

# Livelihoods Support Project for Somali Communities in Puntland: Restocking of Goats Project

## BACKGROUND

With funding from the International Organization for Migrations (IOM) and the people of Japan, VSF Germany implemented the five-month “Livelihoods Support Project for Somali Communities in Puntland: Restocking Of Goats Project that addressed food security and animal health concerns in Nugal Region of Somalia. VSFG used their strong presence in Somalia to identify the needs of the target populations and thereafter to intervene through this project.



## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The overall goal of this intervention was to strengthen livelihoods of IDPs and vulnerable members of the host communities in Nugal Region of Puntland.

Among the key specific objectives of the intervention were:

- Support selected vulnerable community members with five female goats each.
- Increase nutrition of vulnerable community members through goat milk consumption.
- Increase food security through livestock assets accumulation (goat distribution).
- Increase capacity building of beneficiaries through livestock training and the provision of animal health services to goats that were sick.

## KEY ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

- Awareness creation among the communities for better understanding of the benefits in the restocking programme through dialogue and stakeholder meetings.
- Procurement and distribution of 500 goats to 100 vulnerable households.
- Provision of animal health services to the newly distributed animals as well as the old herds.

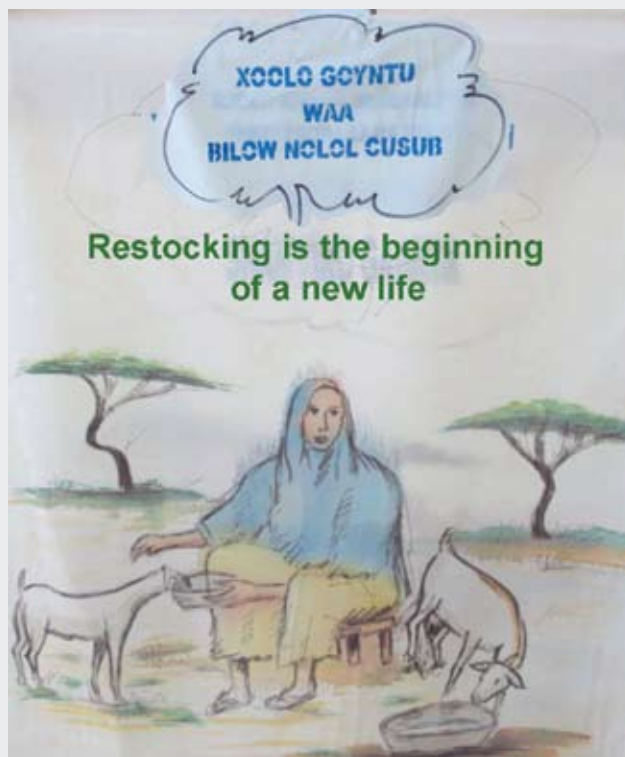


## DONOR INFORMATION

The International Organization for Migrations (IOM) (in partnership with the people of Japan), that funded this project has been active in Somalia since the onset of the civil war in 1990. The objective of IOM is mitigation against deteriorating livelihoods that result in forced migrations and displacement of vulnerable populations, particularly women and children. This was the case in this project.

## UNIQUE FEATURES

- It adopted a traditional social support system of goat restocking which was familiar to the beneficiaries.
- It targeted the most vulnerable members of the community who had lost everything during the preceding drought.
- It offered them a “starter pack” from where they could eventually build a herd.
- In the process of assisting the target beneficiaries, it introduced a cash injection of \$25,000 into the drought-ravaged economy, thereby spreading its benefits beyond the target beneficiaries.



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