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## ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ARAP	Abbreviated Resettlement Action Plan
AIC	Artificial Insemination Center
APFS	Agro-pastoralist Field Schools
CIP	Community Investment Plans
CERC	Contingence Emergency Response Plan
COVID-19	Corona Virus Disease 2019
CIG	Common Interest Groups
CSA	climate-smart agriculture
CSO	Civil Society Organizations
CDDC	Community Driven Development Committee
DAT	Disruptive Agriculture Technology
DCAS	Digital Climate Advisory System
DINA	Drought Impact Needs Assessment
EDP	Enterprise Development Plan
ESA	Environmental and Social Assessments
ESF	Environmental and Social Framework
ESIA	Environmental and Social Impact Assessments
ESMF	Environmental and Social Management Framework
ESMP	Environmental and Social Management Plan
ESS	Environment and Social Standards
FMG/C	Female Genital Mutilation or Cutting
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FFS	Farmer Field Schools
FPO	Farmer Producer Organizations
GBV	Gender Based Violence
GIIP	Good International Industry Practice
GoSL	Government of Somaliland
GM	Grievance Mechanism
GRC	Grievance Redress Committee
GRS	Grievance Redress Service
GHG	Green House Gases
GRID	Green Resilient and Inclusive Development
HoA	Horn of Africa
ILRI	International Livestock Research Institute
IRM-OM	Immediate Response Mechanism Operation Manual
IDP	Internally Displaced Person
IGAD	Intergovernmental Authority on Development
KSA	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
LP	Livelihood Plan
LRP	Livelihood Restoration Plan
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MIS	Management Information System
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MoLRD	Ministry of Livestock, and Rural Development

MoECC	Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
MoAD	Ministry of Agricultural Development
MoPND	Ministry of Planning and National Development
MRG	Minority Rights Group
MTR	Mid-Term Review
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organization
PCU	Project Coordination Unit (PCU)
OCHA	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
PAPs	Project-Affected Persons
PDO	Project Development Objective
PFU	Public financial management
PIU	Project Implementing Unit
PPP	Public Private Partnerships
PSC	Project Steering Committee
PWD	People with Disabilities
RAP	Resettlement Action Plan
RCC	Resettlement and Compensation Committee
RE	Recipient Executed
RPF	Resettlement Policy Framework
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SEP	Stakeholder Engagement Plan
SEAH	Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment
TAD	Transboundary Animal Diseases
TIMP	Technologies, Innovations and Management Practice
TOT	Training of Trainers
FSRP	Food Systems Resilience Programme
SEP	Stakeholder Engagement Plan
SLM	Sustainable Land Management
UAE	United Arab Emirates
UN	United Nations
VDC	Village Development Committee
WET	Wadi Evaluation Tool
WOAH	World Organization for Animal Health
WB	World Bank

## DEFINITION OF TERMS

These definitions are provided in the World Bank ESF ESS5 and ESS5 Guidance Note.

Term	Definition
Census	A census is a complete and accurate count of the population affected by land acquisition and related impacts. When properly conducted, the population census provides the basic information necessary for determining compensation eligibility and preparing and implementing a Resettlement Action Plan (RAP).
Compensation	When land acquisition or restrictions on land use (permanent or temporary) cannot be avoided, the Borrower will offer the affected person compensation at replacement cost. Other assistance may be necessary to help them improve or restore their living standards or livelihoods.
Cut-off Date	The start date for census and assets inventory of persons affected by the project. Persons encroaching on the project area after the cut-off date are not eligible for compensation and/or resettlement assistance.
Displaced Persons	The people or entities directly affected by a project through the loss of land and the resulting loss of residences, other structures, businesses, or other assets.
Eligibility	The criteria for qualification to receive benefits under a resettlement program.
Forced Eviction	Forced eviction is defined as the permanent or temporary removal against the will of individuals, families, and/or communities from the homes and/or land that they occupy without the provision of and access to appropriate forms of legal and other protection, including all applicable procedures and principles in ESS5.
Grievance Mechanism	The complaint mechanism is a locally based formalised way through which project-affected people and communities may raise their concerns directly with the project when they believe the project has caused or may cause them harm. The Grievance Mechanism ensures that complaints are being promptly received, assessed, and resolved by those responsible for the project.
Host Community	A host community is any community of people living in or around areas where people physically displaced by a project will be resettled.
Household	The term household refers to people who reside together and share in production and consumption functions. It is also the smallest unit of consumption and sometimes production.
Household Head	For purposes of a census, the household head is considered to be that person among the household members who are acknowledged by other household members as the head and who is often the one who makes most decisions concerning the welfare of the household members.
Involuntary Resettlement	Project-related land acquisition or restrictions on land use may cause physical displacement (relocation, loss of residential land, or loss of shelter), economic displacement (loss of land, assets, or access to assets, including those that lead to loss of income sources or other means of livelihood), or both. The term " <i>involuntary resettlement</i> " refers to these impacts.  Resettlement is considered involuntary when affected persons or communities do not have the right to refuse land acquisition or restrictions on land use that result in displacement.
Land Acquisition	<i>Land acquisition</i> refers to obtaining land for project purposes, including outright purchase, expropriation of property, and acquisition of access rights, such as easements or rights of way.  Land acquisition may also include: (a) acquisition of unoccupied or unutilised land whether or not the landholder relies upon such land for income or livelihood purposes; (b) repossession

Term	Definition
	<p>of public land that is used or occupied by individuals or households; and (c) project impacts that result in land being submerged or otherwise rendered unusable or inaccessible.</p> <p>“Land” includes anything growing on or permanently affixed to lands, such as crops, buildings, improvements, and appurtenant water bodies.</p>
Livelihood	<p><i>Livelihood</i> refers to the full range of means that individuals, families, and communities utilise to make a living, such as wage-based income, agriculture, fishing, foraging, other natural resource-based livelihoods, petty trade, and bartering.</p>
Livelihood Restoration	<p><i>Livelihood restoration</i> means the measures required to ensure that Project Affected Persons (PAPs) have the resources to at least restore, if not improve, their livelihoods. It requires that people are given the means and assistance necessary to improve, or at least restore, their livelihood and living conditions to pre-project levels. Inventory of Losses means the pre-appraisal inventory of assets as a preliminary record of affected or lost assets.</p>
Livelihood Plan	<p>A plan documenting a process of what will be done and by whom to address the impact and compensation mechanism for persons suffering economic displacement.</p>
Project-Affected Person (PAP)	<p><i>Project-Affected Persons</i> are persons on whom the project has a direct economic and social impact. The impact may be caused by the involuntary taking of land resulting in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) relocation or loss of shelter;</li> <li>b) loss of assets or access to assets;</li> <li>c) loss of income sources or means of livelihood whether or not the person should move to another location; or</li> <li>d) By the involuntary restriction of access to legally designated parks and protected areas resulting in adverse impacts on the livelihoods of the displaced persons.</li> </ul>
Replacement Cost	<p><i>Replacement cost</i> is defined as a method of valuation yielding compensation sufficient to replace assets, plus necessary transaction costs associated with asset replacement. Where functioning markets exist, replacement cost is the market value as established through independent and competent real estate valuation, plus transaction costs. Where functioning markets do not exist, replacement cost may be determined through alternative means, such as calculation of output value for land or productive assets, or the undepreciated value of replacement material and labour for construction of structures or other fixed assets, plus transaction costs. In all instances where physical displacement results in loss of shelter, replacement cost must at least be sufficient to enable purchase or construction of housing that meets acceptable minimum community standards of quality and safety. The valuation method for determining replacement cost should be documented and included in relevant resettlement planning documents. Transaction costs include administrative charges, registration or title fees, reasonable moving expenses, and any similar costs imposed on affected persons. To ensure compensation at replacement cost, planned compensation rates may require updating in project areas where inflation is high or the period of time between calculation of compensation rates and delivery of compensation is extensive.</p>
Resettlement	<p>Resettlement covers all direct economic and social losses resulting from land taking and restriction of access, together with the consequent compensatory and remedial measures.</p>
Resettlement Plan	<p>This is the planning document that describes what will be done to address the direct environmental, social, and economic impacts associated with involuntary taking of land.</p>
Replacement cost	<p>Replacement cost with respect to a particular eligibility category are the sum total of compensation and other forms of assistance provided to displaced persons in the respective eligibility category.</p>
Restrictions on land use	<p><i>Restrictions on land use</i> refers to limitations or prohibitions on the use of agricultural, residential, commercial or other land that are directly introduced and put into effect as part of the project. These may include restrictions on access to legally designated parks and protected areas, restrictions on access to other common property resources, restrictions on land use within utility easements or safety zones.</p>

Term	Definition
Stakeholder	<p><i>Stakeholder</i> refers to individuals or groups who:</p> <p>(a) are affected or likely to be affected by the project (<i>project-affected parties</i>); and</p> <p>(b) May have an interest in the project (<i>other interested parties</i>).</p>
WET	<p>A WET is a site selection decision support tool for identifying potential for water harvesting infrastructure on a broad spatial scale. The WET is operated in the open source QGIS environment and is a model concept based on the spatial analysis of available remote sensing data, the spatial overlay of up to 30 different thematic data layers</p>
Water Harvesting Explorer	<p>The ‘water harvesting explorer’ is a web tool that allows for exploration of opportunities for rainwater harvesting and water storage in the landscapes of the Western Sahel.</p>

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Project Context

1. The Food Systems Resilience Program (FSRP) is part of a regional initiative by the World Bank to provide a comprehensive framework to intervene at both the national and regional levels. This Multi-phase Programmatic Approach (MPA) aims to tackle the underlying structural challenges of food insecurity and reduce beneficiaries' vulnerability to unpredictable climate, crisis, and conflict events. It seeks to achieve this by rejuvenating Somaliland's agri-livestock research institutions, seed systems, and extension services and developing community institutions that can anchor adaptation of climate smart agri-livestock practices; strengthening the availability of water and improved rangelands management for resilient agriculture and livestock production; strengthen animal health services, strengthening the integration of the production systems to domestic and regional markets, with appropriate investments in food safety and value addition, and establishing an enabling policy and institutional framework capable of supporting food systems resilience for Somaliland at national and regional levels.
2. The Somaliland has been facing a record-breaking, multi-season drought before the start Gu' season in March 2023. The food security impacts of this protracted drought are being compounded by the global food crisis and the erosion of households' coping capacity. In October–December 2022, Somaliland experienced its fifth consecutive failed rainy season and harvest, driving down national food supply. The Food Systems Resilience Project seeks to build long term food systems resilience through investments in enabling infrastructure, institutional capacity, resilience enhancing innovations, and inclusion of women farmers into mainstream agriculture extension and service delivery. The project will contribute to improved productivity for key crop and livestock value chains, enhance access to climate smart inputs and technologies, support inclusive growth and job creation in agri-business sector, and build resilience against climate shocks through a range of adaptive and mitigation measures. The project will directly benefit an estimated 65,000 small farmers, agro-pastoralists and nomadic pastoralists, of which at least 30 percent will be female.
3. This Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) is developed by the Government of Somaliland (GoSL) for the Food Systems Resilience Project Phase (SL-FSRP P178566) to serve as a framework for identifying, addressing, and mitigating negative consequences that may arise due to the implementation of subprojects that include the involuntary acquisition of land and the subsequent resettlement of impacted families

## Project PDO and Components

The Project Development Objective (PDO) for SL-FSRP will be '**to increase the resilience of food systems and the Somaliland's preparedness for food insecurity in project target areas**'. Progress toward the PDO will be measured using five PDO indicators and intermediate indicators. All relevant indicators will be disaggregated by gender (men and women) and age (youth and adult). The project has four components namely: **Component 1:** (Re-)Building Resilient Agricultural Production Capacity; **Component 2:** Supporting the Sustainable Development of Natural Resources for Resilient Agricultural Landscapes; **Component 3:** Getting to Market; **Component 4:** Promoting a Greater Focus on Food Systems Resilience in National and Regional Policymaking; **Component 5:** Contingent Emergency Response Component; **Component 6:** Project Coordination and Management.

## **Project Beneficiaries**

4. The Somaliland FSRP will directly benefit an estimated 65, 000 of small farmers, agro-pastoralists, and nomadic pastoralists, at least 30 percent of which will be women. In addition, the project will support value chain stakeholders including women-owned agribusiness enterprises, financial services providers, DAT startups, and agricultural research and extension institutions. Within the public sector, the project will also build the capacity of MoAD, MoLRD and MoECC, and other institutions to implement resilience-focused policies. The latter is expected to indirectly benefit all agricultural stakeholders who have access to public services.

## **Project Institutional and Implementation Arrangement**

5. The Somaliland FSRP will be implemented by a designated project coordination unit (PCU), housed within the MoAD. The PCU will have strong representation from the Ministry of Livestock and Rural Development (MoLRD) and Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MoECC), and will be strengthened through the recruitment of additional core staff and consultants who will be made responsible for Project management tasks including administration, M&E, communication, procurement, financial management (FM), and environmental and social safeguards, as well as GBV and sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment (SEA/SH). Additionally, the project will contract dedicated subject matter specialists as required. The project will significantly benefit from implementation capacity developed under the Biyoole Project, that has performed moderately satisfactorily during the last couple of years.

6. Project implementation and coordination will be anchored by the Project Coordination Unit (PCU). The PCU will be a high-capacity multi-thematic unit comprising representatives from MoAD, MoLRD and MoECC. The PCU will also have thematic specialists to support various project components including but not limited to crop production specialists, animal health specialists, financial inclusion specialist, a digital agriculture specialist, a private sector specialist, and a gender specialist. Additionally, the PCU will have dedicated personnel for environmental and social safeguards, finance, security, gender, procurement, and monitoring and evaluation. Detailed terms of reference will be developed for each of these positions. The PCU positions be filled primarily through secondment from stakeholder ministries. In case suitable staff are unavailable, the project will recruit staff externally. If needed, the project will engage leading technical agencies and research institutions to backstop implementation capacity and technical training. The focus of these partnerships will be to build long-term institutional capacity within the stakeholder ministries through co-implementation, training, and capacity building.

7. At the community level, the project will engage existing as well as newly mobilized community institutions including CIGs, representative village level organizations, and FPOs as key implementation stakeholders.

8. As part of the implementation arrangements, the project may also put in place technical advisory committees at the Somaliland level. The latter would include representatives from producer cooperatives and organizations, the chamber of commerce, banking associations, livestock associations, and other private sector associations. The purpose of these technical advisory committees will be to bring in sectoral insights, coordinate investments, and build stakeholder feedback into project design and implementation. For investments at the local level, the project will engage in intensive community consultations in the design, validation, and implementation of activities. The project will leverage the network of institutions mobilized under the project as well as pre-existing community forums to identify and prioritize

investments. To the extent possible, PCU will engage in multi-ministerial visits to assess the multi-sectoral needs of communities and develop local investment plans.

### **Purpose of the Framework**

9. This RPF was created as one of the Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) instruments required to manage the SL-FSRP Project's environmental and social (E&S) risks and consequences. Land acquisition, restriction on land use, and involuntary resettlement are all covered by the *World Bank's Environmental and Social Standard 5 (ESS5)*, which states that project-related land purchase and restrictions on land use can have negative consequences for communities and individuals. This RPF will serve as a framework for identifying, addressing, and mitigating negative consequences that may arise due to the implementation of subprojects that include the involuntary acquisition of land and the subsequent resettlement of impacted families. The Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) is the most appropriate instrument to guide resettlement activities under the project since the subproject sites have not been specified and the Project Affected Parties (PAPs) have not been identified. The project will create site-specific Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) or Livelihood Plans (LPs), and government mediated and community led land agreements after subproject locations are determined and essential information becomes available. Literature research and stakeholder consultations were used to develop this RPF.

10. Issues relating to land, land tenure, and land utilization in Somaliland have always been delicate. The land tenure system in Somaliland is now governed by the Government of Somaliland, Islamic shariah, and customary Xeer law. While there are commonalities across Somaliland's land tenure systems, there are significant variances between rural and urban areas, particularly the major towns. Furthermore, there are substantial distinctions between pastoral lands, where collective ownership is predominant, and urban and cultivated fields, where individual land ownership has a long history. The Somaliland Government lack the authority to manage and administer land throughout the country and across all land classifications. A plethora of ministries and entities with mandates to lead on various land-related issues are currently in place. In terms of land and gender, women's ownership remains a significant barrier, owing to practices and norms that deny women ownership rights. While Islamic Shariah doesn't discriminate women, habits frequently do. There is a gap between Somaliland laws and regulations and the World Bank's Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) and Standards (ESSs); hence the project will apply the WB standards on land as well as applying the Somaliland land, environmental and social policies to build national institutional framework.

11. Considering this project will be implemented primarily in rural areas where land is communal or unregistered and may be subject to multiple claims - from the government, private sector, and communities - the primary approach will be through mediated-State approach to community-led land contributions. Acquisition and compensation processes will be required if assets are destroyed, or livelihoods are affected.

12. Stakeholders will be engaged through appropriate channels depending on the target audience, including disadvantaged groups. These will be defined in each area but could include: FM radio stations, websites, government reports and speeches, community meetings, social media, toll-free telephone lines, leaflets or brochures. The project will ensure that stakeholders are engaged, consulted, and given accurate and timely information including on the project grievance mechanism. Any project affected persons (PAPs) will be identified, a census will be undertaken for resettlement purposes, and all parties involved

will agree on land agreements or land acquisition and compensation mechanisms. Minority groups, internally displaced persons (IDPs), women, persons living with disabilities (PLWDs), and nomadic communities that use land will all be recognized and consulted. The project Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) will guide stakeholder engagement.

13. At the national, district and community levels, the project will develop structures for grievance mechanisms (GM) and processes to provide PAPs, including disadvantaged groups, with accessible and inclusive means to raise issues and grievances, as well as to allow the respective government to respond to and manage such grievances. Grievances can arise during the resettlement process, including during the consultation process, the composition of local committees leading community mobilization, the identification of eligible beneficiaries, compensation rates, resettlement site locations, and the quality of services at new sites among other things. Stakeholders, including PAPs, recruited workers, and vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, would be informed about the GM through suitable means.

14. The implementation methods, outputs, and impacts of the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) and/or the Livelihood Plan (LP) will be monitored and assessed. The goal will be to assess the efficacy of implementation, including resettlement progress, compensation disbursement, public consultation and involvement effectiveness, and the long-term viability (sustainability) of livelihood restoration and development initiatives among the PAPs. This will make it easier to identify problems and successes quickly and alter implementation plans as needed. The PAPs will be part of the monitoring and assessment process.

15. The social specialist will manage the RPF process. They will be supported by land/valuation experts to be hired to provide leadership in all matters to prepare and implement the subproject RAPs. The Project Coordinator at the Project Coordination Unit (PCU) and the Project focal points at the Ministerial Project Implementation Units (PIUs) will be responsible for ensuring the scoping, social screening, valuation, and compensation is done before the roll-out of project activities. The GM system will be activated, and communities will be sensitised to channel their complaints and to whom. Principles of inclusion, transparency, and accountability will guide the RAP processes.

# CHAPTER 1 - INTRODUCTION

## 1.1. Background

16. The Government of Somaliland (GoSL) developed this Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) for the World Bank-funded program known as the “**Food Systems Resilience Project (SL-FSRP)**”. The RPF will serve as one of the environmental and social (E&S) instruments required to address and manage E&S impacts associated with the **SL-FSRP** Project under the World Bank’s Environmental and Social Framework (ESF).

17. The vulnerability to several natural hazards, including drought and floods, and is projected to be at even greater risk in the future due to climate change. The climate is mainly arid to semi-arid, and has one of the highest inter-annual variations of rainfall in Africa. It is this variability that influences pastoral and agro-pastoral production systems. Notably, elders, pastoralists and agro-pastoralist communities surveyed in 2013 expressed that predicting seasons has become harder.<sup>1</sup> The country is prone to recurring droughts, having experienced 14 since the 1960s, at least one every four years, which have caused severe food insecurity. Historical trends show droughts occurring regularly at intervals of two or three years in the deyr season and eight or 10 years in consecutive deyr and gu seasons, not only extending seasonal hardships, but also contributing to land degradation, which severely reduces agricultural production.

18. The economy of Somaliland is largely natural resources dependent, with agriculture, livestock and fisheries contributing over 70 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP). Somaliland encompasses large areas suitable for livestock grazing, browsing, and fodder production; fertile alluvial soils for staple cereals, oil seeds, legumes, and horticulture crops; forests that provide prized gums and resins, as well as charcoal for cooking. The agriculture and livestock sectors are dependent on water of sufficient quantity, quality, and affordability. Many rural pastoral and agro-pastoral earn their living from agriculture (notably animal husbandry and crop farming). However, water scarcity has led to widespread crop devastation as well as livestock and human deaths.

19. The Somaliland has been facing a record-breaking, multi-season drought before the start Gu’ season in March 2023. The food security impacts of this protracted drought are being compounded by the global food crisis and the erosion of households’ coping capacity. In October–December 2022, Somaliland experienced its fifth consecutive failed rainy season and harvest, driving down national food supply. Household coping capacity has further been undermined by conflict and displacement as well as the loss of livestock. Since mid-2021, over 3 million heads of ruminant livestock are estimated to have died from the drought. As per the latest IPC analysis, approximately 8.3 million people across Somaliland are expected to face “crisis-levels” of food insecurity (IPC Phase 3), or worse, between April and June 2023.<sup>2</sup> This unprecedented level of need is in large part owed to the five consecutive seasons of poor rainfall it has faced, with a sixth season of below-average rainfall expected from March–June 2023. Furthermore, approximately 1.8 million or nearly 55 percent of children are expected to be acutely malnourished in the

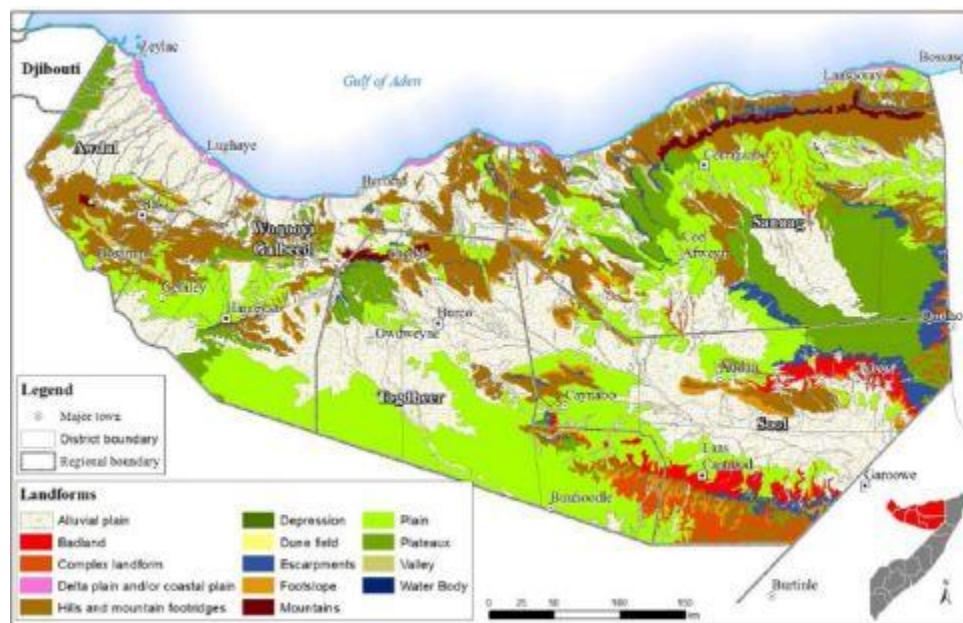
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<sup>1</sup>Eklöw, K. and Krampe, F. (2019) Climate-related security risks and peacebuilding in Somaliland, SIPRI Policy Paper 53, October 2019 [https://www.sipri.org/sites/default/files/2019-10/sipripp53\\_2.pdf](https://www.sipri.org/sites/default/files/2019-10/sipripp53_2.pdf) [accessed 1 March 2022]

<sup>2</sup>[https://www.ipcinfo.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/ipcinfo/docs/Multi-Partner-Technical-Release-on-Updated-IPC-Analysis-for-Somalia-for-October-2022-to-June-2023-Final-\(English\)-13-Dec-2022.pdf](https://www.ipcinfo.org/fileadmin/user_upload/ipcinfo/docs/Multi-Partner-Technical-Release-on-Updated-IPC-Analysis-for-Somalia-for-October-2022-to-June-2023-Final-(English)-13-Dec-2022.pdf)

August 2022–July 2023 timeframe. Food systems is increasingly challenged by the uncertainty and variability of weather caused by climate change, including an increased intensity of pest and diseases. In 2020, the hotter weather conditions gave rise to the worst outbreak of desert locust swarms in over 25 years, destroying tens of thousands of hectares of cropland and pastures and thus posing a major threat to food security. The associated increases in rainfall variability, the frequency and intensity of droughts, and the pest and disease pressures are already depressing crop yields and food production. Similarly, main climatic hazards (e.g., extreme temperatures and variable precipitation) are already having significant impacts on the livestock sector, resulting in disease outbreaks, increased mortality and reduced productivity. In turn, the loss of land productivity is driving land clearing, which in turn is fueling a vicious cycle of land degradation and climate vulnerability, while contributing to global greenhouse gas emissions. Adding to the challenging context are the weakened conditions of productive infrastructure and public services. These factors limit risk management and climate change adaptation capacities of the population, particularly smallholder farmers, agro-pastoralists and nomadic pastoralists.

