

Somali Livelihood and Food Security Assistance (SOLAFA) Project

INTRODUCTION

Following yet another period of severe drought in Somalia, VSF Germany approached ECHO for a joint intervention in mitigation of a severe crisis threatening the livelihood of many vulnerable populations in Puntland Region of Somalia. The result was the 10-month emergency project called Somali Livelihood and Food Security Assistance or SOLAFA Project



GOAL OF THE PROJECT

The aim of the project was to provide appropriate and adequate food assistance, including short-term food security and livelihood support to vulnerable pastoralists and urban destitute households in Puntland. This goal was to be attained through:

- Increasing access to and availability of water to protect livelihoods assets.
- Ensuring access to- and availability of livestock services to restore livelihoods.
- Protection of livelihood assets and complementing minimum food basket to support most vulnerable urban groups.

DONOR INFORMATION

This project was funded by ECHO as an emergency intervention for Puntland Region of Somalia.

KEY ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

- 2400 IDPs and individuals belonging to the host communities were provided with 2 litres of milk per week for 20 weeks as supplementary to the diet.
- 24000 vulnerable pastoralists received animal health services including: de-worming, treatment against ecto-parasites, against most common infections and vitamins supplement.
- 900 pastoralists were involved in cash for work activities generating 4500 labour days and rehabilitating 3 water catchment community infrastructures.
- 17 CAHWs received training, equipment and start up sets.





SUSTAINABILITY FACTORS

At the end of the project, some beneficiaries still required ongoing and additional support beyond the scope of this project, even though many others were able to graduate from relief aid interventions and move on to benefit from longer term development initiatives.

There was a linkage with a previous intervention called SPDDP, which ensured the use of previously provided facilities both at service providers as well as producer levels. The network of pharmacists and CAHWs was strengthened with the ECHO project and found sustainability through other VSFG implemented projects namely LEISOM and SPDDP project.



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