/BRCiS%20PLEW.pptx).
* Q&A (~ 30 minutes)
  + How long did it take to complete the community surveys (which contributed to the foundation for the early warning component of the project)?
    - Starting at 39:20 in the full meeting recording
  + How did the program reduce the time required for the response process from 21 days to 7 days? How does the response activation process work?
    - Starting at 41:25 in the full meeting recording
  + How do you/will you plan to keep community early warning committees engaged in the work?
    - Starting at 45:50 in the full meeting recording
  + What kinds of information are the/will the community early warning committees be trained to collect? How are they/will they be trained to interpret this information to ‘predict’ potential disasters?
    - Starting at 53:30 in the full meeting recording
  + Is BRCiS working to strengthen community capacities to reach out to other actors when the magnitude of a shock surpasses a community’s ability to respond? If so how?
    - Starting at 57:35 in the full meeting recording
  + How often does BRCiS plan to have community early warning committees deliver collected information for use in the analysis and activation systems? Does the program allow for formal as well as informal transfers of information?
    - Starting at 1:05:27 in the full meeting recording
  + Do you have any examples of early warning used by pastoralist communities or other communities that engage in livestock rearing as a predominant livelihood?
    - Starting at 1:09:06 in the full meeting recording