20. Somaliland is highly vulnerable and impacted by climate change with high reliance on natural resources for productive livelihoods. Climate change affected water sector in many ways. Seasonal variability affected supply and demand, and planning. It present operational challenges when planning for the water resources including during emergencies and disasters. High temperatures resulted increased loss of water through evapotranspiration. Increase in demographics will also increase demand which results into resource-based conflict which is already rampant in Somaliland. Drought resulted to reduced productivity and livelihoods and food insecurity. The effects of climate change are having serious consequences on the livelihood of Somaliland citizens since more than seventy percent of Somaliland's population is heavily dependent on climate-sensitive natural resources including animal husbandry and rain-fed agriculture.



**Figure 1: Somaliland Land Resources Map**

## **1.2. Sectoral and Institutional Context**

**Agriculture sector (including livestock production and livestock exports, crop production, and fisheries) is Somaliland's largest economic sector, the largest employer, and the largest driver of exports.** Somaliland's agriculture is dominated by subsistence farming, mainly dependant on traditional small-scale sorghum-based dryland agriculture (mono-cropping), although maize is also grown, especially in years with better rainfall. Mono-cropping has made soil less productive and is one of the attributed factors to land degradation in traditional farmlands. Most agriculture related programmes focus on emergency response and resilience enhancement, with very few working on agricultural development. Sorghum is the dominant crop in Somaliland, taking up about 70 percent of the rain-fed farmlands. Another 25 percent is covered by maize, mainly grown as food for human consumption. Other crops are cowpea, sesame, watermelon, millet, groundnut, and beans. Around 20-25 percent of the Somaliland population depends directly on the agriculture sector for their livelihoods and means of employment, particularly in rural settings. Crop production contributes to only 10 percent of cereal consumption in Somaliland (MoPND, 2023).

**21. Livestock sector while showing remarkable resilience, faces several challenges in sustaining growth.** Somaliland has a large livestock population estimated at 18.6 million, consisting mainly of camels, sheep and goats, and cattle. Livestock is a valuable asset for the national economy, contributing in most years to more than 80 percent of foreign exchange earnings. It plays a crucial role in rural poverty reduction with significant effects on the livelihoods of people in rural areas. As such, there is a strong case to invest in the development of the livestock value chain. Livestock exports represent about 80-90 percent of the total value of all exported goods and services of Somaliland, indicating their importance. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), Yemen, Oman, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are the main destinations for Somaliland livestock exports. The bulk of the live animals being exported are small ruminants (sheep and goats). Saudi Arabia is the main destination for these animals, with 70 percent of the exports taking place during the Hajj season. Based on health grounds, Saudi Arabia imposed a ban on imports between November 2016 and May 2020, based on claims that it found Rift Valley Fever (RVF) in Somali livestock. A second import ban was instituted in March 2020 following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and was ended in December 2022. Over the same period, stable numbers of live animals were slaughtered annually for domestic consumption in the seven urban slaughterhouses (approximately 530,000 goats and sheep, 23,000 camels, and 18,000 cattle per year). In the domestic market, the negative impact of the drought was compensated by the fact that more animals were available for the domestic market due to the Saudi Arabia import ban (MoPND, 2023).

**22. Reviving the crop and livestock sectors will require major investments in research, extension, value addition, and market infrastructure.** The existing service delivery ecosystem for value chain stakeholders in Somaliland is plagued by limited investment in infrastructure and technical drivers such as research and extension services, improved seed varieties and irrigation infrastructure. For the last decades, there have been no research or extension services to support crop improvement programmes and the production of improved seed varieties. Furthermore, there is limited agro-processing and value addition in almost all aspects of the food systems. In the livestock sector, there is a lack of adequate fodder production, animal fattening and processing facilities, cold chains and hides and skins processing. It will also be critical to invest in building institutional capacity for undertaking adaptive research and extension services, developing agriculture policy and regulations, and promoting linkages in the agriculture value chains. Development of locally suited drought resilient food and fodder crops through adaptation trials in

conjunction with conservation and energy efficient agriculture systems can boost value chain efficiencies in both crop and livestock sectors.

**23. Meaningful inclusion of women farmers in all aspects of value chains will be essential for resilient food systems.** In Somaliland urban households are on average larger than rural households—a household in urban Somaliland has on average 6.7 members while the rural households have on average 6.1 members—but in both urban and rural areas poor households have more members on average. A poor household in urban Somaliland has 7.8 members compared to 6.3 members in a non-poor household (Ministry of Planning and National Development, 2022). Women make up 57% of the workforce in agriculture and pastoralism (both of which constitute nearly 70% of the local economy). They are significantly involved in trading and commerce, from micro-enterprises to large-scale businesses. While the women butcher and sell small ruminants (goat and sheep), they make up most of the fruit and vegetable vendors. Women are also engaged in the sale of local imported goods (e.g. rice, sugar, wheat, sorghum, etc.). Their employment options are limited by low levels of education; and (d) Health: Poverty, food insecurity, and environmental degradation have a disproportionate impact on rural women, not only due to their inferior socioeconomic, legal and political status, but also due to their critical roles as both producers and household managers and as a result of growing labor shortages due to male out-migration. Women are more malnourished than men and also less food secure. FAO surveys found that households dependent on women for food or income to buy food are over-represented in the category of households with poor food consumption, few income sources, and assets.<sup>3</sup>

**24. There are significant gaps in resources and institutional capacity at national level.** There is a significant vacuum in the policy functions, monitoring, and essential economic services normally provided by government. Building long term capacity of stakeholder ministries at national and state level will be crucial towards building a sustainable enabling policy environment, delivery systems and sectoral oversight capabilities.

**25. Scaling up of Digital extension and advisory services can enable Somaliland to leapfrog infrastructure challenges while bridging inclusion gaps by democratizing access to information.** Digital advisory bundled with climate information, best practices, peer learning networks, insurance and other financial services can incentivize adoption of climate-smart technologies and practices. Somaliland has an expanding private sector with sophisticated and growing use of digital technologies. However, there are little to no investments in building enabling ecosystems to nurture digital solutions and innovations. A multi-stakeholder platform that brings together the most relevant Agri-tech solutions, public sector stakeholders and small-holder farmers can boost the scale of ICT in agriculture extension and advisory services. The project will work towards building an enabling digital farmer solutions ecosystem.

### **1.3. Relevance to Higher Level Objectives**

**26. Agriculture and Livestock is a top policy priority at national level by making the production sector a pillar for Somaliland’s national development.** During the latest National Development Plan III (NDP-3) 2023-2027 consultations, production sector (livestock, agriculture and fisheries) was accorded as the top priority sector at national level. Chapter 8 of the National Development Plan for 2023 – 2027 (NDP-3) is the largest and most ambitious component. It calls for agriculture and livestock development strategies and interventions to maximize progress. At the heart of component is the intent to transform the economy by improving the resilience of traditional livestock and crop production industries to better meet

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<sup>3</sup> FAO (2021) pg. 20.

growing challenges from droughts, floods and climate change, while at the same time inducing private sector growth to broaden and sustain the growth base and provide greater employment opportunities.

**27. The project will build long term institutional capacity at national and state level and strengthens government systems for effective delivery of services and oversight.** Relative to the other main actors supporting resilience building efforts that are heavily reliant on non-government organization, the World Bank's comparative advantage in Somaliland has been to strengthen institutions at the national and subnational levels, through supporting the establishment of clear norms and standards mostly by channeling funds through government systems. This project continues to build on that approach and will work towards substantially strengthening the capacity of MoAD, MoECC and MoLRD and stakeholder ministries at the national level.

**28. The proposed project contributes to higher-level objectives consistent with the World Bank's twin goals of ending extreme poverty and promoting shared prosperity.** The project seeks to build long term food systems resilience through investments in enabling infrastructure, institutional capacity, resilience enhancing innovations, and inclusion of women farmers into mainstream agriculture extension and service delivery. The project will contribute to improved productivity for key crop and livestock value chains, enhance access to climate smart inputs and technologies, support inclusive growth and job creation in agri-business sector, and build resilience against climate shocks through a range of adaptive and mitigation measures. The project is aligned with the World Bank's Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) by promoting a low-carbon and climate resilient development approach as well as the World Bank's Green, Resilient, and Inclusive Development (GRID) approach, which addresses the risks to people, the planet, and the economy in an integrated manner and tailored to needs.

## CHAPTER 2 - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

### 2.1. Project Development Objective

29. The Project Development Objective (PDO) for SL-FSRP will be **'to increase the resilience of food systems and the Somaliland's preparedness for food insecurity in project target areas.** Progress toward the PDO will be measured using five PDO indicators and intermediate indicators. All relevant indicators will be disaggregated by gender (men and women) and age (youth and adult).

### 2.2. Project Description

30. **Somaliland FSRP will support investments across 5 Is- Infrastructure, Institutional Capacity, Innovation, Inclusion, and Integration to comprehensively address food systems resilience.**

- a) **Infrastructure investments** at various levels of value chains including but not limited to support for revival of flagship agriculture and livestock research institutions, automated weather stations and early warning systems, small scale irrigation infrastructure, produce testing and certification facilities for export-oriented commodities, value addition and processing infrastructure, and post-harvest storage and cold chains. These infrastructure investments are envisaged as foundational to the agenda of food systems resilience.
- b) **Institutional Capacity building** at various levels including farmer institutions, staffs of stakeholder ministries at national level, and stakeholder institutions including private sector players and enterprises in key value chains. This will enable key institutions to play sectoral leadership roles at various levels.
- c) **Innovation** at various levels including support for development of climate resilient breeds and inputs, digitally enabled information and extension services, development of locally relevant and climate smart technologies, innovations and management practices (TIMPs), scaling up innovations through technology transfer and demonstrations at community level, new age conservation agriculture approaches, innovations in rangeland management and sustainable charcoal production, development of new fodder varieties, innovative intensification of livestock production systems, low cost innovations in post-harvest storage, and traceability systems in livestock and livestock products.
- d) **Inclusion** through intentional investments at all levels comprising of support for inclusive farmer institutions and producer organizations, inclusive extension and advisory services, support for inclusive access to finance, integration into markets through digital channels, and incubation support for women owned value chain enterprises.
- e) **Integration** with and building on existing or completed investments that support resilience building including but not limited to the Biyoole and Barwaalo project investments into water infrastructure, Horn of Africa Groundwater project investments, Livestock sector investments being undertaken in the De-risking, Inclusion and Value Enhancement of Pastoral Economies in the Horn of Africa (DRIVE) project, and enterprise support investments in the Somalia Capacity Advancement, Livelihoods and Entrepreneurship Digital Uplift Project (SCALED-UP) project.

31. The project will support investments in building resilient food systems in Somaliland, through four primary investment pathways; i) rejuvenating Somaliland's agri-livestock research institutions, seed

systems, extension services, and develop community institutions that can anchor adaptation of climate smart agri-livestock practices, ii) strengthening the availability of water and improved rangelands management for resilient agriculture and livestock production, iii) strengthening the integration of the production systems to domestic and regional markets, with appropriate investments in food safety and value addition, and iv) establishing an enabling policy and institutional framework at sub-national, national and regional level capable of supporting food systems resilience for Somaliland. To support these investment pathways, SL-FSRP comprises of five technical components in addition to the Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC). The project components, sub-components and resource allocation is outlined below:

**Table 1: Summary Project Components and Budget**

Component/Subcomponent	TOTAL
<b>Component 1: (Re-)Building Resilient Agricultural Production Capacity (US\$4.8 m)</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<i>Subcomponent 1.1 Crop and Livestock Research, Extension, and Seed Systems (US\$2.2 m)</i>	2.2
<i>Subcomponent 1.2: Community Engagement and Technology Transfer (US\$1.4 m)</i>	1.4
<i>Subcomponent 1.3: Digital Agriculture and Environment Solutions and Data Systems (US\$1.2 m)</i>	1.2
<b>Component 2: Supporting the Sustainable Development of Natural Resources for Resilient Agricultural Landscapes (US\$6 m)</b>	<b>6</b>
<i>Subcomponent 2.1: Water Availability for Crops and Livestock (US\$4.6 m)</i>	4.6
<i>Subcomponent 2.2: Rangeland Management (US\$1.4 m)</i>	1.4
<b>Component 3: Getting to Market (US\$2.4 m)</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<i>Subcomponent 3.1: Farmer Producer Organizations and Agrifood Enterprises (US\$0.6 m)</i>	0.6
<i>Subcomponent 3.2: Market Infrastructure and Enterprise Development (US\$1.2 m)</i>	1.2
<i>Subcomponent 3.3: Access to Finance (US\$ 0.6 m)</i>	0.6
<b>Component 4: Promoting a Greater Focus on Food Systems Resilience in National and Regional Policymaking (US\$3 m)</b>	<b>3.0</b>

<i>Subcomponent 4.1 Ministerial Capacity Building and Agrifood Policy Assessments for the Crop Sector (US\$1.0 m)</i>	1.0
<i>Subcomponent 4.2: Ministerial Capacity Building and Agrifood Policy Assessments for the Livestock Sector (US\$1.0 m)</i>	1.0
<i>Subcomponent 4.3: Ministerial Capacity Building and Rangeland Policy Assessments for the Environment Sector (US\$1.0m)</i>	1.0
<b>Component 5: Contingent Emergency Response Component (US\$0)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Component 6: Project Management (US\$1.8 m)</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<i>Subcomponent 6.1: Project Coordination and Management (US\$1.6m)</i>	1.6
<i>Subcomponent 6.2: Monitoring and Evaluation (US\$0.2)</i>	0.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>

**32. Component 1: (Re-)Building Resilient Agricultural Production Capacity:** This component is focused on strengthening the foundations of resilient agricultural production by building the capacity of Somaliland's crop and livestock research institutions, its seed and breeding systems, and its extension and advisory services to better cater to small farmers on a large scale.

**33. Subcomponent 1.1: Crop and Livestock Research, Extension, and Seed Systems:** This subcomponent will build the capacity of Somaliland's research, extension, and seed systems by: (a) helping leading crop and livestock research institutions upgrade their research infrastructure (informed by climate design standards, taking into consideration renewable energy use) for testing, providing certification services and technical training capacity on research related to climate-resilient practices (addressing climate vulnerabilities as recurrent droughts and land degradation)<sup>4</sup>, while reducing GHG emissions of the crop and livestock sectors; (b) upgrading crop extension infrastructure including soil testing, early warning, and weather and market information systems; (c) expanding the network of epidemiology and data management units (EDMUs); (d) strengthening public veterinary services including supporting mass vaccination campaigns to address transboundary animal diseases (TADs). As climate change have a significant impact on animal health and diseases, including diseases outbreaks due to extreme temperatures, and vector-borne diseases, this activity will address these challenges by preventing and promptly responding to livestock diseases outbreaks, while providing access to improved animal housing, disease surveillance and control, and enhanced veterinary services; (e) strengthening seed systems through large scale field trials of drought-tolerant and high-yielding varieties; (f) developing new and existing climate-adapted seed certification capacity; (g) building the capacity of climate-adapted seed grower groups and strengthening their linkages to agro-dealers; (h) developing and validating climate-smart and gender sensitive technologies, innovations, and management practices (TIMPs); and (i)

<sup>4</sup> FAO (2022) Somalia Country Profile. Available at: <https://www.fao.org/3/cc0074en/cc0074en.pdf>

integrating climate smart TIMPs into extension content delivered through the public and community-based extension systems.

34. In relation to crop farming, the project will support establishment of seed multiplication centers and fruit tree nurseries. For livestock, the project will help operationalizing Wajaale livestock centre of excellence for adaptive research and demonstration of fodder varieties and experiments, fodder seed multiplication, and seed storage facility. It will also support operationalization of Artificial Insemination Center (AIC) for breed improvement, which will anchor research and extension, and good animal husbandry practices, animal health and disease surveillance, and herd management, and handle the accreditation and supervision of educational institutions for veterinary science and animal husbandry. Scholarships for technical education will be awarded each year to strengthen human resources. The prioritization of investments in research institutions will be guided by comprehensive technical assessments, while investments in public veterinary services will be identified by World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) assessment. The FSRP will take into account the work being done by other regional and national research institutions such as the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), the Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO), and the Ethiopian Agriculture Transformation Institute (ATI).

35. The subcomponent will invest in research on areas such as low-carbon technologies, which are instrumental to achieving full decarbonization, as well as climate-smart technologies and extension services that will build climate resilience and reduce emissions (e.g., seeds with enhanced yields will lead to more efficient use of land, reducing the need for land-clearing and subsequent emissions from deforestation). Moreover, improved seeds, drought-tolerant or with other climate-resilient traits, will also reduce emissions by reducing the need for inputs such as irrigation, fertilizer, and pesticides. This subcomponent will provide training on best management practices, such as improved feed and animal health, that can lead to increased animal productivity and reduced emissions per unit produced in the country.

36. ***Subcomponent 1.2: Community Engagement and Technology Transfer:*** This subcomponent will support: (a) crop and livestock producers' capacity for collective action; (b) build their capacity to adopt climate-smart agriculture (CSA) technologies and management practices; and (c) recover from climate shock-related asset losses and establish a strong community-based extension system. The project will build producers' capacity for collective action by supporting the mobilization of farmers, agro-pastoralists, and pastoralists into common interest groups (CIGs), placing a strong emphasis on the inclusion of women and young smallholder farmers. Each CIG will comprise 15–25 producers from a given value chain and will be intensively trained and supported to identify key challenges within their value chain and undertake micro-projects involving the adoption of climate-smart TIMPs. The latter could, for example, involve the demonstration and adoption of conservation agriculture, drip irrigation, and other water conservation techniques, or the timely planting and use of early-maturing and drought-tolerant varieties. The project will support development of strategic action plan to double up the existing Farmer Field Schools (FFS) to increase the number of farmer groups in CIGs which will act as local nodes linking producers to producer organizations involved in marketing crop and livestock products. The project will also support establishment of village development committee (including water harvesting subcommittee, conflict and resolution subcommittee) to support the work of CIGs.

37. The project will build farmer knowledge and capacity to adopt climate-smart TIMPs by supporting the scaled-up deployment of FFSs and agro-pastoralist field schools (APFSs), demonstration plots, and community-based extension services. The project will support a hybrid extension approach wherein lead farmers or community-based facilitators will be identified within farmer groups and further trained through Training of Trainers (TOTs) to facilitate FFSs or APFSs locally. These community-based

extensionists will be backstopped by public extension officers through phone and (bi-)monthly visits. Every FFS will be supported to develop demonstration plots and become the epicenter of extension service delivery, training farmers on climate smart TIMPs, and supporting adaptive research and field trial activities. The community-based facilitators will be supported to evolve into digitally enabled local agro-entrepreneurs offering producers a range of support services. Additionally, the project will support asset restoration for farmers and pastoralists affected by climate-related shocks, including small-scale animal restocking, the purchase of seasonal inputs and community-based assets.

**38. Subcomponent 1.3: Digital Agriculture and Rangeland Solutions and Data Systems:** This subcomponent will support: (a) the development of a national database of farmers and pastoralists that will enable more data-driven policymaking; (b) the expansion of the livestock identification and traceability system initiated under the DRIVE project; (c) the development of a national digital climate advisory system (DCAS) serving registered farmers, with a special focus on women; (d) the development, or incubation, of disruptive agriculture technology (DAT) platform, including hydromet data to increase producers' resilience to extreme weather events and other climate vulnerabilities such as climate variability and unpredictability of rain that drives production losses in crops and livestock; (e) the mapping of emerging digital solutions in Somaliland's agricultural sector, and the selective scaling up of promising ones, leveraging the national farmer registry and DCAS to inform farmers of available digital technologies and services. Supported DAT solutions will include ones that offer farmers customized, demand-driven and climate informed advisory services (e.g., related to climate-adapted seeds and livestock production systems), support access to financial services including climate risk management.

39. The project will support the establishment of Agriculture Data Base Management Center and support a number of surveys and assessments including crop yield assessment, arable land survey, rangeland data systems, assessment of productivity irrigated and rainfed farms, assessment of crop data, and livestock population census survey.

**40. Component 2: Supporting the Sustainable Development of Natural Resources for Resilient Agricultural Landscapes.** This component aims to enhance water availability for crop and livestock value chains and support rangeland rejuvenation and management. It will be implemented in coordination with ongoing World Bank-financed projects that share these objectives. For example, the Project will complement activities carried out under other projects in water infrastructure development<sup>5</sup>, mainly through its investments in energy efficient water pumping, and promotion of climate-smart crop and livestock farming practices around farmer fields near already established water points.<sup>6</sup>

**41. Subcomponent 2.1: Water Availability for Crops and Livestock:** This subcomponent will enhance water availability for crop and livestock production by: (a) building and rehabilitating water collection and management infrastructure; and (b) helping to improve its management by users and communities. The project will enhance small water works in both rainfed and irrigated areas, working with CIGs and community groups to identify hardware investment needs, and supporting participatory planning processes at the ministry and community levels to prioritize infrastructure investments. In rainfed areas, the project will invest in complementing efforts of other ongoing, as well as in developing multipurpose water harvesting and water catchment structures. These may include solar pumping solutions, irrigation networks extending from rainwater harvesting reservoirs to farmers' fields, and conservation agriculture technologies such as drip irrigation. In improved irrigation zones, the project will fund farmer-led fodder

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<sup>5</sup> Mainly Biyoole, Barwaqo, and Horn of Africa Groundwater projects.

<sup>6</sup> Any activities that involve the use or potential pollution of international waterways, i.e., Juba- Shebelle system and connected aquifers, will not be eligible for Project financing. The POM will reflect this as part of the eligibility criteria.

production efforts as well as the introduction of energy saving and water-use efficient technologies and devices, and equipment used in spate irrigation and, construction of check dams, gabions, contour bunding and terracing to reduce soil erosion. Weir will also be constructed, and canal rehabilitated to improve fodder and seed production. Water harvesting infrastructure including Balleys. Sand dams and construction of shallow wells around the torrential rivers will be built to increase livestock and crop productivity. Finally, to improve water management by communities, the project will build the capacity of water users' associations and other community organizations and facilitate the development of detailed plans to govern the operation and maintenance of community-based water works and multi-use water points. It will also identify and disseminate climate-smart practices already used locally to mitigate the evaporation of water and siltation. Proposed infrastructure will be informed by climate-resilient standard considerations for design and construction.

**42. Subcomponent 2.2: Rangeland Management:** This subcomponent will contribute to restoring degraded rangelands by supporting: (a) large-scale reforestation efforts around pastoral and agropastoral settlements; (b) community-based rangeland management practices; (c) sustainable rangeland-based livelihoods, including key activities to mitigate climate change (including the creation of new rotational grazing reserves, soil conservation, and agroforestry, increasing soil carbon sequestration) and enhancing climate resilience (including improving water conservation through pasture pitting coupled with re-seeding of declining grass species, diversifying rainfed crops and livestock production systems) to help pastoralists and agropastoralists overcoming vulnerabilities to the recurrent drought-related shocks; (d) and extensive fodder production and storage which will address further climate vulnerabilities related to uneven seasonal rainfall. To support large-scale reforestation, afforestation, and pasture re-seeding efforts, the project will make use of drought-resistant, fast-growing, and nitrogen-fixing grasses and forage varieties identified and validated by crop research institutions.

43. To help communities sustainably manage their natural resources, the project will provide technical assistance to Common Interest Groups (CIGs) and other community institutions to address several climate vulnerabilities, such as soil-erosion, developing and effectively managing micro-catchments, which can help improve water filtration, enhance soil moisture retention and reduce soil erosion in rangelands. Project will establish rangeland and forestry association to build community capacity for sustainable rangeland management. It will also establish community groups among frankincense producers to promote sustainable tapping and harvesting. A range of training and awareness campaigns, and provision of necessary tools and equipment all aimed at promoting sustainable rangeland and forestry management practices at a community-level will be channeled through the CIGs. Women will be empowered to actively participate all project activities through a proper representation in CIGs. Furthermore, the project will support applied research on approaches to rangeland rehabilitation, including opportunities for resting pastureland, deferring (delaying) grazing, and configurations and uses of water points that help prevent overgrazing. To support rangeland-based livelihoods<sup>7</sup>, the project will incubate enterprises and technically assist private sector players making sustainable and productive uses of local resources to develop viable business models. As part of this, the project will promote the utilization of invasive *Prosopis juliflora* to produce charcoal and other marketable products. To promote rangeland-compatible water management and fodder production practices, the project will support the development of community-driven enforcement of rotational grazing regime, the distribution of drought-resistant seeds to fodder production groups and enterprises, improvements in fodder and feed productivity, and aggregation, processing, and storage capacity.

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44. The subcomponent includes agropastoral farming activities that contribute to increasing the carbon stock in the soil. Agroforestry, reforestation, restoration of degraded lands can provide GHG emission reduction and improved carbon sequestration. Mitigation opportunities lie in improving or restoring watershed functions through activities such as afforestation and protected area management that also restore soil carbon pools; developing guidelines on watershed management and erosion control; developing a long-term watershed conservation and restoration plan that aims to achieve in sustainable soil aggregation, land restoration, and reforestation in target areas. Additionally, this subcomponent includes activities that improves carbon sequestration through sustainable rangeland management practices.

45. **Component 3: Getting to Market:** This component will strengthen the agriculture and livestock sector's market orientation, helping it cater to both domestic and regional markets. It will do this by supporting existing and new farmer producer organizations (FPOs)<sup>8</sup> and agrifood enterprises, the development and upgrading of market infrastructure and export-oriented testing and certification capacity, and rural producers' access to savings and credit services.

46. **Subcomponent 3.1: Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO) and Agrifood Enterprises:** This subcomponent will work with private, market-facing organizations, helping to: (a) establish and strengthen existing FPOs; and (b) develop small and medium agrifood enterprises. FPOs will be selected to receive project support based on their business performance, inclusiveness, technical and managerial capacity and, as a priority criterion, the adoption of CSA technologies and practices in their plans. FPOs will receive "inclusion grants" to expand their membership, digitize their operations, strengthen their governance and management systems, and prepare bankable enterprise development plans (EDPs). FPOs with strong EDPs may receive a matching grant to expand their processing, value-addition and marketing activities, as well as strengthening their ability to include the adoption of CSA technologies. The subcomponent will build the capacity of small and medium agrifood enterprises for value addition, marketing, and branding by providing them with matching grants, and technical assistance, linking them to CIGs and FPOs, and helping them develop climate-informed business plans to access commercial lines of credit and other financial services. FPOs can provide farmers with access to up-to-date information and knowledge about best practices for adapting to changing climatic conditions, such as drought-resistant crops, irrigation technologies, and soil conservation methods. Additionally, they provide peer-to-peer learning experiences and improved access to diversified markets. Enterprises selected for support will have to demonstrate potential the adoption of climate smart practices, job creation, and co-financing. Value chain assessments will be carried out in every region to identify and target value chains based on where the greatest market opportunities lie, including opportunities for value addition, productivity enhancement, and the inclusion of women and youth.

47. **Subcomponent 3.2: Market Infrastructure and Enterprise Development:** Using a cluster-inspired approach, this subcomponent will support the safety and marketability of crop and livestock products, including for export, by: (a) developing and upgrading physical infrastructure and quality assurance services, and (b) training value chain actors on food safety. Under this subcomponent, the project will broadly adhere to the One Health approach, investing in improved market climate-resilient facilities supporting enhanced productivity, reduced post-harvest losses, greater use of renewable energy, and increased value of the products, while at the same addressing climate vulnerabilities to extreme weather conditions or energy disruption for producers. Facilities helping to improve the handling of crop and

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<sup>8</sup> FPO refer to both farmer and livestock producer organizations

livestock products, mitigating post-harvest losses and food contamination, and facilitating adherence to SPS standards will be also invested. The project will support value chain actors' adherence to SPS and other food safety standards by working with CIGs, agro-processors, and exporters, and training them on safe food handling best practices and standards. This subcomponent will invest in technologies helping avoiding food losses along the value chain. To address this issue, improving market access and product transportation is key to reducing post-harvest losses. By doing so, GHG emissions along the food supply chain can be reduced.

48. Infrastructure and service upgrades will be supported through direct investments and the development of public-private partnerships (PPPs) and target climate-resilient infrastructure and services used in post-harvest handling<sup>9</sup>, storage, transportation, and testing and certification of agricultural products. The infrastructural investments may include rural trunk and feeder roads<sup>10</sup>; cold storage; facilities and associated services used to trade live animals (such as holding grounds and veterinary health-certification services) and animal products (slaughterhouses and meat processing facilities); and grading, sorting, processing, and storage facilities. The project will specifically support the development of a reliable public animal health certification system, which is critical for expanding exports of live animals. Proposed infrastructure will be informed by climate-resilient and energy-efficient design standard considerations.

49. ***Subcomponent 3.3: Access to Finance:*** This subcomponent is focused on enhancing access to finance at various levels to catalyze adoption of climate-smart TIMPs by smallholder farmers and pastoralists with special incentives that target female farmers. At CIG level, the project will support intensive capacity building in financial literacy and business planning and project management to promote member savings which will be matched by the project funds. The combined funds (farmer savings plus matching grants) will be used to establish a revolving fund that extends small loans to group members for the adoption of climate-smart TIMPs developed under the project. At the FPO level, the project will provide capital support to enable advance collective purchase of key inputs and services and provision of the same to CIG members. To the extent possible, financial transactions at CIGs and FPO level will be digitized to develop credible performance metrics for small farmers, pastoralists and FPOs. This performance data will be shared with formal financial institutions and other service providers to build sustainable access to credit and other financial services.

50. **Component 4: Promoting a Greater Focus on Food Systems Resilience in National and Regional Policymaking:** This component will build food systems resilience at the national and regional levels by focusing on building the capacity of public institutions and identifying relevant policy reform opportunities within the implementing three ministries. In the crops, livestock and environment sectors it will: (a) build the capacity of government institutions; and (b) carry out comprehensive assessments of agrifood policies.

51. ***Subcomponent 4.1: Ministerial Capacity Building and Agrifood Policy Assessments for the Crops Sector:*** First, the subcomponent will build the capacity of the Ministry of Agriculture Development (MOAD) to provide high quality public services to the agrifood sector. It will do this by building human resources and constructing or rehabilitating key government facilities (such as research and extension

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<sup>9</sup> With current trends and future projections of extreme precipitation, post-harvest handling infrastructure is vulnerable to damage which could lead to entire harvest losses and increased GHG emissions. Therefore, investments in climate-resilient and energy efficient post-harvest infrastructure will enable the infrastructure to withstand weather extremes, thereby reducing food loss and waste, GHG emissions.

<sup>10</sup> Rural roads are vulnerable to damage from extreme weather events such as floods, landslides, storms, and cyclones. This activity will prioritize climate-resilient infrastructure and planning (e.g., improving drainage systems, reinforcing roads with appropriated materials, and protecting coastal roads from erosion), that is designed and built in a way that anticipates, prepares for, and adapts to changing climate conditions while improving the resilience of rural communities that depends on these roads for access to critical services and economic opportunities.

centres and laboratories), prioritizing climate-resilient infrastructure designed and built in a way that anticipates, prepares for, and adapts to changing climate conditions (raising temperatures, change in precipitations and extreme weather events<sup>11</sup>) through improved drainage systems, reinforced with appropriate materials, and including the use of renewable energy and thermal insulation. To guide its investments and those of subsequent efforts, the project will carry out a comprehensive needs assessment, building on the work of previous projects. The subcomponent will build human resources by sponsoring higher and continued education for ministerial staff, recruiting technical specialists, training new and existing staff, and establishing knowledge partnerships with CGIAR institutions, KALRO, Ethiopia's ATA, and other organizations in the region (this also applies for subcomponents 4.2 and 4.3 below). Second, the subcomponent will carry out an assessment of "gaps" and opportunities to mainstream climate resilience in national agrifood policy and identify where technical assistance is immediately needed to formulate or update policies and action plans relating, among other topics, to seed systems, food security, marketing, cooperatives, plant protection, extension services, land tenure, food safety, biosecurity, and other One Health arrangements. This subcomponent will invest on national and territorial cross-sectoral policies that aim to lead to climate change mitigation actions or technical support for such actions.

**52. Subcomponent 4.2: Ministerial Capacity Building and Agrifood Policy Assessments for the Livestock Sector:** Following a similar approach to that used in the crops sector, this subcomponent will focus on the Ministry of Livestock and Rural Development (MOLRD), building its human and organizational capacity, rehabilitating its physical facilities (including research and extension centres and laboratories), prioritizing climate-resilient infrastructure and planning (e.g., improving drainage systems, reinforced with appropriated materials, and including the use of renewable energy and thermal insulation) designed and built in a way that anticipates, prepares for, and adapts to changing climate conditions, such as raising temperatures, change in precipitations and extreme weather events<sup>12</sup>. The latter may include new legislation governing climate-smart animal health and welfare, meat inspection, and pesticides, and the regulatory framework for the animal health certification system to be developed under Component 3 to facilitate livestock exports.

**53. Subcomponent 4.3: Ministerial Capacity Building and Rangeland Policy Assessments for the Environment Sector:** This subcomponent will build the human and organizational capacities of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MoECC). It will also support the construction and rehabilitation of government facilities rangeland management centres, plan nursery and associated facilities and regional offices. The subcomponent will also support the development of institutional frameworks for sustainable rangeland management (including legal framework for rangeland protection and bylaws and guidelines for community-led governance models).

**54. Component 5: Contingent Emergency Response Component:** This component will finance eligible expenditures in the event of an emergency precipitated by a disaster. The activation of CERC, by request of the government, will allow funds to be disbursed rapidly to reduce damage to productive infrastructure, ensure business continuity, and speed up recovery. An immediate response mechanism operation manual (IRM-OM) will be developed by the government stipulating the fiduciary, safeguards, monitoring, and reporting requirements relating to CERC as well as other coordination and implementation arrangements. In the event of CERC activation, funds from other project components may be reallocated to finance immediate response activities as needed.

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<sup>11</sup> <https://climateknowledgeportal.worldbank.org/country/somalia/trends-variability-historical>

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**55. Component 6: Project Management:** Investments under this component will ensure effective implementation and coordination of the project at all levels.

**56. Subcomponent 6.1: Project Coordination and Management:** This subcomponent will help establishing and strengthening project coordination and management structures within in line with the agreed upon project implementation arrangements. The subcomponent will fund all full-time staff, office infrastructure, transportation, and operating costs of the Project Coordination Unit (PCU), which will be established to oversee the Somaliland FSRP's implementation. Additionally, the subcomponent may support the onboarding of third-party implementing agencies.

**57. Subcomponent 6.2: Monitoring and Evaluation:** This subcomponent will fund the establishment of a full-fledged management information system (MIS) with requisite data collection and analysis systems and digital dashboards for decision support at all levels of implementation. The subcomponent will also support the onboarding of competent technical agencies to carry out impact evaluations and training on data-driven decision making and performance management.

### **2.3. Project Geography**

58. In terms of geographic coverage, the project activities within a sector will be implemented up to 8 districts of Somaliland to avoid resources dissipation and diluted impact: Within each sector, the project will be implemented in up to 8 selected districts, to be identified based on several “exclusion” and “inclusion” criteria. Excluded from consideration will be districts that: (i) are inaccessible due to high levels of insecurity; (ii) have large areas of contested lands leading to significant challenges in complying with environmental and social safeguards, and (iii) have large investment projects similar to FSRP. Districts to be targeted by FSRP will be selected on the basis of the following “inclusion” criteria: (i) the potential for impact within priority value chains in terms of farmer and pastoralist coverage, potential productivity gap to be bridged, and maturity of specific value chain within the district; (ii) implementation readiness in terms of systems, existing institutions, and infrastructure;<sup>13</sup> (iii) level of community vulnerability and marginalization (including high share of rural population under IFC3+); (iv) the existence of ongoing, complementary investments; (v) potential for investments to have national and regional spillover effects, notably in the control of transboundary animal disease and population displacement, and the development and resilience of regionally-significant value chains.

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<sup>13</sup> The project may choose to adopt a phased implementation approach wherein districts with low implementation readiness will be entered into after initial systemic capacity building.

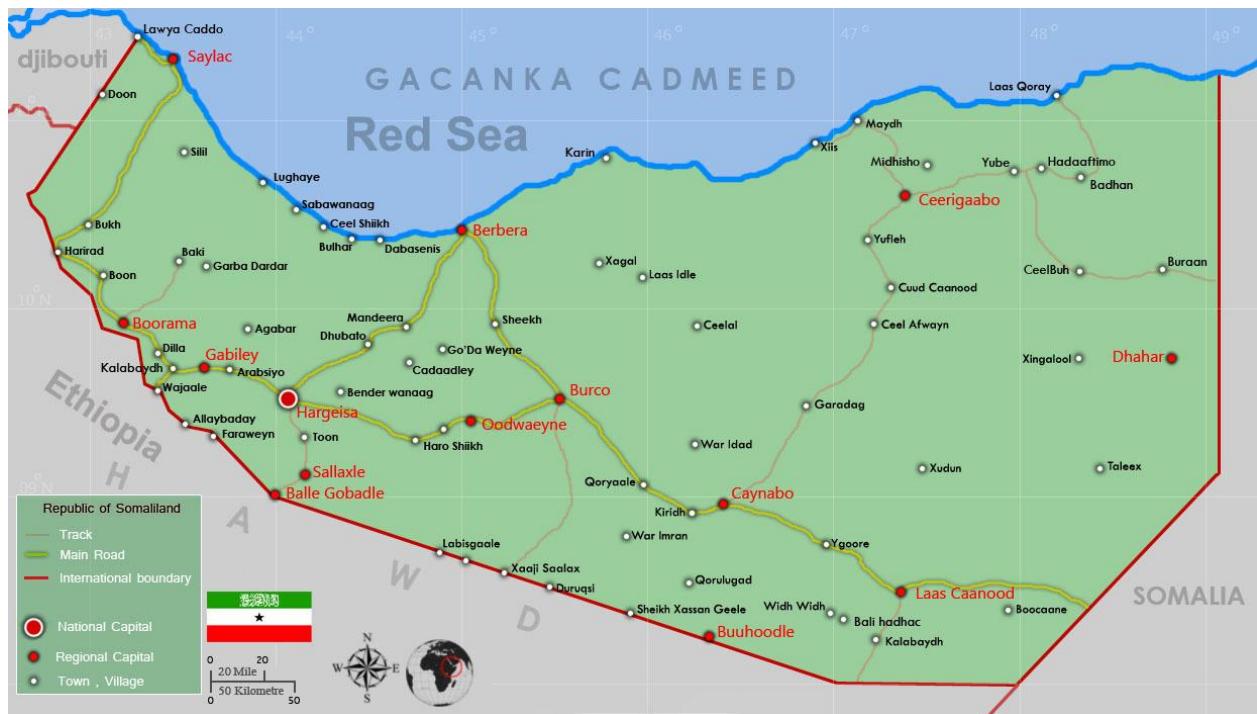


Figure 2: Somaliland Map

## 2.4. Project Beneficiaries

59. The Somaliland FSRP will directly benefit an estimated 65,000 of small farmers, agro-pastoralists, and nomadic pastoralists, at least 30 percent of which will be women. In addition, the project will support value chain stakeholders including women-owned agribusiness enterprises, financial services providers, DAT startups, and agricultural research and extension institutions. Within the public sector, the project will also build the capacity of MoAD, MoLRD and MoECC, and other institutions to implement resilience-focused policies. The latter is expected to indirectly benefit all agricultural stakeholders who have access to public services.

## CHAPTER 3 – PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES GUIDING RPF

### 3.1 Purpose and Objectives of RPF

60. The World Bank Environmental and Social Standard 5 (ESS5) - Land Acquisition, Restriction on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement - provides that project-related land acquisition and restrictions on land use can have adverse impacts on communities and persons. It may cause physical displacement (relocation, loss of residential land or loss of shelter), economic displacement (loss of land, assets or access to assets, leading to loss of income sources or other means of livelihood), or both. Resettlement is considered involuntary when affected persons or communities do not have the right to refuse land acquisition or restrictions on land use that result in displacement.

61. The project has prepared this RPF to ensure that appropriate measures are in place to address any issues that might arise from potential land acquisition and/or economic displacement under the project. Given that exact site locations have not been determined, and the Project Affected Parties (PAPs) are not known yet, a RPF is the most appropriate instrument to guide resettlement activities under the project. Once subproject locations are defined, and necessary information becomes available, the project will prepare site-specific Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) and/or Livelihood Restoration Plans (LRPs) and land agreements, as required. No physical and/or economic displacement or construction will occur until plans and documentation required by ESS5 have been finalized and approved by the World Bank.

62. Each subproject needs to be screened for social impacts to determine if there are any impacts that require the preparation of a RAP/LRP. Based on the impacts likely to occur, a Replacement cost Matrix (RM) has been developed, which summarizes the types of losses and the corresponding nature and scope of entitlements. Compensation and rehabilitation assistance for various categories of losses based on the tenure and type of impact have been provided. Specifically, the RPF will have the following objectives:

- Addressing potential socio-economic issues associated with implementation.
- Setting a course of mitigatory actions that would diminish threats and enhance opportunities.
- Helping survey and valuate losses of space, assets, income, and livelihoods.
- Setting out a compensation plan.
- Setting out a replacement cost matrix.
- Finalizing a grievance redress mechanism and integrating it within existing systems.
- Strengthening institutional capacities needed to adequately address grievances related to the Project

### 3.1. Principles

63. The principles outlined in the World Bank's OP/BP 4.12 – Involuntary Resettlement have been adopted in preparing this RPF. In this regard the following principles will apply:

- Acquisition of land and other assets, and resettlement of people will be minimized as much as possible. Where land acquisition is unavoidable, the project will be designed to minimize adverse impacts on the PAPs, especially the vulnerable groups.

- All PAPs will be compensated, relocated and rehabilitated, if required, so as to improve their standard of living, income earning capacity and production capacity, or at least to restore them to pre-Project levels.
- All PAPs residing in, cultivating land or having rights over resources within the projects' areas are entitled to compensation for their losses and/or income rehabilitation. Lack of legal right to the assets lost will not bar the PAPs from entitlement to such compensation, rehabilitation and relocation measures.
- The rehabilitation measures to be provided include (1) compensation at full replacement cost for houses and other structures; (2) compensation for land acquisition; (3) dislocation allowance and transition subsidies; (4) full compensation for crops, trees and other similar agricultural products at market value; and (5) other assets, and appropriate rehabilitation measures to compensate for loss of livelihood.
- Land-for-land is the preferred option (if applicable). Land-for-land may be substituted by cash provided that: (1) land is not available in the proximity of the project area; (2) PAPs willingly accept cash compensation for land and all assets on it; and receive full replacement value without any deductions for depreciation; and (3) cash compensation is accompanied by appropriate rehabilitation measures which together with project benefits results in restoration of incomes to at least pre-project levels.
- Resettlement plans will be implemented following consultations with the PAPs, and will have the endorsement of the PAPs.
- Any acquisition of, or restriction on access to resources owned or managed by PAPs as common property will be mitigated by arrangements that would ensure access of those PAPs to equivalent resources on a continuing basis.

## CHAPTER 4 – RESETTLEMENT PLAN: PREPARATION AND APPROVAL

### 4.1. Screening for Involuntary Resettlement

64. The first stage in preparing the individual resettlement plans is screening to identify the land/areas being impacted. The screening will also contain the analysis of alternative sites. Subproject screening identifies the types and nature of potential impacts related to the activities proposed under the SL-FSRP project and provides adequate measures to address the impacts. Screening for resettlement issues shall be part of the environmental and social screening detailed in the ESMF. Subproject screening will be incorporated into the subproject application form. The goal is to identify and consider resettlement issues as early as possible. The project will consider having technical assistance from World Bank to ensure proper implementation of the resettlement processes. The screening checklist form is shown in Annex 2: Screening Checklist Annex 2.

65. The list of subprojects with potential resettlement issues will then be subjected to a comprehensive sensitization and consultation process with the potentially impacted communities. The outcome of this process would be documented for each site. The list and the outcome of the consultative process for each site/subproject on the list would then be sent to the respective local government council and PCUs in the jurisdiction mandated to confirm, approve, disapprove, refer for further consultation, and/or take a final decision on each proposed site/subproject. Carrying out the screening process in this way is designed to give it the integrity and transparency to allow all stakeholders to have confidence in the process. Once subprojects have been approved using this consultative process, the chosen locations will then be subjected to a socioeconomic study (this study will include determination of impacts) and preparation of individual RAPs.

### 4.2. Overview

66. A RP will be prepared once subproject impacts on involuntary resettlement are ascertained. The RAP can be referred to with different names depending on the scope of resettlement and the kind of displacement impact it addresses. Where a project involves only economic displacement, the RAP may be referred to as a “Livelihood Plan (LRP)” or where restrictions on access to legally designated parks and protected areas are involved; the plan may take the form of a “Process Framework.” This chapter summarizes RAP preparation, approval processes, and responsible entities.

### 4.3. Baseline Socioeconomic Data and Census

67. An important aspect of preparing a RAP is establishing appropriate socio-economic baseline data to identify the persons the individual subproject will displace, determining who will be eligible for compensation and assistance, and discouraging the inflow of ineligible people for these benefits. During this process, a census of the effect is obtained. In summary, the census consolidates information that:

- i. It provides initial information on the scale of resettlement to be undertaken;
- ii. It indicates further socioeconomic research is needed to quantify losses to be compensated and, if required, to design appropriate development interventions; and
- iii. It establishes indicators that are to be measured at a later date during monitoring and evaluation

68. Baseline data for subproject RAPs will include the number of persons; number, type, and area of the houses affected; number, category, and area of residential plots and agricultural land to be affected; and affected productive assets as a percentage of the total. Specific information to be captured will include: (i) personal details of PAPs, including family members; (ii) current monthly income generated from

activities before the census; and (iii) the disadvantaged groups that will require additional assistance. This information will allow for detailed development of the activity-specific RAP and support accurate budgeting for the activities to consider all compensation measures. It will further create the basis for all monitoring activities on resettlement.

69. The census will be announced before commencement using local communication channels, including community leadership, local radio, and as detailed in the SEP. A hard cut-off date will be determined and announced by the PCU in consultation with local authorities, including informal authorities. Persons that will infringe on the sites after the cut-off date will not be considered. Annex 5 presents the key resettlement census questions and key data to be collected in the census for affected PAPs. Annex 10 is a sample Household Survey Interview guide/questionnaire.

#### **4.4. Displacement Prior to Project Approval**

70. As evictions of IDPs are rampant in Somaliland, the project management needs to ensure that respective Districts/local authorities and communities are aware that no forced displacements will be affected to pave the way for project implementation prior to the development and implementation of a RAP/LP. If such evictions to implement a project activity have taken place before preparing the RAP/LRPs, ESS5 requirements will be retroactively implemented.

71. During the screening and the assessment phase, the district/local authorities and local communities will confirm that no such eviction has occurred. These findings will be subject to review by the Somaliland PCU, and the World Bank. Information on the illegality of such evictions will be disseminated prior to and during the activity to allow potentially affected parties to file respective complaints. The information dissemination will be instituted following the approaches outlined in the SEP. Where forced evictions to pave the way for project investments have occurred, an assessment will be included in a social audit, in which: (i) the adequacy of the mitigation measures that were undertaken are assessed against the requirements of ESS5; (ii) possible gaps in the requirements of ESS5 are identified where applicable; (iii) a corrective action plan is developed and implemented to mitigate and offset any harm done and close gaps; and (iv) any grievances related to the displacement of any other outstanding issue are identified.

72. While the PCU will implement the assessment (through an independent consultant or company as necessary), the Government will budget for all mitigation measures identified in the RP/LPs, and the social audit conducted under the assessment, including compensation costs, shall not be part of the project funds. The commencement of activities, in this case, will require approval of the audit findings and the identified corrective actions from the PMU and the World Bank. Where the provisions of ESS5 requirements cannot be met, the subproject will be screened out and cannot be implemented.

73. If PAPs need to be involuntarily resettled, the following basic principles and due processes will be followed:

- i. provide adequate advance notice while ensuring that the vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals and groups are reached and guided accordingly;
- ii. allow for meaningful opportunities for the PAPs to lodge grievances through sharing the contacts of the responsible social scientist, GM focal person, and the land/valuation expert;
- iii. allow a period for appeals and feedback; and
- iv. Avoid the use of unnecessary, disproportionate and/or excessive force.

#### **4.5. Possible Project Forms of PAP Displacement**

74. There are two forms possible displacement impacts: (a) Physical – persons are required to move from where they are used to another place on permanent basis; and (b) Economic – is where project affected persons lose a stream of income.

##### **Physical Displacement**

75. In the case of physical displacement (though not for this project), the project will develop a plan that covers, at a minimum, the applicable requirements of this ESS regardless of the number of people affected. The plan will be designed to mitigate the negative impacts of displacement and as warranted, to identify development opportunities. If people living in the project area are required to move to another location, the project will:

- a. offer displaced persons choices among feasible resettlement options, including adequate replacement housing or cash compensation; and
- b. provide relocation assistance suited to the needs of each group of displaced persons.

76. New resettlement sites will offer living conditions at least equivalent to those previously enjoyed, or consistent with prevailing minimum codes or standards, whichever set of standards is higher. If new resettlement sites are to be prepared, host communities will be consulted regarding planning options, and resettlement plans will ensure continued access, at least at existing levels or standards, for host communities to facilities and services. The displaced persons' preferences with respect to relocating in pre-existing communities and groups will be respected wherever possible.

##### **Economic Displacement**

77. In the case of projects or subprojects affecting livelihoods or income generation, the subproject's plan will include measures to allow affected persons to improve, or at least restore, their incomes or livelihoods.

78. The plan will establish the replacement cost of affected persons and/or communities, paying particular attention to gender aspects and the needs of vulnerable segments of communities, and will ensure that these are provided in a transparent, consistent, and equitable manner. The plan will incorporate arrangements to monitor the effectiveness of livelihood measures during implementation, as well as evaluation once implementation is completed. The mitigation of economic displacement will be considered complete when the completion audit concludes that affected persons or communities have received all the assistance for which they are eligible and have been provided with adequate opportunity to re-establish their livelihoods.

79. Economically displaced persons who face loss of assets or access to assets will be compensated for such loss at replacement cost:

- i. In cases where land acquisition or restrictions on land use affect commercial enterprises, affected business owners will be compensated for the cost of identifying a viable alternative location.
  - for lost net income during the period of transition.
  - for the cost of the transfer and reinstallation of the plant, machinery, or other equipment; and
  - for re-establishing commercial activities.
- ii. Affected employees will receive assistance for temporary loss of wages and, if necessary, assistance in identifying alternative employment opportunities.

- iii. In cases affecting persons with legal rights or claims to land that are recognized or recognizable under national law, replacement property (e.g., agricultural, or commercial sites) of equal or greater value will be provided, or, where appropriate, cash compensation at replacement cost.
- iv. Economically displaced persons who are without legally recognizable claims to land will be compensated for lost assets other than land (such as crops, irrigation infrastructure and other improvements made to the land), at replacement cost.
- v. Additionally, the Borrower will aid in lieu of land compensation sufficient to provide such persons with an opportunity to re-establish livelihoods elsewhere.

80. The Borrower is not required to compensate or assist persons who encroach on the project area after the cut-off date for eligibility. The following are examples for the design of measures to improve or restore livelihoods that are land-based, wage-based, and enterprise-based:

**81. Land-based livelihoods:** Paragraph 35 provides that where feasible, economically displaced persons with land based livelihoods will be offered replacement land with a combination of productive potential, location advantages, and other factors at least equivalent to that being lost. Depending on the context and the nature of the affected livelihoods, other factors may include the legal status of the land, access to grazing land, fallow land, forest, fuel, and water. In addition, depending on the type of economic displacement and/or the site to which project-affected persons are relocated, they may benefit from:

1. physical preparation of farmland (for example, clearing, levelling, access routes, and soil stabilization or enrichment).
2. fencing for pastureland or cropland.
3. agricultural inputs (such as seeds, seedlings, fertilizer, irrigation).
4. veterinary care.
5. small-scale credit, including seed banks, cattle banks, and cash loans.
6. access to markets (for example, through transportation means, improved access to information about market opportunities and organizational support).
7. training including individual or household-based counselling on the livelihood risks and opportunities for compensation and investment opportunities.

82. Where land-based livelihood of small-scale subsistence farming is severely affected by substantial loss of productive land, particular attention needs to be paid to fragility, including food security risks for affected households. Additional fragility factors such as erosion and climate risks (drought, floods, climate change trends, and so forth) should be considered in assessing livelihood risks and developing additional support measures.

**83. Wage-based livelihoods:** Wage earners in the affected households and communities may benefit from skills training and job placement, provisions made in contracts with project contractors for temporary or longer-term employment of local workers, and small-scale credit to finance startup enterprises. Wage earners whose income is interrupted during physical displacement receive resettlement assistance that covers these and related costs. Affected persons are given equal opportunities to benefit from such provisions. The location of resettlement housing, in the case of physically displaced persons, can be a significant contributing factor toward socioeconomic stability. Consideration should be given to the ability of wage earners to continue to access their place(s) of work during and after resettlement; if this ability is impaired, then mitigation measures are implemented to ensure continuity and avoid a net loss in welfare for affected households and communities.

**84. Enterprise-based livelihoods:** Established and start-up entrepreneurs and artisans may benefit from credit or training (such as business planning, marketing, inventory, and quality control) to expand their businesses and generate local employment.

#### **4.6. Preparation of a Subproject RP**

85. The PCU will undertake the preparation of site-specific RAPs under the leadership of the social specialist for subprojects that have been determined to result in potential involuntary resettlement. When a RAP is required, the PCU shall submit completed studies along with their subproject application to the World Bank for appraisal and approval. External assistance may be considered for RAP preparation, depending on the complexity of the resettlement impacts. The RP/LPs will be prepared once the site locations have been identified and screened and after the resettlement assessment and census have been conducted but before any commencement of activities on the ground. The schedule for the preparation and implementation of the site-specific RP will be based on the principles of this RPF, and must be agreed on by the PMU, the relevant government authorities, and affected PAPs. This schedule must ensure that no individual or affected household is displaced due to the project activities before compensation is paid and resettlement sites with adequate facilities are prepared and provided.

86. In case Somaliland may not have the institutional capacity to prepare RPs or studies during the start of the project and thus will be assisted and supported by consultants where necessary. The consultants will build the capacity of PCU on RP development and implementation. The PCU will be trained on the environmental and social frameworks and standards and supported to strengthen and/or set up systems for monitoring and implementation of the ESF instruments.

87. The scope of requirements and level of detail of the resettlement plan varies with the magnitude and complexity of resettlement. The plan is based on up-to-date and reliable information about (a) the proposed project and its potential impacts on the displaced persons and other adversely affected groups, (b) appropriate and feasible mitigation measures, and (c) the legal and institutional arrangements required for effective implementation of resettlement measures (WB 2017). The RP will describe the impacts that give rise to resettlement and the need for compensation, the types of affected parties), what each type of PAP is entitled to (in a Replacement cost Matrix), the procedures for resettlement, and compensation and the implementation schedule and budget for resettlement. It will also describe the alternative land and/or assets identified for noncash payment.

- i. The RP will be prepared early in the Design Stage for respective investments to ensure that:
- ii. All proposals and alternatives to avoid and/or minimise potential physical and economic displacements are explored and incorporated into the final subproject detailed designs;
- iii. Affected persons will be compensated at replacement value long before project start-up and assisted in their efforts to improve their livelihoods and standards of living, or at least to restore them, in real terms, to pre-displacement levels or to levels prevailing prior to the beginning of project implementation, whichever is higher;
- iv. Where involuntary resettlement and land acquisition are unavoidable, resettlement and/or compensation activities will be conceived and executed before the project starts up. This shall entail full compensation at the current replacement value for loss of assets and livelihood; and
- v. Adequate time is provided to resolve conflicts and grievances before the bidding process is completed.

#### **4.7. Review and Approval of Subproject RAPs**

88. Subprojects' proposed RAPs will be reviewed and recommended by the PCU. In this process, PCU will review eligibility for subprojects based on field appraisals, including environmental and social screening and assessment results. Once completed, the RAP will be submitted to the MoAD PCU for quality assurance and then submitted to the World Bank for review and approval in compliance with the project's institutional administrative arrangements.

#### **4.8. Database Management for PAPs**

89. Each PAP will be provided with, among others: signed documents recording the initial situation; all subsequent subproject use of assets/improvements; and compensation agreed upon and received. The VDC/Resettlement Committee and PCU will maintain a complete database on every PAP impacted by the project land-use requirements, including relocation/resettlement and compensation, land impacts, or damages. Each PAP receiving compensation will have a database containing:

- i. PAP demographic information.
- ii. Number of dependent/PAP claims.
- iii. Amount of land available to the PAP when the database is opened.
- iv. Additional information will be acquired for PAP's eligibility for resettlement and/or compensation, including the level of income and production; and an inventory of material assets and improvements on land and debts.

90. Each time land is used/acquired by a subproject, the database will be updated to determine if the PAP is being affected to the point of economic non-viability and eligibility for compensation/resettlement or its alternatives. This database will provide the foundation for monitoring and evaluation and documentation of compensation, agreed to, received, and signed for.

## CHAPTER 5 – POTENTIAL RESETTLEMENT IMPACTS

### 5.1. Overview

91. This RPF applies to all economically and/or physically displaced persons regardless of the total number affected by the severity of impact and whether or not they have legal title to the land. PAPs are those who stand to lose, as a consequence of the project, all or part of their physical and nonphysical assets, including homes, communities, and productive lands, resources such as rangelands, or important cultural sites, commercial properties, tenancy, income-earning opportunities, and social and cultural networks and activities. Such impacts may be permanent or temporary. This might occur through land expropriation and restricted or reduced access to areas such as pastureland. Particular attention will be paid to the needs of vulnerable groups, including those below the poverty line, the landless, youth, the elderly, women and children, and other disadvantaged groups or other economically and/or physically displaced persons who may not be protected through Somaliland's land compensation legislation.

92. Involuntary resettlement impacts will depend on the type and size of subprojects identified and implemented during the project implementation phase. Components 1, 2 and 3 of the project will use a CDD approach where the actual project type and the exact location are unknown at this stage. However, it is envisaged that most of the project activities will be in the water sector for various uses, including livestock, and small-scale irrigation. The land will be needed for the subprojects while involuntary resettlement will be avoided as much as possible, and in case it is inevitable, compensation will be given. There may also be land needed to construct office premises in the participating Ministries.

### 5.2. Project Land Requirements

93. Component 1, 2 and 3 of the SL-FSRP project will have activities that may require land acquisition or cause restriction of access to lands. Table 2 lists possible activities under the component that may trigger ESS5.

**Table 2: Project Activities That May Require Land Acquisition and Restricted Land Use**

Potential subprojects	Activities likely to require land acquisition or restrict access to land
Water supply infrastructure that provides reliable year-round supplies, including small sand and subsurface dams in dry riverbeds (wadis) and surface water storage infrastructure (for example, berkads and hafir dams). The project will also likely support boreholes construction for groundwater extraction. Water lifting will be done via solar units, gravity feeding auxiliary structures such as cattle troughs, water points for human use, and irrigation.	There will be a need for land acquisition for subprojects to protect the investment e.g. boreholes, solar systems and animal troughs. The land may be fenced off for the security of the machines and supplies. This will restrict access as the water points will only be opened for use as agreed by the users.  There will be restricted access to protect the catchment and underground water quality for subprojects like sand dams.
Repair of damaged infrastructure including, but not limited to: water supply systems, dams, reservoirs, canals, transportation systems, energy and power supply, telecommunication	The subproject may involve existing irrigation farms, or new ones may be established. Land may be acquired for newly irrigated farms. There will be restricted use, especially for livestock, to protect against the destruction of crops.  Another impact could be a change of use which may affect

Potential subprojects	Activities likely to require land acquisition or restrict access to land
	livelihoods, especially for pastoralists.
Rural Town/Suburban water supply	Reticulation of water for Rural Town/Suburban water supply may cause partial or full physical displacement. The main water supply lines may pass through people's homes, and depending on the size of the supply infrastructure, families may lose their homes and land.
Catchment protection or restoration	These subprojects may include tree planting, erosion control, improved management, and sustainable use of existing forest and vegetation resources. These subprojects may be implemented in areas already earmarked for such activities and/or new sites could be identified. There may be additional use restrictions for existing sites as the new activities are implemented. The land will be acquired for new sites, and there will be restricted use. The acquisition of new sites may affect livelihoods. It may have been a dry season grazing area or stock routes. The community will have to be compensated and livelihoods restored and/or new livelihood options introduced.
Construction of office premises and community centres	The project provides for the rebuilding of Agri-Livestock Research, construction of office premises for ministries with nonexistent office buildings. The need for this investment will be assessed, and the necessary measures stipulated in this RPF will be followed for land acquisition.

### 5.3. Involuntary Resettlement Risks and Mitigation Measures

94. The subproject sites for the project are not yet definitively identified. Therefore, at this stage, it is not possible to determine the exact location, demography, and impact on assets and/or livelihoods of either the PAPs or the resettlement-related impoverishment risks they might face, if any. However, the project will ensure no or minimal involuntary resettlement with minimal adverse social risks. Subprojects will be sited in such a way as to avoid physical relocation of people and impacts on their livelihoods. Where there are negative impacts, people and groups will be compensated to avoid leaving them worse off.

95. The social risks depend on the location and size of the project and sub projects. In urban areas, where individuals legally and/or claim land ownership, there could be a protracted process for acquisition and compensation. The problem is compounded by the absence of land records and valuation systems. This may cause tensions within the community. To mitigate such risks, once sites/locations become precise and economic or physical impacts that require compensation mitigation actions are ascertained, subproject RAPs will be prepared as required by World Bank guidelines. This RPF identifies the typical subproject impacts anticipated for the types of investments that are envisaged under component 1 and develops a checklist to guide triggering the policy and guidance on actions and forms of compensation that should be provided. See Table 3 for more details on the potential risks of involuntary resettlement. This will be reviewed upon completion of site identification with particular attention to issues related to inequality in accessing and benefiting from involuntary resettlement compensation and livelihood support, gender alienation, and exclusion of IDPs and other groups, including nomadic pastoralists.

96. Mapping of community structures will be done as part of SA/SIA, and the results will build on ongoing consultations and monitoring mechanisms with PAPs, particularly those in situations of disadvantage and vulnerability (PWDs, IDPs, agro-pastoralists, female-headed households) and those that have experienced discrimination in past land acquisition or land use related processes. There will be links to project accountability mechanisms (including the GM and contacts of the respective social specialists and PCU coordinators) to address power asymmetries and reduce the risk of unfair compensation and/or elite capture of the compensation. IDPs, PWDs, and other vulnerable groups such as nomadic pastoralists who may not have official documentation will be facilitated through their organizations and group leadership structures to ensure they are part of the census and verify their assets.

97. However, there are potential challenges in ensuring that the compensation is made and the recipients get it promptly and without the risk of insecurity. The following measures will be put in place by the project team with the support of the land/valuation expert:

- i. the PAPs will be facilitated to open bank accounts where the money will be transferred so that no cash transactions will be done to ensure security.
- ii. For land with disputes, the compensation will be made into a holding account (following discussions with the payment partner) until the competing claims are resolved.
- iii. The compensation transactions will be done in confidence. The total amounts paid will only be disclosed to the respective PAP to reduce the possibility of clan chiefs, male household heads, and other interested parties claiming part or the entire sum.

**Table 3: Potential Social and Environmental Risks of Involuntary Resettlement**

No.	Type of impact	Description of potential impact/issue and linkage to project component	Level of Risk	Proposed Mitigation measure	Category of PAP affected
1	Loss of fallow and agricultural land	Subprojects that include civil works for rehabilitation and construction of new water infrastructure include boreholes, shallow well sand, and subsurface dams in dry river beds (wadis) may cause loss of land, as the backflow may lead to loss of farming land or reduction of flow to downstream water users. Given that land is a factor of production, it may lead to loss of livelihoods. Reduced flow to downstream users may cause community conflict as the community blames each other and the project for the loss.	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community consultation to weigh the pros and cons of technological choices considering factors such as (a) equity of access to water resources and abstraction rights; (b) affordability constraints for different types faced by communities; and (c) upstream and downstream impacts on water use including environmental flows</li> <li>Livelihood restoration and improvement programs will be implemented.</li> <li>Such challenges will be assessed, and appropriate measures will be defined during the environmental and social assessment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farmers,</li> <li>• Agro-pastoralists,</li> <li>• Pastoralists</li> </ul>
2	Restriction on land use and access	Catchment and aquifer restoration activities such as catchment restoration, aquifer recharge activities, and tree planting may restrict use and access to allow for regeneration. Such investment may lead to changes in the condition and size of existing land due to the adoption of new land-use systems hence potentially leading to pastoralists losing grazing land resulting in resource use conflicts between pastoralists	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meaningful and inclusive community consultation ensures they are involved in the subproject identification, prioritizations and mitigation measures.</li> <li>Development of water and rangeland management systems, including sharing agreements between communities</li> <li>Increase awareness of the resource constraints within the community and considerations of equitable resource management across different stakeholder groups.</li> <li>Productive livelihood development with priority investments in land management, cropping, and livestock to be supported by the project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pastoralists</li> <li>• Farmers</li> <li>• Agro pastoralists</li> </ul>

No.	Type of impact	Description of potential impact/issue and linkage to project component	Level of Risk	Proposed Mitigation measure	Category of PAP affected
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide pastoralists with access to an equivalent area of replacement grazing lands of equal or greater potential productivity and locational advantages and assistance in reestablishment. and/or Improvements in carrying capacity of remaining grazing lands.</li> </ul>	
3.	Inequality in accessing and benefiting from involuntary resettlement compensation and livelihood support.	Due to traditional/customary biases, women, minorities and disadvantaged groups like nomadic pastoralists and youths may lose out on compensation as they do not own land or other assets. Furthermore, they may be excluded from decision making process about siting and compensation.	Substantial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake a Social Analysis and Social Assessment as part of RAP to guide implementation decisions.</li> <li>Enhance the capacity of community-level governance structures on the importance of inclusion, participation, and conflict resolution.</li> <li>Ensuring the inclusion of all stakeholder groups, for example, pastoralists, irrigated farmers, rain fed farmers, landless labourers, women, and youth in project processes in siting and compensation discussions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pastoralists</li> <li>Irrigated farmers</li> <li>Rain fed crop farmers</li> <li>Landless labourers</li> <li>Women, and youth</li> </ul>
4.	Gender alienation Gender Based Violence and Sexual Exploitation (GBV/SEA)	Women and girls may be subjected to intimidation, sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment for them to benefit from compensations and livelihood support.	Substantial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project will include identification and inclusion of key channels—outside traditional dispute resolution or grievance redress mechanisms—to enable safe and confidential reporting of incidence of sexual exploitation and abuse and other forms of GBV. Identified GM focal persons will also be trained on effective response to cases of GBV should they occur.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women and youth</li> </ul>

No.	Type of impact	Description of potential impact/issue and linkage to project component	Level of Risk	Proposed Mitigation measure	Category of PAP affected
5.	Due to FCV context there is risk of further discrimination or marginalization of disadvantaged groups, for example, IDPs or minority groups	Resettlement may exacerbate discrimination of marginalized groups like IDPs due to the context of Somalia being a FCV where current occupiers may not have any legal rights to the land other than their physical occupancy due to conflict or political related displacement.	Substantial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that resettlement does not cause any further discrimination, marginalization or displace IDPs.</li> <li>• Inclusive and meaningful engagement of IDPs in all involuntary resettlement and project processes.</li> <li>• Implement affirmative action where necessary.</li> </ul>	IDPs
6.	Elite capture in terms of increase in land value and benefits	Water points are likely to be sited to benefit the more powerful members of community and will increase the value and production potential of their land compared to others who may have negative impacts, e.g., uncompensated impacts, and downstream water loss.	Moderate	Selection of sites with equity considerations and avoidance of elite capture. Inclusive consultations including of downstream users.	Disadvantaged groups and downstream water users.

## CHAPTER 6 – LAND, LAND TENURE, LAND USE, AND RELATED ISSUES

### 6.1. Overview

98. Somaliland is a country with vast rangelands, pockets of cultivated agricultural land, and expanding urban areas, all managed by a complex land tenure system. The key legal instrument for environment management in Somaliland is the Constitution. The Constitution of the Republic of Somaliland enshrines matters that relate to the environment and natural resource management thus, providing the keystone to the National Policy on Environment. Article 18 of the Constitution affirms that: The state shall give a special priority to the protection and safeguarding of the environment, which is essential for the well-being of the society, and to the care of the natural resources. In this regard, development projects have to comply with the Constitutional provision which obliges developers to ensure a clean and healthy environment. A delicate blend of *sharia* and traditional Xeer law governs the land tenure system in Somaliland. Furthermore, there are notable contrasts between pastoral regions, where community ownership has predominated, and urban and cultivated farmland areas, where individual land ownership has a long history.

99. The Republic of Somaliland has developed the national policies on environment, land, water, soil and livestock rangeland for national livestock feed policy which are all related and matter to the project areas of development. Thus, Somaliland national policies and strategies strengthening the legal and political wise of the project implementation and institutional framework to overcome any obstacles to happen.

### 6.2. Land-Related Legislation and Other Arrangements

100. There are three types of applicable laws in Somaliland: formal Statutes, Xeer law, and Sharia law. The following paragraphs provide details on each of these systems:

#### Formal Statutes

101. The Somaliland constitution is the primary legal framework to be referred to issues related to property ownership, public assets and others. The constitution establishes a broad framework for land-related issues. The Agricultural Land Law (8/1999) is the effective legislation governing agricultural land issues and gives the MoAD the mandate for the overall management of the agricultural land. The principal regulation governing urban land use in Somaliland is Urban Land law No.17 2001, as amended (2008). This law governs urban land issues.

#### Xeer Law

102. Customary Xeer law is one of the methods used by Somalilanders for a long time to control social and economic aspects including land. Xeer is an unwritten system of rules that governs the rights and obligations of one clan to another. Usually, the elder consultations administer the stipulations of Xeer laws. Xeer focuses on pastoral land use and addresses various elements of land management. Xeer law varies depending on clan agreements, but it generally views rangelands as a joint clan asset. Clans are required to allow other families to graze on the land, especially in times of need, such as during droughts, yet in actuality, most land disputes occur during these periods.

#### Sharia Law

103. The third component of the contemporary legal context is Islamic sharia law. Sharia law influences decisions made by religious leaders, tribal elders, and official courts to varying degrees, particularly in civil and family law cases. Current sharia law applications overlap with land tenure in the sphere of inheritance. However, the influence appears to be minor.

### **6.3. Land Tenure in Somaliland**

104. Land is a basic resource for livestock development hence the need to encourage its optimal use. A large proportion of the land is under communal ownership. Lack of guaranteed security of land tenure and appropriate mechanisms for land ownership for livestock production has increased social conflicts between livestock farmers and other land users. In addition, there is no incentive for rational rangeland management and this discourages investments in improved pastures and water supplies. Expansion of illegal enclosures in rangelands has resulted into reduction of grazing areas and concentration of large numbers of animals in the marginal lands leading to overgrazing and environmental degradation. Furthermore, there is scarcity of land use planners for demarcation of land for various uses.

105. The 2001 urban Land Law No.17 2001 as amended (2008) is the main law in relation to urban land use in Somaliland. This law regulates management of urban lands. Agricultural Land Ownership Law (Law No. 8/99) is the main law dealing with agricultural land and is under the purvey of Ministry of agriculture. Regions and Districts Law (Law No: 23/2002) As Amended 2007 deals with decentralization of services including land services. Somaliland has an environmental legal and institutional framework. SOMALILAND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (LAW No...../2014) and others.

### **6.4. Social and Economic Context**

106. The socio-economic situation of the individuals who are likely to be impacted by a project is correlated with the impacts of involuntary resettlement. Excluded and marginalised communities or persons are likely to be more affected if land impacts occur.

#### **Vulnerability, Social Exclusion and Clan Dynamics**

107. Somaliland's historic clan system remains a significant and defining force in establishing political and socio-economic conditions. Clan allegiance has affected conflict and violence and provided a tool for protection and dispute resolution. In communities and families, customary practices and conventions help define rights and obligations among families, clans, and subclans, emphasising the preservation of social stability over individual rights. Clan arbitration through the conventional system (Xeer) has helped manage access to shared resources, including grazing pastures and water at the local level. At the national level, the power-sharing model distributes parliamentary power and other seats based on an equal quota system for the four "main" clans and a half-point system for a group of "minority" clans. In the absence of strong national institutions, resilient clan-based systems provide safety nets for the most vulnerable and have historically claimed security and protection responsibilities. Even as more structured governance institutions emerge, many predict clan systems to continue to play a vital socio-economic and political role in Somaliland, despite political upheavals, population movements, and conflict weakening traditional authority structures.

108. The historical patterns of clan-based domination have perpetuated systems of marginalisation and exclusion of minority groups. These groups often called Midgaan (Gabooye), Tumaal and Yibiro. While all of these people are considered Somali, and share languages and cultural characteristics with the country's majority clans, social and historical distinctions relegate minority groups to subordinate and marginalised positions in Somaliland society.

109. For the most part, Somaliland's minority are either entirely agricultural (for example, Midgaan and Yibiro groups), agro-pastoralist, or artisanal specialists (for example, the Tumaal). They are mainly unarmed and historically have experienced institutionalised marginalisation, deprivation, and serious human rights abuses. At the same time, clan affiliation and the capture of resources and development

gains impede marginalised groups' access to educational, employment, and sustainable livelihood opportunities. Minority groups confront deep discrimination, land expropriation, and lack the necessary networks to access other resources, including physical and political protection.

110. Minority groups comprise a significant share of IDPs, are forced off their land and often dispersed in rural and urban areas and centres, and lack adequate access to services, security, and social and political representation. Under-represented among the diaspora, marginal groups also lack access to charity networks and international remittances, critical coping mechanisms for better-placed social groups, thereby increasing their vulnerability to economic, conflict, and climate-related shocks. Without sufficient representation and voice through clan systems, the new record of ceasing minority group discrimination was helped in the last Parliament elections where a candidate of the PM Barkhad Batun recorded the highest vote polls in Somaliland MPs. This helped minority groups to get more attention, however, the needs of minority groups have not been adequately integrated into humanitarian assessments, thus limiting their access to emergency assistance and rendering their vulnerability more acute but now different.

111. Understanding and addressing the risks of marginalisation and exclusion is essential to Bank operations to minimise harm and extend potential benefits to as many groups as possible. This is, however, complex work. Clan dynamics can influence every level of a project. Clans enable access to resources and essential services, such as water, employment, and health facilities. There is risk of elite capture within a clan, with the potential risk of limiting access to project benefits by its most vulnerable. Without proper consideration, project benefits could be channelled to more powerful groups, contributing to the further deprivation and marginalisation of minority groups. More precise mapping of areas and promotion of inclusion will be needed. Interrelated/overlapping vulnerabilities/exclusion factors, including disability, age, gender, and displacement status, should all be considered in the specific project context.

## **Gender**

112. Somaliland's socio-economic indicators are among the lowest globally for both males and females; however, gender disparities are stark. Women, girls and minority groups, and the IDPs confront multiple dimensions of disempowerment and discrimination across most social, economic, and human development categories (Musse and Gardner 2013). Despite the dynamic role that women have played in Somali society in the past as community mobilisers and peacebuilders, the prominence of religious and customary clan-based systems ascribes women to inferior social and legal status. This perception contributes to women's exclusion from political and public decision-making fora.

113. The participation and roles of women in politics and decision-making is minimal, and although this is improving, it limits female roles and perpetuates inequality. women's rights in Somaliland are ostensibly protected in their respective constitutions, implementation of these provisions continues to lag.

114. Traditionally, Somali society has had distinct gender roles, with men overseeing livestock production while women control activities related to child-rearing and taking care of homesteads. In the more settled farming communities in the middle Juba valley in Southern part of Somalia, although Islamic laws allow for women's inheritance of land, farmers mainly granted rights to men. Overall, while women's land ownership is structurally possible, it is culturally less practiced, and actual land areas controlled by women are relatively small

115. Women make up 57% of the workforce in agriculture and pastoralism (both of which constitute nearly 70% of the local economy). They are significantly involved in trading and commerce, from micro-enterprises to large-scale businesses. While the women butcher and sell small ruminants (goat and sheep), they make up most of the fruit and vegetable vendors. Women are also engaged in the sale of

local imported goods (e.g. rice, sugar, wheat, sorghum, etc.). Their employment options are limited by low levels of education; and (d) Health: Poverty, food insecurity, and environmental degradation have a disproportionate impact on rural women, not only due to their inferior socioeconomic, legal and political status, but also due to their critical roles as both producers and household managers and as a result of growing labor shortages due to male out-migration. Women are more malnourished than men and also less food secure. FAO surveys found that households dependent on women for food or income to buy food are over-represented in the category of households with poor food consumption, few income sources, and assets.<sup>14</sup>

116. Today there are signs that women are increasingly finding ways to assert their voice, creating roles for themselves in the business world, and using Islam to claim their rights. These are just small gains that need legal backing for more extraordinary achievements of their rights to land and other social, economic, and political spheres. However, it is worth noting that observation of Islamic and customary systems is mandatory, as they remain an integral part of Somali society.

### **Forced Displacement**

117. Forced displacement is a major local and regional obstacle to development, recovery, and resilience in Somaliland. Internally displaced persons constitute around 571,400 and are among the poorest in the country. IDPs in Somaliland continue to experience difficulties gaining access to housing, land, and property, and they are still at risk of being evicted many times. Displaced people lack access to safe and cheap accommodation and secure land tenure, which pushes them to the outskirts of cities and exposes them to evictions, marginalization, and exclusion. While recent legislative reforms have emphasized attempts to increase protections for IDPs, such as national standards laying out the criteria, safeguards, and processes for legitimate evictions, forceful evictions remain a persistent threat to displaced communities.

### **Land Grievances in Somaliland**

118. Land conflicts in Somaliland have risen to be one of the key instability issues at the community and inter-community levels. This is partly due to the complex situation of land tenure. As Law No. 24/2003 organizes the judiciary of Somaliland into three levels, namely, the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal and the Regional and District Court. The territory of Somaliland is composed of six Regions and 48 Districts. As a result, traditional land tenure has taken centre stage in land ownership and use. It is more concerned with clan relations and pastoral land use than individual ownership norms. Such issue of land conflicts in Somaliland related are negotiated by a meeting of elders (*Shir*), and the application of customary law (*Xeer*). They concern issues such as tree ownership and management, access to pastures and water, allocation and boundaries of agricultural land, etc. Issues are discussed until consensus is reached. Issues which cannot be solved at local level can be taken to court.

119. The mandate of the administrative land committees is restricted to the resolution of disputes concerning urban areas covered by city master plans. Its mandate does not extend to pastoral and agricultural land disputes. Administrative land tribunals have not been put in place partly due to problems in demarcation and the development of town plans. In addition to the mandate of ordinary courts/tribunals, customary, religious and public authorities are also involved in the resolution of disputes.

120. In the rural and more recently in the urban life, clan elders have been active in the dispute resolution. Practically, the dispute resolution role of religious leaders and particularly the elders is unlimited unless, it is taken over by the government. Respectful elders from clans or sub-clans of disputing parties come together to manage disputes of all types. Depending the nature, relationship and complexity of the

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<sup>14</sup> FAO (2021) pg. 20.

dispute, they decide whether it needs mediation or arbitration.. To decide, elders refer/retrace similar precedents in the record of the clans that the disputing parties belong to. Their verdict and remedies is usually binding to the disputants and cannot be appealed. If the property dispute requires evidences and its verification or there is an injury or loss resulted from the dispute and remedy is to be established, elders involve religious leaders and the verdict is based on the rulings of the religious leaders.

121. The clan elder's role is regarded as a complementary to that of the government. The Ministry of Interior is generally mandated to oversee maintenance of peace and security and the police force acts as the operational arm of the Ministry on this mandate. The Ministry has a department for traditional clan elders, but also it has peace building unit which recently adopted peace building policy in which land disputes are regarded as a major issue and a source of conflict in both urban and rural areas. The Ministry keeps a register of 2100 chiefs registered at the Ministry, of which almost 1000 of them are paid by the Ministry on monthly bases. These serve as the arm of the Ministry in maintaining peace, but there is criticism that chiefs are widely politicized by the government and that this creates distrust in the traditional structure. Ordinary courts tend to be more technical and complicated for ordinary people and requires lawyers and the court fees that provides a further barrier. Court processes should be simplified and legal aid services should be provided to improve access to justice, especially to vulnerable and marginalized people. On the other hand, customary mechanisms offer easily accessible and amicable mechanisms of settlement of disputes. However, the applicable norms and procedures raise issues of fairness, especially in terms of gender equality in dispute resolution, requiring women to rely on men. These above mentioned mechanisms have basic limitations; legal pluralism is a key factor that leads to the complexity of land dispute resolution, because fragmentation of laws can accommodates constant conflict of institutional interfaces and cross-cutting issues and activities.

122. Land disputes and grievances have been identified as a major issue of contestation. There are different categories of causes of land-related grievances, including the following:

- i. Powerful groups and individuals take land illegally, often from the poor or minority groups who cannot defend themselves. This is based on the fact that land prices in urban areas like Hargeisa have skyrocketed in recent years, and land has become a popular commodity;
- ii. Somalilanders returning from overseas to Hargeisa and other major towns often claim back their land, which causes a variety of land grievances, as others have continually occupied the land in their absence;
- iii. There are multiple questions about land inheritance, especially given the large group of members in a family, as well as the return of diaspora members who may have claims to inherit the land.
- iv. Of concern to the citizens are the unregulated sale of public property and the destruction of historic property. Sales often take place between government representatives and private interest groups, without any possibility for recourse by citizens.
- v. Loss of traditional grazing systems
- vi. Lack of control over communal grazing areas, forests reserves and game reserves
- vii. Increased enclosures curtailing the mobility of pastoralists during seasonal migrations
- viii. Increased number of livestock causing more pressure on rangelands
- ix. Illegal occupation and land grabbing in urban areas
- x. Increasing rural dispute over boundaries of land properties, and ownership and/or access to water points and pasture

123. Land conflicts have considerable impact on the overall development of Somaliland. Because this impact is mostly negative, the project sets out to explore the issue of land conflicts in greater depth. Impacts can appear on many different levels as land conflicts influence the following developments: - Economy: Depending on the type of land conflict, the economy is influenced differently. In general

however, the impact is negative. This is due to the fact that contested territories can often not be used or that the production from these territories is severely limited. Besides this, keeping up different cases is expensive; irrespective of which judicial system is in place. - Social: Land-based conflicts can contribute to the worsening of the relationship between different groups within society. First, asymmetries with regard to power and / or economic aspects can destabilize long-term relations between groups. Second, the gender aspect has to be seen in this context. Besides their formal misrepresentation, women often play important roles here. Politics: Land conflicts are a pressing matter for many government officials and underline the need to reform land tenure policies. On the other hand these conflicts demonstrate the weakness of the system of the state with regard to implementation. Land conflicts can also hinder development if certain projects cannot be implemented due to a lack of security or stable situations. This first cursory glance already demonstrates that land conflicts are an enormously important issue for the development of Somaliland.

# CHAPTER 7 – POLICY, LEGAL, AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS

## 7.1 Overview

124. **The Constitution of the Somaliland Government** is the supreme law of the country and declared the ownership of public property and includes the following clauses:

### **Article 12: Public Assets, Natural Resources and Indigenous Production**

1. The land is a public property commonly owned by the nation, and the state is responsible for it.
2. The care and safeguarding of property, endowments and public assets is the responsibility of the state and all citizens; and shall be determined by law.
3. The Government shall have the power to own and possess movable and immovable property; and to purchase, sell, rent, lease, exchange on equivalent value, or otherwise expend that property in any way which is in accordance with the law
4. The central state is responsible for the natural resources of the country, and shall take all possible steps to explore and exploit all these resources which are available in the nation's land or sea. The protection and the best means of the exploitation of these natural resources shall be determined by law.
5. Where it is necessary to transfer the ownership or the benefits of a public asset, the transfer shall be effected in accordance with the law.
6. The state shall encourage indigenous economic production such as agriculture, livestock, fisheries, minerals, production of frankincense and myrrh and gum etc., and manufacture based on indigenous products.

### **Article 31: The Right to Own Private Property**

1. Every person shall have the right to own private property, provided that it is acquired lawfully.
2. Private property acquired lawfully shall not be expropriated except for reasons of public interest and provided that proper compensation is paid.
3. The law shall determine matters that are within the public interest, which may bring about the expropriation of private property.

### **Article 36: The Rights of Women**

1. The rights, freedoms and duties laid down in the Constitution are to be enjoyed equally by men and women save for matters which are specifically ordained in Islamic Sharia.
2. The Government shall encourage, and shall legislate for, the right of women to be free of practices which are contrary to Sharia and which are injurious to their person and dignity.
3. Women have the right to own, manage, oversee, trade in, or pass on property in accordance with the law.

### **Agriculture Land Law (8/1999)**

125. In Article 2, transfers all land from traditional authorities to the government and clearly states that all the agricultural land is commonly owned by the state and the Government of Somaliland is responsible for it. The law does not recognize customary land holdings.

126. **Article 3** states that the Ministry of Agricultural Development is the government responsible authority for management of agricultural land. The ministry has the mandate to give agricultural land permission to individuals desiring land for agricultural purposes. This law also requires from people who used to own agricultural land before this law should register their land with the ministry within a year from the date this law comes into force.

127. **Article 7** states that the size of the new agricultural land to be given to a person or family (maximum) is 8 hectares of rainfed land and 4 hectares of irrigated land

128. In 2001, the land management law (act) was prepared detailing National Eviction Guidelines and the Interim Protocol on Land Distribution for Housing to Eligible Refugee-Returnees and IDP. The law codifies the roles and responsibilities between the different levels of government (national and sub-national). The National Eviction Guidelines (NEG) address the human rights implications of evictions in urban and rural areas by preventing arbitrary and forced eviction of occupiers of public and private properties, from homes, encampments and other lands.

### **Land Management Act 17/2001**

129. This law gives local council cities in Somaliland mandate regarding land management

#### **130. Article 1: Power of Land Administration**

1. In addition to God, the entire territory of the Republic of Somaliland belongs to the Government of Somaliland (as stipulated in Article 12, Clause 1 of the Constitution) and therefore its administrative powers, transfers and legislative proposals belong to the Council of Ministers.
2. The President of the Republic of Somaliland, upon hearing the advice of the Council of Ministers and the National Urban Design Commission of the Republic of Somaliland, shall issue a Presidential Decree on the acquisition of land or buildings for the common good.
3. Public purpose means: construction sites, New Roads, Broadway, bridges, power lines, telecommunications, government offices and other public buildings and shall be published in the Official Gazette of the Government.

#### **131. Article 2: Power of Land Permission**

1. The administration and permissions of construction positions in the cities (districts) of Somaliland, are owned by the local government (Executive Committee of the local government)
2. The management of any public interest such as; The land of government offices, houses, diplomats, factories, and all the former public places (public areas) is owned by the central government.
3. There shall be an office representing the National Commission for General Designs, located at the headquarters of the Ministry of Public Works at the District, Regional, and National.
4. The office referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article shall verify that the land deeds completed by the land administration of the municipality are in accordance with the general design of the city.
5. It is prohibited for the Armed Forces and other government agencies other than those mentioned in Clauses 1 and 2 of this Article to interfere in any way with the administration of land matters.

132. **Article 20** declares that any structures, whether permanent or temporarily constructed without being in accordance with the land allocation process will be considered to be illegal

133. **Article 21** addresses eviction and demolition of illegal property. Section 1 of this article indicates “The Municipal government while implementing the city urban plan will have the authority to demolish illegally constructed structures be, they temporary or permanent”. In Section 2 of this article eviction from temporary structures can arise if the said land is part of a plan in which it is set aside and it is needed for purposes other than residential use and in which case the evicted parties will be settled in a suitable land and their eviction and settlement costs will be covered by the local government. As per Section 3 “Illegal structures cannot be constructed for the purpose of acquiring land and eviction of such structures will not be due for compensation”. Section 4 mentions that “Parties affected by eviction or demolition of single structures or whole estates will have priority in any land allocation resulting from such activity”.

134. **Article 22** addresses demolition of legal property stating “When the demolition of a legal property results from needs arising due to City Planning, the following will apply: a) The affected party will be compensated for the value of their property. b) The affected party will be allocated with land not less than size to his evicted land and will be offered legal documents”.

135. **Article 23** addresses expropriation of land for the purpose of common good pointing out: a) Following consultation with the permanent national planning committee and having gained their approval, the Mayor will have the authority to issue an order to take over legally allocated built land or otherwise for the purpose of common good. b) Any party affected by section 1 above will have a right to the following: I) compensation in value similar to the said property and II) be provided with similar property that is equal in value and size to the said property.

136. **Draft Land Tenure Policy:** the principles that will guide tenure policy include secure equitable access to land for use and ownership, sustainable land use and effective and efficient regulation. The Policy recognizes the following as cross-cutting issues; ministerial cooperation and co-facilitation and equal distribution of land rights. The Government acknowledges the basic need of tenure security. As a result, it shall be guided by and implement the following principles:

1. Designate all urban and rural land as well as natural resources in Somaliland as common property of the nation, upon which control, administration and management is exclusively vested in the state;
2. Facilitate the right to obtain land without payment for Somaliland farmers and protect against eviction from their possession;
3. Enforce the legal rights of access of pastoralists to free land grazing and cultivation as well as the right not to be displaced from their own lands;
4. Regulate land tenure and ensure tenure security for all socioeconomic groups, and that members of the different clans, genders, class origins, and religious and political affiliations have equal access to land for production processes under a decentralized system;
5. Protect individual property rights and communal rights in urban and rural settlements, particularly for displaced populations and those undergoing livelihood crisis;
6. Ensure compensation for populations whose habitat or livelihoods have been affected by government programming;
7. Endeavor to ensure that all land is put into productive use within an environmentally and economically sustainable framework;
8. Protect the right of pastoralists to free access to their traditional grazing lands and promote rural livelihoods;
9. Protection and utilization of national water resources is the responsibility of the Ministry of Water. The ministry shall determine conditions and methods required for the optimum allocation

and utilization of water. The ministry shall issue permits to construct and operate hydraulic water works;

10. The Ministry of Public Works and Housing shall draft laws to create town-planning area with a view to promote the development of towns in an economically sound manner. The draft law shall fix in a precise manner the limits of town area;
11. Ministries of Agriculture, Environment and Pastoral Development, Water and Natural Resources, shall collectively prepare a national plan which shall demarcate between agricultural land, forest reserve and water or mineral resource areas;
12. Facilitate the right to participate in all decision-making process and activities relating to land for local communities and the civil society that work to represent them.

137. In all instances where involuntary land acquisition results in involuntary loss of shelter, loss of assets or access to assets or means of livelihood the procedures for Involuntary Resettlement will be applied. The allocation and leasing of any and all communal land for all construction will require an “Allocation Note” (**Annex 9 - Contribution of Assets**) endorsed by the impacted community evidenced by a written protocol of the consultation between the traditional authorities and their communities<sup>15</sup> and signed by the local government and traditional authority.

138. **Land Categories**<sup>16</sup>: According to the land tenure policy, the land in the Republic of Somaliland are classified into the following categories:

- A. **Grazing land**; a field covered with grass or herbage and suitable for grazing by livestock.
- B. **Pastureland**; is an area with lush herbaceous vegetation cover used for the grazing of ungulate livestock as part of a farm or ranch.
- C. **Agricultural land**; refers to areas of land in which agriculture is recognized as the priority use. Farming is encouraged and non-agricultural uses are controlled.
- D. **Rangeland**; a large, mostly unimproved section of land that is predominantly used for livestock grazing. This is land on which the natural vegetation is dominated by native grasses, grass-like plants, forbs, and shrubs. Rangeland also consists of areas seeded to native or adapted introduced species that are managed like native vegetation.
- E. **Conservation land**; an area that is fenced-off or closed-off from common use for the protection and conservation of particular endemic and endangered natural resources (e.g. plants, animals, land, energy, minerals) or of historical/archaeological artefacts (e.g. paintings, monuments, etc) for the future. (see 7.1)
- F. **Mining land**; a natural deposit of ores, coal, precious stones where such minerals are extracted or obtained either by excavation or by washing the soil
- G. **Urban land**; is an area with a relatively higher population density of humans in comparison to the areas surrounding it known as rural areas. As such, urban areas also constitute increased density of human-created structures than rural areas.
- H. **National Parks**; land that is set aside for the preservation of unique landscapes for the pleasure of the people. The land may vary in sizes and natural characteristics as well as the usage for which it is particularly preserved.

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<sup>15</sup> This protocol is to be written by a clerk of the court of traditional authorities and supplemented by an observatory report made by any neutral persons selected to be present at the consultation. A time frame shall be set for when and how and for how long the consultation takes place.

<sup>16</sup> Draft Land Tenure Policy

- I. **Graveyards;** an area that is specifically designated as burying ground where dead bodies or remains are buried.
  - Shall be respected and protected by the state;
    - a) Graveyards of all religions shall be equally respected and protected;
    - b) Specific land shall be allocated for graveyards in all urban settlements;
    - c) The Minister of Religious Affairs and local municipalities shall be responsible for the protection of graveyards and the use of land allocated for graveyards;
    - d) The Minister of Religious Affairs shall issue regulations on protection of graveyards and use of land designated for graveyards.
- J. **Public works land;** an area where public buildings, roads, bridges, dams, housing developments are constructed or engineered by the state on behalf of the community.
- K. **Leisure and recreational land;** areas of open space provided for recreational use and resembling open woodlands where trees are chosen for their beauty and shade.
- L. **Religious, historical and archaeological sites;**
  - a) Shall be under the direct preservation and protection of the Government;
  - b) The Minister of Tourism and Heritage shall be mandated to declare any new sight of historical, archaeological or cultural value as a protected area.

139. **Hazardous land;** an area that is designated as unsafe by appropriate authorities for the settlement or subsistence of humans as a result of either human-made causes such as the disposal of toxic substances that contaminate or pollute the environment or natural threats such as earthquakes, volcanoes and landslides that threaten human

## 7.2. The World Bank Environmental and Social Framework and Standards

140. The World Bank Environmental and Social Policy for Investment Project Financing sets out the Bank's requirements regarding projects it supports through Investment Project Financing. The Banks' Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) has ten (10) Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs) that set out the requirements for Borrowers relating to the identification and assessment of environmental and social risks and impacts associated with projects supported by the Bank through Investment Project Financing. The Bank believes that applying these standards will support Borrowers in their goal to reduce poverty and sustainably increase prosperity for the benefit of the environment and their citizens. Applicable ESS for the FSRP project is 8 out of 10. The ESS5 applies to matters related to land acquisition, restriction on land use, and involuntary resettlement.

141. The overall objectives of the World Bank's ESS5, as provided by the WB ESF, are:

- i. To avoid involuntary resettlement or, when unavoidable, minimize involuntary resettlement.
- ii. To avoid forced eviction.
- iii. To mitigate unavoidable adverse social and economic impacts from land acquisition or restrictions on land use by: (a) providing timely compensation for loss of assets at replacement cost and (b) assisting displaced persons in their efforts to improve, or at least restore their livelihoods and living standards, in real terms, to pre-displacement levels or to levels prevailing prior to the beginning of project implementation, whichever is higher.
- iv. To improve living condition of poor or vulnerable persons who are physically displaced through provision of adequate housing, access to services and facilities and security of tenure.

- v. To conceive and execute resettlement activities as sustainable development programs providing sufficient investment resources to enable displaced persons to benefit directly from the project, as the nature of the project may warrant.
- vi. To ensure resettlement activities are planned and implemented with appropriate disclosure of information, meaningful consultation and informed participation of those affected.

### **7.3. Gaps between Somaliland Government Laws and Policies and World Bank ESF/ESSs**

142. This section compares the different laws and policies of the Somaliland Government, with the World Bank's ESS5: Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement. Specifically addressed are consultation requirements, eligibility for compensation, valuation method, grievance redress mechanism, disclosure of information and the timing of compensation payments (See Table 5). For the SL-FSRP project, the Bank's ESS5 will take precedence over any of these other laws

Table 4: Comparative Gap Analysis of Somaliland Laws/Policies and World Bank ESF/ESS

Category of PAPs and lost assets/ related processes	Somaliland law/policy	World Bank requirements	Gaps	Gap filling measures
Land ownership	<p><u>The Somaliland Constitution provides-</u> <b>Article 31:</b> Every person has the right to own, use, enjoy, sell, and transfer property.</p> <p><b>Article 12:</b> The land is a public property commonly owned by the nation, and the state is responsible for it.</p> <p><b>Article 36:</b> Women have the right to own, manage, oversee, trade in, or pass on property in accordance with the law.</p> <p><u>Agriculture Land Law (8/1999):</u>  <b>Article 2:</b> transfers all land from traditional authorities to the government and clearly states that all the agricultural land is commonly owned by the state and the Government of Somaliland</p> <p><b>Article 3:</b> states that the Ministry of Agricultural Development is the government responsible authority for management of agricultural land.</p> <p><u>Land Management Act (17/2001):</u> <b>Article 1:</b> In addition to God, the entire territory of the</p>	Identified three types of PAPs that have land rights.	Though Somaliland laws cleared on those PAPs with legal land rights. However there is gaps for law enforcement and management.	Both World Bank Provisions and the Provisional Constitution will be applied. Use of voluntary land agreements whether requirements are met as per the ESF or government mediated land agreements where ownership is unclear or overlapping claims to avoid conflict and promote community and government agreement on land claims and compensation.

Category of PAPs and lost assets/ related processes	Somaliland law/policy	World Bank requirements	Gaps	Gap filling measures
	Republic of Somaliland belongs to the Government of Somaliland			
Involuntary resettlement	<p><u><b>Somaliland Constitution: Article 31</b></u> states that every person has the right to own, use, enjoy, sell and transfer property. Second point of that same article states that Private property acquired lawfully shall not be expropriated except for reasons of public interest and provided that proper compensation is paid.</p> <p><u><b>Land Management Act: Articles 22 and 23</b></u> states that the case of expropriation of land and demolition of legal property, the following will apply: a) proper consultation have to be made, b) the affected party will be fully compensated and or provided with similar property that is equal in value and size</p>	Involuntary resettlement should be avoided wherever possible or minimized, exploring all alternatives	Though there are legislations governing land use, and ownership, Evictions are reported to be commonplace in Somaliland. There is a gap in implementation of these laws	Ensure that resettlement issues are considered at the design stage to avoid/ minimize resettlement and exclude where land agreements cannot be secured and compensation cannot be paid. The ESS 5 will be applicable.

Category of PAPs and lost assets/ related processes	Somaliland law/policy	World Bank requirements	Gaps	Gap filling measures
Compensation Eligibility	<p><b>Somaliland Constitution: Article 31</b> states private property acquired lawfully shall not be expropriated except for reasons of public interest and provided that proper compensation is paid.</p> <p><b>Land Management Act: Articles 22 and 23</b> states that the case of expropriation of land and demolition of legal property, the following will apply: a) proper consultation have to be made, b) the affected party will be fully compensated and or provided with similar property that is equal in value and size</p>	<p>World Bank recognizes three classes of PAPs eligible for compensation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Those with formal legal rights to land (including customary and traditional rights recognized under the laws of the country)</li> <li>Those who do not have formal legal rights to land at the time of the census but have a claim that is recognized under the laws of the country</li> <li>Those with no recognizable legal right or claim to the land they occupy (for example, squatters, and encroachers).</li> </ul> <p>Types of losses to be compensated include physical and economic displacement and cover land, residential or commercial structures, and lost income caused by temporary or permanent economic displacement,</p>	<p>Those without legal title to land, including settlers, encroachers, IDPs, etc., have no protection under Somaliland laws and policies</p>	<p>World Bank ESS5 and RAP guidelines to be followed to determine eligibility</p>
Valuation Method	<p><b>Somaliland Constitution: Article 31</b> states private property acquired lawfully shall not be expropriated except for reasons of public interest and provided that proper compensation is paid.</p> <p><b>Land Management Act: Articles 22 and 23</b> states that the case of expropriation of land and demolition of legal property, the following will apply: a) proper</p>	<p>Bank requires compensation to be provided at full replacement cost for all lost assets.</p>	<p>It is unclear how the value is set or determined by government agencies.</p>	<p>Given the lack of clarity on the values of the various assets to be compensated, the project will recruit an expert to produce a standardized valuation form to compensate PAPs.</p>

Category of PAPs and lost assets/ related processes	Somaliland law/policy	World Bank requirements	Gaps	Gap filling measures
	consultation have to be made, b) the affected party will be fully compensated and or provided with similar property that is equal in value and size			Assets will be valued at full replacement cost.  ESS 5 will be applicable.
Consultation	<u>Land Management Act: Articles 22 and 23</u> states that the case of expropriation of land and demolition of legal property, the following will apply: a) proper consultation have to be made, b) the affected party will be fully compensated and or provided with similar property that is equal in value and size	Project-affected persons (PAPs) facing physical and economic displacement must be meaningfully consulted to express their concerns and discuss ways to minimize impacts on affected communities.  PAPs also should have opportunities to participate in planning and implementing resettlement programs.	There is no clear provisions in the Somaliland laws that details mechanisms to adequately involve project-affected individuals, households, businesses, or communities.	World Bank ESS5, ESS 10 and RAP guidelines to be followed.  All the affected persons should be meaningfully consulted.
Grievance Mechanism	<u>Somaliland Constitution: Article 28</u> states that every person shall have the right to submit their grievances and institute proceedings in a competent court in accordance with the law	World Bank policy calls for a project-level grievance redress mechanism to cover resettlement and related compensation matters, construction phase grievances, and operations phase grievances.	Law courts may be cumbersome, costly, or intimidating, especially for those with no formal land titles, IDPs, refugees, or those unable to read or write.  Ideally, it should be used only as a last resort.	The project will develop grievance procedures in line with the requirements of the ESF.
Vulnerable groups	<u>Somaliland Constitution: Article 19</u> addresses the care of the vulnerable groups in the society. It says the state shall be responsible	Particular attention is paid to vulnerable groups, especially those below the poverty line, the landless, the elderly, women, and children as well as minorities, IDPs, socially	No specific information on land ownership issues and ways to operationalize the	World Bank's ESS5 guidelines and RPF/RAPs to be followed.

Category of PAPs and lost assets/ related processes	Somaliland law/policy	World Bank requirements	Gaps	Gap filling measures
	for the health, care, development and education of the mother, the child, the disabled who have no one to care for them, and the mentally handicapped persons who are not able and have no one to care for them	marginalized groups, nomadic pastoralists etc.	constitutional provision on vulnerable groups	
Information Disclosure	<u>The Constitution of Somaliland:</u> defines access to information as a right. It states that every person has the right of access to information held by the Somaliland;	World Bank requires disclosure by Bank at the external website, and simultaneous public disclosure in-country disclosure by clients' line ministries websites or other readily accessible public disclosure means available in their jurisdiction. Information is disclosed in the language(s) the PAPs and other stakeholders understand.	Apart from broad provisional constitution provisions, there is no detailed explanation of how this is practically done.	World Bank ESS5. ESS10 and RAP guidelines to be followed.
Compensation Payment Schedule and Cut-off date	Not addressed in Somaliland laws or policies	The cut-off date is to be established at the census and asset survey.  Compensation is to be agreed upon with PAPs and provided before taking over assets or relocation.	Somaliland law/policy provides insufficient measures to protect PAPs regarding clear cut-off date for payment of compensation	World Bank ESS5 and RAP guidelines to be followed.  Compensation payments are made before displacement.

\*\*As is noted throughout matrix above, in case of conflict between these two sets of laws/policy (Somaliland and World Bank), the more stringent of the two would prevail.

## CHAPTER 8 – PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

### 8.1. Land Acquisition Method - Mediated State Approach and Community Led Land Contribution

143. The current ESF assessment advocates for a Mediated-State approach to Community-Led Land Contribution due to the lack of land legislation, comprehensive titling, registries, and various overlapping claims to land in Somaliland. Given that the location of this project is primarily rural areas where land is communal or unregistered, multiple claims from the government, private sector, and communities may arise. The primary method of implementation for this project will be government-mediated community land contributions while overtly avoiding areas where land is known to be contested. In order to manage voluntary land contributions, local communities need to be supportive of the project and see it as a shared prosperity. All claimants or potential claimants agree to the usage of the land required for public benefit and access by the project workers and denounce their claim over land through an agreement. According to ESS5, avoiding physical and economic displacement, reducing the number of PAPs as much as possible, compensating for losses incurred and displaced incomes and livelihoods, and providing resettlement assistance or rehabilitation, as needed, to address the negative impacts on PAPs' livelihoods and well-being is key objectives of the ESS5. The mediated state approach and community led contribution intends to ensure community buy in and the project as a shared interest and at the same time abide by the objectives of the ESS5. This is done through a donation agreement preceded by well managed stakeholder engagement to ensure the community make an informed decision and at the same time has the leeway to refuse. In addition, the community have access to a robust grievance mechanism.

144. The Project will ensure inclusivity of all targeted PAPs at all levels including women and the vulnerable members of the community. PAPs will be consulted through a variety of means, as spelled out in the SEP, as necessitated by the resettlement assessment approach. Furthermore, all information about the activity that triggers the preparation of a RP, resettlement and compensation will be publicly disclosed, following the modalities of disclosure laid out in the SEP. This is to ensure that all persons, and vulnerable groups specifically, have the opportunity to participate in the decision-making process and to raise their concerns where applicable.

145. . For the SL-FSRP project, the following mediated state approach process has been outlined for use in all areas/land that will be subjected to acquisition including all participating parties and stakeholders: will use the following process :

- i. E&S screening and assessments – will screen land and contested land will be excluded from initial site selection.
- ii. Land acquisition and resettlement impact assessment will determine whether there is a land title and map out all residents and users of the land and which traditional leaders and government officials have jurisdiction over the land. It will recommend what private and community land agreements are necessary for each site as well as RAP/LRPs (only for economic and physical displacement).
- iii. Community discussions will be held with all inhabitants and land users, particularly disadvantaged and vulnerable groups. After the meetings, community representatives and government officials will sign summaries and land agreements. The process is detailed in the summary safeguards report, and the land donation agreement form (Annex 6) (as described in the ESMF) is submitted to the Bank for review and clearance. Project representatives will give special attention to the identification of vulnerable and disadvantaged groups for

targeting, assessing social impacts from the land acquisition or use, potential economic displacement, and prospective losses, ascertaining the costs of resettlement, and preparing agreements or RAP/LRPs for implementation (where required) during mapping of land users and community structures.

- iv. Design of alternatives at the subproject level would be considered to avoid displacement considering, in particular, if there would be the potential negative consequences such as forced displacement, loss of assets, and limited opportunities for livelihoods restoration;
- v. After RPF approval, any changes to the project design during the implementation must follow the above steps before introducing the changes.
- vi. Monitoring and evaluation of E&S impacts and mitigation measures resulting from the subproject implementation, including resettlement impacts, will include lesson learning to inform the future.

146. This chapter establishes a broad framework for addressing any potential negative consequences of forcible resettlement through suitable mitigation strategies, particularly in the case of significant poverty hazards. According to ESS5, avoiding physical and economic displacement, reducing the number of PAPs as much as possible, compensating for losses incurred and displaced incomes and livelihoods, and providing resettlement assistance or rehabilitation, as needed, to address the impacts on PAP's livelihoods and well-being can reduce these risks. This chapter also includes summaries of fundamental ideas of involuntary resettlement.

147. Notably, there will be no compulsory land acquisition for project investments. Project representatives will not support investments requiring physical resettlement or extensive economic resettlement of community members. In the event of disagreements, the project will use mediation efforts to broker agreements with the respective communities and applicable local/district/regional leadership.

## **8.2. Application of ESS5**

148. The ESS5 applies to permanent or temporary physical and economic displacement resulting from the land acquisition or restrictions on land use undertaken or imposed in connection with project implementation. The types of purchase and restricted use are:

- i. Land rights or land use rights acquired or restricted through expropriation or other compulsory procedures per national law.
- ii. Land rights or land use rights acquired or restricted through negotiated settlements with property owners or those with legal rights to the land if failure to settle would have resulted in expropriation or other compulsory procedures.
- iii. Restrictions on land use and access to natural resources cause a community or groups within a community to lose access to resource usage where they have traditional or customary tenure or recognizable usage rights. This may include the establishment of legally designated protected areas, forests, biodiversity areas, or buffer zones in connection with the project.
- iv. Relocation of people without formal, traditional, or recognizable usage rights who are occupying or utilizing land before a project-specific cut-off date.

- v. Displacement of people as a result of project impacts that render their land unusable or inaccessible.
- vi. Decrease water access to users downstream which will have livelihood impacts and is addressed in the ESMF.
- vii. Restriction on access to land or use of other resources, including communal property and natural resources such as marine and aquatic resources, timber and non-timber forest products, freshwater, medicinal plants, hunting and gathering grounds, and grazing and cropping areas.
- viii. Voluntary land donation (where the property is privately owned) or government mediated agreements (where the land is communally owned) where the impacts and benefits from the investment are disproportionate. Given the lack of robust land titling in Somaliland, most land is not formally registered, but private individuals particularly politically or economically influential families may have claims. They are often willing to donate land e.g. for water infrastructure and although they often benefit from having other parcels nearer to the water source, or benefiting from contractors temporary building that are left behind, there may be additional impacts e.g. public needing to traverse their remaining parcels or flood risk. Thus, the voluntary land agreements and any benefits or potential impacts should be considered and agreed and documented.
- ix. Land acquisition or land-use restrictions occurring before the project was undertaken or initiated in anticipation of, or preparation for, the project.

149. The project may have to deal with prior land difficulties involving unresolved/multiple claims to land and assets proposed for subproject level investments inside or outside of existing commercial or public service provider facilities. While certain municipalities in cities and metropolitan regions have some land administration and tenure system, land administration and management in most parts of Somaliland is fragmented and non-existent. Land tenure is likely to remain more collective than individual, particularly in rural areas, because the country currently lacks a national land acquisition law. Aside from legal and regulatory inadequacies, the problem is further complicated by asset compensation, land appropriation, and asset appraisal requirements.

150. Given the deficiencies in institutional capacity and the lack of criteria (standard schedules) under national legislation, the project will hire a valuation/land expert, preferably a local expert, to produce guidelines and standardized forms for asset value. One of the considerations is a reference to the local market for land (even if informal) and other assets that can be used as a reference.

151. The possibility of forcible displacement/eviction of internally displaced persons (IDPs) fleeing drought and violence and settling on vacant private or public properties in Somaliland towns is significant, particularly in metropolitan areas where land is scarce, and property prices are high. The project will ensure that no persons are evicted or forcefully displaced and the project team will ensure that processes detailed in this FSRP and the ESS5 is followed.

### **8.3. Eligibility Criteria for Affected Persons**

152. The ESS5 classifies eligibility for those affected by involuntary resettlement into three categories:

- i. Those who have formal legal rights to land or assets.
- ii. Those who do not have formal legal rights to land or assets but have a claim to land or assets that is recognized or recognizable under national law.

- iii. Those with no recognizable legal right or claim to the land or assets they occupy or use are also eligible for compensation for immovable assets.

#### **8.4. Determination of Affected Persons**

153. Those affected by involuntary resettlement will be determined through the census, which will be done in close consultation with the affected communities and households and social, land, and natural resource experts. The census will:

- i. Identify the persons affected by the project, including information on demographics and socio-economic conditions. This will provide information on age, sex, livelihoods options in the subproject area, and social characteristics, including the presence of the vulnerable and disadvantaged group, institutions-community, and formal institutions like NGOs that may be consulted.
- ii. determine who will be eligible for compensation and assistance, and discourage ineligible persons, such as opportunistic settlers, from claiming benefits.
- iii. address the claims of communities or groups who, for valid reasons, may not be present in the project area during the time of the census, such as seasonal resource users like nomadic pastoralists.
- iv. Establish an inventory of land and assets affected by resettlement and information on applicable land tenure and transfer systems.

#### **8.5. Cut-Off Date**

154. If land acquisition is needed the government will establish a cut-off date for eligibility for each sub-project using census information. The objective is to help keep ineligible and opportunistic people from benefiting from the compensations. The cut-off date is the census's commencement date within the project area boundaries. The cut-off date for this project shall be determined by the PCU in consultation with project stakeholders, including relevant traditional authorities, as appropriate. The government will ensure that information on the cut-off date will be communicated and disseminated throughout the project area using written and unwritten channels and mediums. Persons who move to the subproject area after the cut-off date and may lose assets will not be eligible for compensation and resettlement assistance. The project will ensure that those who may not be present during the census (e.g., nomadic pastoralists) but have a valid reason for being absent are considered.

#### **8.6. Replacement Cost**

155. The Somaliland Government will ensure that subprojects are sited where there are no or minimal displacements. However, physical and economic displacement will be compensated if it happens. The exclusion criteria for this project include two key conditions:

- i. Any activities that may have significant adverse social impacts and/ or may give rise to substantial social conflict, such as disputes over land or access to water (more so for downstream users); and
- ii. Any activities that may involve significant physical resettlement or extensive economic displacement, or loss of livelihoods of more than ten vulnerable and disadvantaged households.

156. Individuals, households, communities, and common users will be compensated in kind and/or cash. The affected persons and communities will be consulted, and they will decide on the type of compensation preferred. Compensation will include cash payments, in-kind compensation, and assistance such as a moving allowance, transportation, and labour. Compensation will be determined by taking all assets into account. This will include compensation for rural and urban assets, including land, crops, trees, buildings and structures, sacred sites, vegetable gardens and beehives, horticultural, floricultural, fruit trees, and other domestic cash crops and fruit trees. This will be determined according to the unit costs according to current market prices. The assistance is meant to help the PAPs cope with the displacement caused by the project. The following considerations will be made when project sites are identified and PAPs listed.

- i. Special considerations should be paid to the PAPs by identifying their needs from the socio-economic and baseline studies undertaken as part of the RAP process.
- ii. The groups should be individually consulted and given opportunities to participate in the resettlement decision-making process, as well as project activities.
- iii. Consultation with these groups should ensure that resulting resettlement and compensation improves their pre-project livelihood-with preference going to their resettlement in the same settlement.
- iv. The RAPs should be designed to ensure special attention is paid to the monitoring of the resettlement process to ensure that pre-project livelihoods are indeed improved upon.
- v. PAPs should be given sufficient technical and financial assistance to make use of the grievance mechanisms of the project where required.
- vi. Decisions concerning them should be made in the shortest possible time.

157. A detailed Replacement cost matrix relating to the type of impacts of land and asset acquisitions is provided. Given that the SL-FSRP subprojects will be small-scale, the project will avoid causing disruptions in the land and livelihoods. Impact and compensation on trees and crops are included in the matrix. If and when broader impacts are assessed during the screening, then requisite mitigation measures will be put in place. All involuntary land acquisition and any possible adverse impacts such as loss of assets and physical and economic displacement will be compensated at full replacement value per ESS5.

158. For disadvantaged and vulnerable groups, including PWDs, female-headed households, IDPs, and nomadic pastoralist communities, the project social safeguards will work closely with the land/valuation expert to ensure that they are supported to acquire the necessary documentation and qualify for compensation as necessary. The key challenges to be resolved for these groups include lack of tenure, previous displacement, exclusion from livelihood restoration opportunities, and lack of decision-making power.

**Table 5: Displacement Impact and Replacement Cost Matrix**

Asset	Type of impact	Entitled person or group	Replacement / Action
Commercial Land	No Displacement: Land use partially affected, limited temporary loss	Owner	Compensation in cash at full replacement value Where land use is partially affected or with temporary losses, replacement value will be determined for 'loss of use of land' and temporary losses.
		Tenants (incl. IDPs, PWDs, and PAPs without land rights), persons whose livelihoods are in part or total affected (permanently or temporarily) by the project	Assistance with identification of new rental location if temporary or permanent move necessary. Rent and deposit refund along with relocation assistance. Assistance provided with the social specialists to IDPs, PWDs, and other vulnerable and disadvantaged groups with access to documentation necessary for appropriate compensation.
	Displacement: Premise use severely affected, remaining land not fit for the use or viable	Owner	Exclusion criteria shall apply.
		Tenant (incl. IDPs, PWDs, and PAPs without land rights)// Persons whose livelihoods are in part, or total, affected (permanently or temporarily) by the project	- Exclusion criteria shall apply.
		Loss of access/livelihood impacts	- Exclusion criteria shall apply.
Residential Land	No Displacement: Land used for residence is partially affected and/or limited temporary loss, and the remaining land remains viable for use	Owner	Compensation in cash at full replacement value for affected land Where land use is partially affected or with temporary losses, replacement value will be determined for 'loss of use of land' and temporary losses.
		Tenant (incl. IDPs, PWDs, and PAPs without land rights)/	Assistance with finding a new rental/lease location if a temporary or permanent move is necessary Rent and deposit refund along with relocation assistance to cover moving costs
	Displacement: The premise used for residence was severely impacted, the remaining area insufficient for use or	Owner	Exclusion criteria shall apply.
		Tenant (incl. IDPs, PWDs, and PAPs without land rights)	Exclusion criteria shall apply.

Asset	Type of impact	Entitled person or group	Replacement / Action
	smaller than minimally accepted		
Agricultural pastureland or	Full use- minimal loss of agriculture or pastureland	Persons whose agricultural or pasture land (or other productive lands) is in part, or temporarily affected by the Project	Pre-project or pre-displacement, whichever is higher, the market value of the land of equal productive potential or use located in the vicinity of the affected land, plus the cost of preparing the land to levels similar to those of the affected land, plus the cost of any registration and transfer taxes. The value of the labour invested in preparing agricultural land will be compensated at the average wage in the community for the same period. Relocation support for pastoral households' structures (e.g., livestock fencing) to other areas in consultation with the PAPs and local communities. Cost of accessing equivalent pasture or income derived from use of that specific pasture.
	Full use- loss of agriculture or pastureland	Persons whose agricultural or pasture land (or other productive lands) is in part, or in total permanently affected by the Project.	Exclusion criteria shall apply
	Seasonal use	Persons who's agricultural or pasture land (or another productive land) is severely affected, or remaining land not fit for the use or viable for any useful gain or smaller than minimally accepted	Exclusion criteria shall apply.
Trees – timber	Cut/uprooted (loss of timber)	All PAPs	Cash compensation for the tree's full replacement value, including for the one-time sale of timber.
Fruit trees	Cut/uprooted (generally loss of fruit)	All PAPs	Cash compensation for full replacement market value of the produce of one tree for two years, assistance in establishing replacement trees. The tree's present age and productive life need to be factored in.
Standing Crops	Crops affected by land acquisition or temporary	All PAPs	When possible, PAPs will be given enough time to harvest existing crops to avoid an economic loss. Where not feasible, cash compensation for crops at the full market current value in the locality.

Asset	Type of impact	Entitled person or group	Replacement / Action
	acquisition, or easement		
Business	Loss of access	All PAPs	<p>Cash compensation of net monthly income based on estimates from similar businesses for the length of time access is lost. Or up to three months' income (if the loss is permanent).</p> <p>Assistance to help find alternative temporary or permanent locations to establish business</p> <p>Right to salvage material without deduction from compensation</p> <p>Livelihood restoration assistance if impaired or completely destroyed (for example, assistance with job placement, skills training, or establishment of new livelihood) to re-establish income level to at least previous level.</p>
Community Building	Temporary loss of access	All PAPs	<p>Cash compensation to cover public transportation costs to the nearest same facility in the town/city for the period of loss</p>
		Owner/Community	<p>Structure replacement or cash compensation at full replacement costs for the entire structure and other fixed assets without depreciation or alternative structure which is acceptable to the PAP</p> <p>Right to salvage material without deduction from compensation</p> <p>Relocation assistance to cover moving costs</p> <p>Assistance with finding a new location</p>
	Displacement	Tenant (incl. IDPs, PLWDs, and PAPs without land rights)	<p>Cash compensation at full replacement cost for any verifiable improvement of the property</p> <p>Rent and deposit refund</p> <p>Relocation assistance to cover moving costs</p> <p>Assistance provided with the social specialists to IDPs, PWDs, and other vulnerable and disadvantaged groups with access to documentation necessary for appropriate compensation.</p> <p>Assistance with finding a new location</p>
Community Infrastructure	Temporary loss of access and use (e.g., during the rehabilitation of existing boreholes)	All PAPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Alternative assets are identified to ensure access and use during the rehabilitation period.</li> <li>-Additional incentives include the provision of water to the communities</li> </ul>
Cultural property such as graves	Loss of access	All PAPs	Cash compensation to cover additional costs of relocating graves and associated ceremonies.

## **8.7. Resettlement Plan Process**

159. After the subproject identification, screening, and ES assessment are finalized, and the need for land acquisition is ascertained, a Resettlement Plan (RP) will be developed. The plan will set out eligibility criteria, procedures and standards for compensation, stakeholder consultation methods, monitoring and evaluation, and addressing grievances. For projects with physical and economic displacement, additional relocation, livelihood improvement or restoration, and appropriate mitigation measures for restriction on land use will be developed. The plan will also assign roles and responsibilities for financing and implementation, including institutions to partner with and maintenance professionals to support the project. Monitoring will happen throughout the resettlement process, and course-correct, where there are bottlenecks and affected persons, will be continuously informed and their feedback utilized. Once the involuntary resettlement process is over, the government will commission an external completion audit for all subprojects with significant involuntary resettlement impacts. The completion audit will be undertaken by competent resettlement professionals who will assess whether the resettlement objectives have been achieved and, if not, propose corrective measures (World Bank 2017).

## **8.8. Stakeholder Engagement and Grievance Mechanism**

160. Communities, including women and vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals and groups, will be engaged throughout planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, compensation, livelihood restoration activities, and relocation as per ESS10 guidelines. Most importantly, their meaningful participation in decision-making processes related to resettlement and livelihood restoration will include options and alternatives from which affected persons may choose. Relevant information must be disclosed to the communities appropriately and using the appropriate medium. A grievance mechanism (GM) for the project will be established as early as possible to address the concerns of the affected persons. Existing formal or informal, or project-specific GM could be used.

## **8.9. Collaboration with Relevant Government Institutions and Capacity Strengthening**

161. The MoAD, MoECC and MoLRD will collaborate with relevant government institutions and other key stakeholders that deal with land acquisition, resettlement, or other necessary livelihood support. The capacity of these institutions will be enhanced through technical and financial assistance if needed, and the project could finance it. If the policies and standards do not meet WB ESS5 requirements, supplementary arrangements or provisions to address the identified issue can be added to the resettlement plan. The plan should also specify financial responsibilities for each agency involved, appropriate timing and sequencing for implementation steps, and coordination arrangements for addressing financial contingencies or responding to unforeseen circumstances.

## CHAPTER 9 – RPF IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

### 9.1 Overview

163. The implementation arrangements, monitoring, and evaluation of the RPF and RAPs will be within the realm of overall project implementation. This can be adjusted depending on the complexity and scope of the subprojects. This chapter provides insights on how the RPF and RAP will be implemented, including institutional arrangements, resettlement activities, budget items, and financing of resettlement activities.

### 9.2. Institutional Arrangements

164. As provided below, various institutions have a role in RPF and RAP implementation.

#### Project Implementation

165. The Somaliland FSRP will be implemented by a designated project coordination unit (PCU), housed within the MoAD. The PCU will have strong representation from the Ministry of Livestock and Rural Development (MoLRD) and Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MoECC), and will be strengthened through the recruitment of additional core staff and consultants who will be made responsible for Project management tasks including administration, M&E, communication, procurement, financial management (FM), and environmental and social safeguards, as well as GBV and sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment (SEA/SH). Additionally, the project will contract dedicated subject matter specialists as required. The project will significantly benefit from implementation capacity developed under the Biyoole Project, that has performed moderately satisfactorily during the last couple of years.

166. Project implementation and coordination will be anchored by the Project Coordination Unit (PCU). The PCU will be a high-capacity multi-thematic unit comprising representatives from MoAD, MoLRD and MoECC. The PCU will also have thematic specialists to support various project components including but not limited to crop production specialists, animal health specialists, financial inclusion specialist, a digital agriculture specialist, a private sector specialist, and a gender specialist. Additionally, the PCU will have dedicated personnel for environmental and social safeguards, finance, security, gender, procurement, and monitoring and evaluation. Detailed terms of reference will be developed for each of these positions. The PCU positions be filled primarily through secondment from stakeholder ministries. In case suitable staff are unavailable, the project will recruit staff externally. If needed, the project will engage leading technical agencies and research institutions to backstop implementation capacity and technical training. The focus of these partnerships will be to build long-term institutional capacity within the stakeholder ministries through co-implementation, training, and capacity building.

167. At the community level, the project will engage existing as well as newly mobilized community institutions including CIGs, representative village level organizations, and FPOs as key implementation stakeholders.

168. Wherever needed, the project will engage leading technical agencies and research institutions to backstop implementation capacity and technical training. The focus of these partnerships will be to build long term institutional capacity within MoAD, MoECC and MoLRD through co-implementation, training, and capacity building.

169. As part of the implementation arrangements, the project may also put in place technical advisory committees at the Somaliland level. The latter would include representatives from producer cooperatives and organizations, the chamber of commerce, banking associations, livestock associations, and other private sector associations. The purpose of these technical advisory committees will be to bring in sectoral insights, coordinate investments, and build stakeholder feedback into project design and implementation. For investments at the local level, the project will engage in intensive community consultations in the design, validation, and implementation of activities. The project will leverage the network of institutions mobilized under the project as well as pre-existing community forums to identify and prioritize investments. To the extent possible, PIUs will engage in multi-ministerial visits to assess the multi-sectoral needs of communities and develop local investment plans.

### **Community and Local Level Institutions**

170. While the project will attempt to avoid and minimize involuntary resettlement, additional committees complimenting the VDC will be formed if the scale of resettlement increases. This committee will be called Resettlement and Compensation Committee (RCC), which will draw membership from PCU, relevant state ministries, district/local authorities, clan leaders/ communities (should have representation from women and youth groups), resettlement experts/consultants. The role of VDC/RCC is to:

- i. Ensure community participation by mobilizing and sensitizing community members.
- ii. Assist in resolving grievances of PAPs.
- iii. Ensure that social values are not interfered with.
- iv. Support and assist in the mobilization of the various relevant grassroots interest groups that may have complaints that need to be resolved in the execution of the project to avoid conflicts and grievances.
- v. Support in the identification of the development needs of the community.
- vi. Ensure community participation by mobilizing and sensitizing community members.
- vii. Support and assist in the mobilization of the relevant grassroots interest groups.

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- i. Maintains an oversight role in ensuring compliance with the ESS, reviewing and providing clearance and approval for the RPF and RAPs.
- ii. Maintain an oversight role of the RPF/RPs/LP implementation supervision and may conduct spot checks or audits as necessary.
- iii. Conduct regular supervision missions throughout the project implementation and monitor the project construction progress.
- iv. Recommend additional measures for strengthening the management framework and implementation performance.
- v. Suppose the WB considers the implementation unacceptable and no improvements can be expected. In that case, it will require that institutional capacity building measures be provided to strengthen the PCU and PIUs.

### 9.3. RPF and RP Implementation

171. Once cleared and approved, the compensation, resettlement, and relocation activities of the RP will commence. After completing the census, public notice on the eligibility cut-off date will be given. The government/MoAD/MoLRD/MoECC will also issue formal notice banning the construction or approval of construction of new buildings or capital improvements in areas to be affected by resettlement. The implementation schedule will be prepared based on the principles of this RPF and must be agreed upon between the PCU, relevant municipality and/or other governmental jurisdiction, and affected PAPs as outlined in the Somaliland laws and World Bank ESF requirements. The schedule will provide information on the sequence and timeframe of the necessary activities for land acquisition, the release of funds to the acquiring agency, payment of compensation for various categories of loss and relocation, transfer of land, grievance redress, and monitoring and evaluation.

172. The timeline for implementing the RP will ensure that no individual or affected household would be displaced (economically or physically) due to civil works activity before compensation is paid and resettlement sites with adequate facilities are prepared and provided for to the individual or household affected. The RP implementation timeline should also allow affected PAPs enough time to harvest to avoid an economic loss. If this is not possible, compensation at FRV should be paid to the affected PAPs.

173. The resettlement planning and implementation process should consider the procurement process and timeline for the commencement of civil works. The RAP implementation process will have contractual implications and requires proper coordination with bidding and contract award processes.

174. Keeping affected people fully informed of their rights and responsibilities is crucial to the success of resettlement planning. To achieve this objective, resettlement information, including details on eligibility, rates of compensation and other entitlements, a timetable for implementation, and all applicable grievance procedures, must be accessible and understandable. Information should be translated into local languages and broadcast through media accessible to literate and illiterate individuals alike (radio, television, mobile video broadcasting, public notice board, newspapers, leaflets and flyers, town crier, and door-to-door canvassing). Special efforts should be made to reach vulnerable groups lacking access to public media and information exchange.

**Table 6: Resettlement Activities and Responsible Parties**

Activity	Responsible
Preparation and Disclosure of RPF	Somaliland MoAD/MoLRD/MoECC, PCU
Selection of subproject's sites	PCU, communities
Screening of the subproject	PCU
Environmental and social assessment census	PCU
Establishing of Resettlement Committees	PCU
Consultations, planning and preparation of RPs	PCU
Identify vulnerable people when developing RPs	PCU and VDC
Review of RPs	PCU and World Bank
Approval of RPs	World Bank
Disclosure of RPs	PCU, World Bank

Activity	Responsible
Organize and implement census of affected people and census and valuation of affected assets in the framework of the development of a RAP	PCU and local government institutions
Marking of affected properties, Inventory of affected properties, notifications, request for proof of eligibility, consultations	PCU and local government institutions
Vetting of request for compulsory acquisition of land, oversight of land expropriation and land issuance of titles to resettled PAPs	PCU and local government institutions
Disclosure of compensation values; making of offers; processing for payments	PCU, resettlement committees, state finance ministries
Internal monitoring of RPF and RP	PCU
External monitoring	World Bank and IVA
Reporting on RP	PCU
RP audit	WB
Representing government for any law court or redress cases	PCU/and Somaliland attorney general

## CHAPTER 10 – GRIEVANCE MECHANISM

### 10.1. Overview

175. World Bank ESS10 requires Bank-supported projects to facilitate mechanisms that address concerns and grievances that arise in connection with a project. One of the critical objectives of ESS10 (Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure) is ‘to provide Project Affected Persons with accessible and inclusive means to raise issues and grievances and allow borrowers to respond and manage such grievances’ (World Bank, 2017). The Project Grievance Mechanism (GM) should facilitate the Project to respond to concerns and grievances of the Project Affected Persons related to the project’s environmental and social performance, including resettlement issues. The SL-FSRP project will provide mechanisms to receive and facilitate resolutions to such concerns.

176. A multi-tiered, multi-options-based GRM will be designed for the project, in discussions with local communities. The mechanism will be such that the complaints launched at the local level, will have a 360-degree monitoring and reporting process in place, to enable tracking of complaint resolution time, along with frequency of feedback to the complainant about the complaint status. Monitoring tiers will be defined from the local level to the PCU. Local community groups will be involved in the setting up and functioning of the GRM, with options of using free mobile technology and physical interface with a third party intermittently but regularly. This system will include identification and inclusion of key channels outside traditional dispute resolution or GRMs to enable safe and confidential reporting of incidence of sexual exploitation and abuse and other forms of GBV. Identified GRM operators will also be trained on effective response to cases of GBV should they occur.

177. Communities and individuals who believe that they are adversely affected by a World Bank (WB) supported project may submit complaints to existing project-level grievance redress mechanisms or the WB’s Grievance Redress Service (GRS). The GRS ensures that complaints received are promptly reviewed in order to address Project-related concerns. Project affected communities and individuals may submit their complaint to the WB’s independent Inspection Panel which determines whether harm occurred, or could occur, as a result of WB non-compliance with its policies and procedures. Complaints may be submitted at any time after concerns have been brought directly to the World Bank’s attention, and Bank Management has been given an opportunity to respond.

178. A stand-alone Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) which also contains a description of the GM has been prepared for the project. The SEP provides a detailed framework for GM and this section provides highlights of the GM in involuntary resettlement processes and activities. The mechanisms for redressing the grievances of the affected populations will begin through consultation (i.e., meetings/consultation with any and all PAP to provide information and gauge expectations of compensation, interest in form or type of compensation, provide clarification on other forms of assistance, etc.). Beyond the consultative process, the process by which grievances will be redressed, for each project site where PAPs are identified will be in accordance with country’s land laws and WB ESF and standards.

### 10.2. Grievance Mechanism Structures

179. The project will have a GM that applies to all project processes and activities within the project life cycles. The grievances will be dealt with at various levels by GM committees at MoAD/MoLRD/MoECC/PCU, and the community level by VDC/RCC. The Social Specialist has the primary responsibility to ensure that the grievances are received and attended to. The project will review the capacity of these structures to attend to GM-related resettlement issues. If found necessary, a temporary special resettlement redress committee will be set up and/or short-term consultants with expertise in land and resettlement will be hired to support the social specialist at PCU levels.

180. Given that District/local governments/municipalities have a role in land administration and management, they will play a significant role in the resettlement plan development and implementation and related grievances. The districts will be co-opted into the local level grievance committees.

### 10.3. Grievance Mechanism Processes

181. The key GM processes are: receiving grievances by phone, in-person, text, or email to publicized toll-free mobile phone lines and email addresses at the national level and the community level. The complaints will then be logged into the GM register, acknowledged within a specified timeframe, reviewed, and a response provided/remedial measures taken, monitored, and reported. The complainant is then informed about the outcome. When the complainant is not satisfied with the solutions provided, he/she shall escalate it to the next level, including the World Bank Grievance Redress Service (GRS). The complainant has the right to remain anonymous, and whistle-blower protection for complaints raised in good faith will be ensured. The Somaliland social E&S specialist will train relevant Government staff involved with the project and contractors. The project management will provide timelines upon which grievances will be addressed. The PAPs will be informed of the availability of judicial recourse and community and traditional dispute settlement mechanisms in addition to the project GM. See figure 3 for the summary of the GM processes.

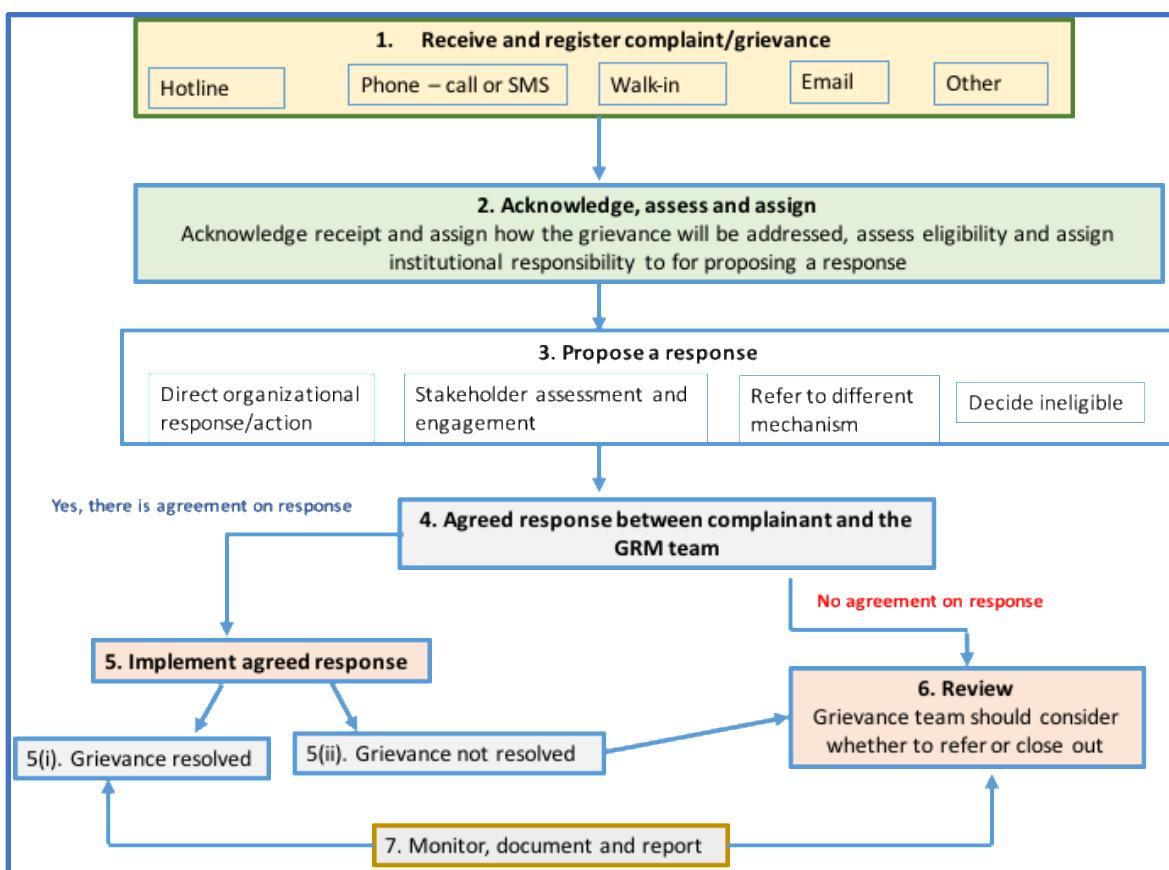


Figure 3: Project Grievance Mechanism Processes

182. The GM structure of the project will establish a register of resettlement/compensation-related grievances and disputes. The receipt of complaints will include logging and registration as this will help

monitor the status of the grievances and ease reporting on them. The existence and conditions of access to this register (where, when, how) will be widely disseminated within the project community/town as part of the consultation undertaken for the project in general. The person designated to receive complaints shall receive all complaints and shall officially register these complaints using the first section of the proposed complaint registration and resolution form provided in

183. Annex .

184. It is desirable to resolve all the grievances at the community level to the greatest extent possible. To achieve the community or settlement level grievance mechanism must be credible and generally acceptable. The grievance mechanisms will aim to solve disputes at the earliest possible time in the interest of all parties concerned. This RPF suggests two-level GMs:

- i. The first level in addressing grievances will be at the community level. The community will form a Community Resettlement Grievance Committee comprising two members from the VDC/RCC and three other respected community members who are not PAPs. The community should elect the committee in a transparent manner and after sensitization; and
- ii. The second level of grievance mechanism will involve the Resettlement Implementation Committee (RICs). This level in the RAP process, links with the General Project GRC through the RAP committee who in case of a complaint it is recorded at this subcommittee of Livelihood restoration level and escalated to the Somaliland GR Committee is domiciled, whose membership includes the department in charge of Lands. The RICs will consider grievance reports forwarded from the community grievance committee and decide. The DRIC will comprise the District Commissioner, Environmental and Social Specialists, and District Land officer. If complainants are not satisfied with the decisions of the grievance's committees, they can seek to escalate it to Somaliland GRC, then WB GRS, or to the courts.

#### **10.4. The Grievance Sources in Resettlement**

185. Grievances may arise at different times of resettlement processes: from the consultation process that may not be inclusive, the composition of local committees spearheading community mobilization, during identification of eligible beneficiaries, rates of compensation, location of resettlement sites, and the quality of services at new sites, to mention but a few. A grievance could be a simple query or inquiry, concern, issue, or formal complaint that affects the lives of aggrieved parties. The information on grievance mechanism processes and structures will be disclosed to stakeholders—including PAPs, recruited workers, and vulnerable and disadvantaged groups—using an appropriate medium such as vernacular radios, websites, government reports and speeches, community meetings, social media, toll-free telephone lines, documentation, and dissemination of GM in project leaflets or brochures to mention but a few. During the screening of the subprojects, the census during ESA, and RP development, the communication channels appropriate for different stakeholders will be identified, chosen, and used.

186. The GM to be proposed during the preparation of the subprojects' RP shall seek to achieve the following objectives:

- i. Encourage registration, acknowledgment, and recording of all concerns or issues raised by aggrieved persons.
- ii. Identify the frequencies of issues raised: for instance, unpaid compensation, inadequate compensation, disregard for local ritual ceremonies, land acquisition, workplace concerns, etc..
- iii. Ensure that complaints are appropriately registered, tracked, and documented, with due regard for confidentiality.
- iv. Address the composition of a committee that would handle all grievances; Inform people of the public information centre establishment and access.

- v. Establish procedures for the GM to enhance easy access, transparency, and accountability, and tackle escalation of grievances beyond expectations.
- vi. Manage the concerns raised by aggrieved parties to achieve a win-win situation within a reasonable time frame that would comply with national and international best practices.
- vii. Record all resolutions agreed upon by all parties involved and ensure that aggrieved persons are satisfied with every outcome of remedial resolution to foster harmony in subprojects.

### **10.5. Monitoring and Reporting of GM**

187. Overall, PCU led by the Somaliland Ministries MoAD/MoLRD/MoECC will be responsible for general monitoring and reporting on GM. Moreover, GM is monitored at the community level by VDC/Resettlement and Compensation Committee and the Somaliland PCU members. Specifically, the Social Specialist will be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the GM by all implementing agencies. The Social Specialist will include the GM in his/her supervision and monitoring missions to the field and conduct spot checks regarding its implementation. Where access is difficult, the project will recruit a ***Quality Enhancement for Institutional Strengthening Partner*** if needed. The PCU Social Specialist will be overall responsible for:

- i. Providing the subproject VDC/RCC with regular reports detailing the number and status of complaints.
- ii. Any outstanding issues to be addressed.
- iii. Monthly reports, including analysis of the type of complaints, levels of complaints, and actions to reduce complaints.

188. The project SEP provides detailed information on the management of GM. This includes details on how to deal with GBV/SEAH-related grievances.

## CHAPTER 11 – RPF IMPLEMENTATION BUDGET

### 11.1. Budget and Funding Arrangements

189. Budgeting and financing are critical steps in the resettlement planning and implementation process. Therefore, specific RPs prepared for SL-FSRP project must provide an indicative budget that should specify all activities in the resettlement implementation process, their estimated costs, and the source of funds. It is expected that the budget for resettlement will be prepared by the PCU in collaboration with MoAD/MoLRD/MoECC and PCU and Ministry of Finance of Somaliland and will be determined during the RAP preparation exercise after the baseline data have been collected and all potential impacts have been identified.

190. The Somaliland Government is responsible for financing any land acquisition and resettlement. The payments can be made on specific resettlement activities/items after review and approval of the expenditure by the SL-FSRP project staff with close oversight and supervision by the Ministry of Finance for Somaliland and the World Bank. Since there could be disputes during the compensation process, for instance, where a PAP rejects the compensation amount offered, it is proposed that an escrow account should be established to deposit the offered amount, plus 10 per cent for resolving the dispute concerning the said offer of compensation in a timely and equitable manner.

191. To ensure that the compensation and resettlement component will be implemented smoothly, efforts will be made to develop realistic cost estimates during the RAP preparation. Not all eventualities will be foreseen, and a reasonable contingency (max. 10 per cent) should be included. Provision is also included in the budget for training of staff in all aspects of resettlement plan preparation, implementation, and monitoring. The budget should specify the annual inflation rates applied to all cash payments. Since, at this stage, it is not possible to prepare accurate budgets as subprojects are yet to be conceived, guidance for preparing the resettlement budgets is offered in this RPF to include the following items:

- i. Total replacement cost of lost assets, that is, land, structures, crops, trees, livestock, and shared infrastructure.
- ii. Cost of providing replacement land, including transactional expenses, land search costs, cost of developing infrastructure and putting up replacement housing, if need be.
- iii. Income and livelihood restoration costs.
- iv. Cost of relocation of people and their belongings that is moving/transport allowance.
- v. Special resettlement assistance costs for disadvantaged groups, for example, training and new skill development for such groups, cost of acquiring reemployment equipment, logistical support costs, etc..
- vi. Transitional support costs, including costs of obtaining alternative accommodation during the transition period.
- vii. Cost/expenses incurred in performing traditional/cultural ceremonies necessary in grave removal/exhuming and reburying bodies.
- viii. Costs of obtaining architectural designs, construction management costs, and structural approval costs.
- ix. Cost of compensation for lost employment wages.
- x. Monitoring and auditing costs.

- xi. Cost of building institutional capacity for resettlement implementation, for example, constructing new office/hiring offices for project management staff, cost of hiring of project resettlement staff if needed, training staff and meeting their welfare needs.
- xii. Any other reasonable cost determined during RAP preparation for specific investment project(s).

192. Replacement agricultural and pastureland: the location of the replacement land shall be selected in consultation and agreement with PAPs in an inclusive, participatory process, which shall be informed as well by technical considerations. Local-level authorities should ensure that agricultural land is handed over in a timely fashion and that all land-related requirements will be fulfilled (demarcation, registration, preparation) in time for the next agricultural season. Given the potential lack of data, information on, and availability of suitable/arable land, when proposed replacement agricultural land areas are defined, a preliminary assessment should be conducted to evaluate the agricultural suitability of the area. This assessment should consider the location of existing settlements, currently cultivated areas, and areas perceived to be unsuitable for agriculture.

## CHAPTER 12 – STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

### 12.1. Overview

193. A stand-alone SEP has been developed for this project. The SEP provides general guidance on the identification and analysis of the stakeholders, their interest and influence, stakeholder engagement program detailing timing and schedule of engagement, strategy for information disclosure and consultation, monitoring and reporting of stakeholder engagement, and grievance handling mechanism. For the involuntary resettlement processes, the project will ensure the inclusion of all targeted PAPs at all levels. PAPs will be consulted through various means as spelt out in the SEP and necessitated by the resettlement assessment methodology. Furthermore, all information about the activity that triggers RAP preparation, resettlement, and compensation will be publicly disclosed, following the modalities of disclosure laid out in the SEP. This is to ensure that all PAPs, interested parties and vulnerable groups have the opportunity to participate in the decision-making processes and voice their concerns as needed.

194. Most crucial is that during the implementation phase of the RAP, all PAPs have access to all relevant information, including their rights to resettlement, compensation, payment and RAP activity schedules, the identity of leading authorities and implementers, etc. They must be allowed to provide their inputs and feedback on the planned activities. Furthermore, they must receive all information about the Project GM, and the GRM must be available to all PAPs to file potential complaints. PAPs will be presented with the concrete amount of cash compensation or land offered for compensation for their consideration and endorsement before the actual payment is made.

195. The project will adopt a robust Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) taking into consideration the equity and inclusivity of all stakeholders during the identification of the project sites and implementation of project activities. The SEP will look at the distribution of power and resources between different groups and individuals and will outline how the project will include the vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in consultations throughout the project in order that they can input into the design, and not be excluded from project benefits. The Stakeholder Engagement Plan will be informed by a comprehensive mapping of communities in the project target locations which will analyse the social dynamics and patterns of clan, gender and age-based exclusions and marginalization in the target areas. The mapping exercise will confirm the presence of Sub-Saharan Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities as per ESS7 to determine the applicability of the SSAHUTLC plans, and if groups fitting the ESS7 criteria are found in the areas of implementation, SSAHUTLC plans will be prepared. Apart from ensuring the disadvantaged groups are not excluded from the identification of the project locations, the safeguarding considerations of this project will also look at the inclusivity in the project decision making, human resources recruitment, procurement, and other key processes throughout the project implementation.

### 12.2. Stakeholder Identification and Analysis

196. The SEP has identified key stakeholders for the project. A detailed stakeholder analysis will be done when subprojects and their locations are identified and during the processes of environmental and social screening, ESA, census for resettlement and development of RAP. Broadly the stakeholders for resettlement includes government ministries including, but not limited to, Ministries responsible for Agriculture, Livestock, Water; land, social services and labour, women and gender, environment; and local/district governments and municipalities who have capacities on land administration. At the community level, stakeholders include PAPs, those men, women, boys, girls, youths, elders, farmers, agro-pastoralists, minorities, IDPs, vulnerable groups eligible for resettlement as defined by ESS5. Others include interested parties who may be affected by subprojects and eligible for resettlement like

businessmen and women. Local Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), faith-based organizations, development partners who may have valuable knowledge and experiences that the project may need to utilize.

### **12.3. Stakeholder Engagement Processes and Strategy**

197. The PCU implementation team will engage stakeholders throughout all project cycle processes including during planning, preparation and disclosure of RPF and RAP and then implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of compensation process, livelihood restoration and relocation process. During the preparation of the RPF and RAPs, stakeholders will be consulted to provide the necessary information for effective implementation of resettlement activities. Some examples of stages and methods of consultations and expected outcomes are: community meetings to understand the local contexts including identification of those eligible for resettlement, relocation and compensation; review resettlement alternatives; workshops for institutions to understand legal and institutional frameworks; focus group discussions for specific groups like vulnerable groups; and expert meetings to provide expert knowledge on land matters, displacement and resettlement.

198. Schedules will be prepared detailing consultation dates and venues, who will be consulted, methods of consultations, and when the time is ripe for implementation of the resettlement plan, information on the date of displacement, transition time, and compensation timelines, among others. Information will be disclosed to different categories of stakeholders using different channels comprising of mass media (radios, TV, newspapers), websites, press releases, and social media to name but a few. The Ministry of Agricultural Development of Somaliland and, PCU, VDC will be responsible for providing this information. Specifically, the environmental and social specialist and communication specialist will ensure that information is conveyed using right format and language that the audience understands best.

### **12.4. Proposed Strategy to Incorporate the Views of Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Groups**

199. The project will ensure that women, persons with disabilities minorities and other members of vulnerable groups are participating effectively and meaningfully consulted and that their voices are heard. Some specific measures will be employed to ensure their voice is heard. For example, women may be more outspoken in women-only consultation meetings than in general community meetings. Similarly, separate meetings may be held with young people, persons with disabilities or with ethnic or other minority groups. Further, it is important to rely on other consultation methods as well, those that do not require physical participation in meetings, such as social media, SMS, or radio broadcasting and call-in, to ensure that groups that cannot physically be present at meetings can participate. For mobile groups like nomadic pastoralists, appropriate methods to reach them will be improvised based on the local circumstances. Appropriate methods for information disclosure like use of vernacular radios will be used.

200. Women and other disadvantaged and vulnerable groups will be engaged on an ongoing basis throughout the lifetime of the project. Women voicing their concerns and contributing to the decision-making process on issues such as resettlement of female headed households and other marginalized group should be encouraged. The vulnerable and marginalized group will have their representatives in the relevant committees so that their interests are taken on board.

### **12.5. Consultations Held to Date**

201. Engagements and consultations on the RPF have been conducted with key institutional stakeholders including the relevant Government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies in Somaliland. Engagements and consultations were held with key stakeholders, as outlined in the SEP and the ESMF.

202. The development of this RPF applied both literature review and stakeholder consultations (see SEP and ESMF). The documents reviewed include RPFs of other World Bank-financed projects implemented in Somaliland, studies related to land matters in Somaliland, a draft Project Appraisal Document (PAD), review and analysis of relevant national legislation, policies, and guidelines, including the World Bank Environmental and Social Framework and Standards (ESF/ESS) and ESS5 Guidance Note.

203. As guided by ESS10 on Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure, the government/implementing agencies are required to provide stakeholders with timely, relevant, understandable, and accessible information. Consultations should be conducted in a culturally appropriate manner, which is free of manipulation, interference, coercion, discrimination, and intimidation. A stand-alone Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) will be developed for this project.

204. The project team held several meetings leading up to the development of the various instruments including this SEP, the ESMF, IPMP, RPF, SMP, Gender/GBV/SEAH/P, and LMP. The engagements and consultations on the project design and the planned activities and implementation arrangements have been done with key institutional stakeholders including the relevant government Ministries and implementing agencies.

205. The FSRP project identification mission between the Bank and Somaliland took place 21 March 2023. During this mission representatives in the MoAD, MoLRD and MoECC were taken through the concept note for the project and a presentations on the areas of development focus and elaboration of components of the proposed project. In these presentations by Government Ministries, the discussion focused on:

- A brief outline of the achievements in the particular reform area;
- Reform priorities going forward; and
- Challenges to be addressed by the reform priority.

206. The consultation requirement was informed on August 2023 as part of project scoping and subsequent separate preparatory meetings with all the respective ministry representatives, local public administrations, as well as other government stakeholders and development partners. This was an important stage to allow stakeholders to understand better the scope, impact and risks of the Project, and potential opportunities; to make available Project-related information as early as possible. The objectives of the preparation mission were to conduct a series of discussions with sector authorities and other key stakeholders to (i) determine key elements of the project design, including costing of activities for all components; (ii) develop an initial results framework; (iii) assess safeguards and fiduciary capacity of the assigned implementation unit; (iv) discuss project readiness requirements related to Environmental and Social Standards; and (v) initiate assessments on utility performance, gender and citizen engagement, and a positive feedback was received from all stakeholders during the meetings.

207. Public consultations was organized on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023 during the preparation of the ESF instruments to ensure that the contents of the frameworks are disclosed for both ownership and gap filling. The invitees were all stakeholders as proposed in the 'stakeholder list shared with this report'. These stakeholders include different government institutions, international and UN agencies, local NGOs and CSOs and women and minority organizations.

208. Some of the issues observed included: that everyone stressed the importance of being more transparent in all of the procedures; that more attention should be given in identifying priority needs with engaging the community with involving the beneficiary committee and local councils through environmental and social studies to insure the project selection and implementation is applied from down

to top; that the project should provide the required health and safety equipment in terms of quantity and quality based on the project activities; and that the project should make sure that the mitigation measures to environmental and social impact are part of the project cost and included in the design.

## CHAPTER 13 – MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF RPF AND RPs/LRPs

### 13.1. Overview

209. RAP monitoring and evaluation aim to determine the effectiveness of implementation, including the progress of resettlement activities, the disbursement of compensation, public consultation and participation activities, and the sustainability of livelihood restoration and development efforts among the PAPs. This will facilitate timely identification of problems and successes and appropriate adjustment of implementation arrangements.

### 13.2. Monitoring

210. Monitoring activities will ensure that all eligible PAPs are adequately compensated and/or relocated. The preparation and implementation of the RPs will follow the general monitoring structure of E&S risks mitigation measures, as defined in the ESMF. The Social Specialist in the PCU will be responsible for overseeing the design and general implementation of the RAPs. However, the PCU M&E specialists will mainly be responsible for data collection and updating the M&E plan.

#### Monitoring Plan

211. RP activities will have a monitoring plan that identifies the organizational responsibilities, the methodology, and the schedule for monitoring and reporting. The monitoring plan should have three components: Performance monitoring, Impact monitoring, and Audit. Notably, the VDC/RCC will be included during the planning and execution of all the monitoring activities.

212. **Performance Monitoring** is an internal management function carried out regularly, usually quarterly, to measure progress against milestones established in the RP. The report compares achievements at the inspection date against the targets for the required actions.

213. **Impact Monitoring** measures the effectiveness of the RAP and its implementation in meeting the needs of the affected population. This may be conducted internally by the PCU or an IVA quarterly. Where feasible, affected people should be included in all phases of impact monitoring, including identifying and measuring baseline indicators.

214. **Completion Audit:** This is to determine to what extent the RAP activities have been implemented. The audit should verify that all inputs committed in the RP have been delivered and all services provided. The audit should evaluate whether the mitigation actions prescribed in the RP have had the desired effect. This is usually carried out at the end of project completion after all RAP inputs to evaluate achievements against the baseline conditions of the population before displacement, as established through the census and socioeconomic studies.

215. Monitoring activities will be conducted against the milestones set in the RPs, including the following items:

- i. PAPs were notified, and adequate community consultations were held.
- ii. A Census of all PAPs and socioeconomic survey was conducted.
- iii. RAP was prepared, cleared, and disclosed.
- iv. Compensation was carried out in accordance with RAP.
- v. All grievances have been recorded and addressed promptly.

216. In addition, the **Quality Enhancement Partner** that the PCU will contract will also monitor the implementation of the RPF and RAPs. This activity will be integrated into the IVA's general TOR. Once the IVA is deployed, a monitoring schedule for the RPF/RAPs will be developed by the PCU. The PCU, jointly with local government representatives, will facilitate the coordination of information collection, such as surveys, and supervise documentation in accordance with the procedures.

### Monitoring Indicators

217. The relevant monitoring indicators against which to measure the performance of the RPF/RAPs:

- i. Collection and storage of census data into a database for comparative analysis.
- ii. Number of PAPs physically or economically displaced by each activity.
- iii. Timing of compensation in relation to commencement of physical construction work.
- iv. Compensation paid to each PAP.
- v. Number of people raising grievances reached solutions and number of unsolved grievances.
- vi. All relevant items in the replacement cost matrix will be monitored.

218. Monitoring reports will provide the basis for analysis, and potential adjustments or changes to the RAPs implementation effectiveness are presented in Table 8.

**Table 7: RP monitoring indicators**

Activities	Indicators
Compensation payments to PAPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of PAPs promptly paid</li> <li>• Number of PAPs not paid promptly and reasons</li> <li>• Amounts of money paid to PAPs</li> </ul>
Restoration of livelihoods and assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of PAPs with restored assets</li> <li>• Number of PAPs with livelihood levels restored (based on socio-baseline survey)</li> <li>• Number of community facilities restored</li> <li>• Number of vulnerable PAPs assisted Type of assistance provided to vulnerable PAPs</li> <li>• The number of vulnerable PAPs resettled</li> <li>• Number of PAPs without restored assets</li> <li>• Number of PAPs without restored livelihood enterprises</li> <li>• Number of community facilities not restored and reasons</li> <li>• Number of vulnerable PAPs not assisted and reasons</li> </ul>
Community participation and public engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of local consultative meetings held</li> <li>• Number of local and National Government leaders engaged/briefed about the RAP</li> <li>• Number of Civil Society representatives engaged/briefed about the RAP</li> <li>• Number of PAP consultative meetings held</li> <li>• Number of vulnerable / marginalised persons participating</li> </ul>

Activities	Indicators
Grievance management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of grievances received</li> <li>• Number of grievances resolved promptly (in allowed time)</li> <li>• Number of grievances not resolved in time but completed</li> <li>• Number of outstanding grievances not resolved</li> <li>• Number of grievances referred Nature of outcomes from referred grievances</li> </ul>
Land acquisition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of land titles secured for project sites</li> <li>• Number of land titles processed for land to land replacements</li> <li>• Number of land titles not processed and why</li> <li>• Number or percentage of encumbrances entered on PAP titles</li> </ul>

### **Annual Audit**

219. The audit of RAP implementation will be done annually. The audit will, among others, cover the following items:

- i. A summary of the performance of each subproject vis-à-vis its RAP;
- ii. A presentation of compliance and progress in the overall implementation of the RAP;
- iii. Verify results of internal monitoring;
- iv. Assess whether the subprojects RAP comply with ESS5;
- v. whether the resettlement objectives have been met; specifically, whether livelihood and living standards have been restored or enhanced;
- vi. Assess the resettlement efficiency, effectiveness, impact, and sustainability, drawing lessons for future resettlement activities and recommending corrections in the implementation; and
- vii. Ascertain whether the replacement costs were appropriate to meet the objectives and whether the objectives were suited to PAPs conditions.

220. PCU will prepare annual audit reports, and then submitted to the World Bank.

### **Socioeconomic Monitoring**

221. The purpose of socioeconomic monitoring is to ensure that PAPs are compensated and restore their livelihoods promptly. It is part of the implementation of each subproject RAP to assess whether compensation has been paid, income has been restored, and resettlement objectives were appropriate and delivered. Monitoring of living standards will continue following resettlement. The objective is that the standard of living of the PAPs has been improved, restored, and has not declined.

222. Several indicators will be used to determine the status of affected people (land being used compared to before, the standard of a house compared to before, level of participation in project activities compared to before, how many children are in school compared to before, health standards, etc.).

223. A monitoring and evaluation plan of the mitigation measures will be established for each subproject with adverse social impacts.

224. As part of the preparation of each RAP, a household survey will be conducted for all PAPs prior to physical or economic displacement. This will provide baseline data against which to monitor the performance of the RAP. After completing all expropriation/compensation operations, a household survey will be conducted. The survey aims to assess the impacts of the mitigation measures implemented. In addition, the relevant technical teams and PAPs will be consulted to provide their assessments of the impacts of E&S mitigation measures applied.

### **13.3. Completion Audit**

225. An audit will be carried out to determine whether the efforts to restore the living standards of the affected population have been properly designed and executed. This completion audit will verify that all physical inputs earmarked in the RAP have been delivered and all services provided. The audit will also evaluate if the mitigation actions prescribed in the RAP have had the desired effect. The baseline conditions of the affected parties before the relocation will be used to measure their socioeconomic status after the resettlement. The audit will verify the results of internal monitoring and assess whether resettlement objectives have been met irrespective of whether livelihood and living standards have been restored or enhanced.

226. The audit will also assess the resettlement efficiency, effectiveness, impact, and sustainability, drawing lessons for future resettlement activities and recommending corrections in the implementation. Finally, the audit will ascertain whether the replacement cost were appropriate for meeting the objectives and whether the objectives were suited to PAPs conditions. Annual audit reports will be submitted for scrutiny to the World Bank. To be effective, the complete audit will occur after all RAP activities have been completed, including development initiatives, but before the completion of financial commitments to the project. This will allow flexibility to undertake any corrective action that the auditors may recommend before the project is completed.

### **13.4. Evaluation**

227. During evaluations, representatives of the PAPs will participate in the project completion workshops to evaluate the project's impacts and, specifically, the activities under the RAP. They can suggest corrective measures to be implemented retroactively or build lessons learned for future/other activities

228. After completing all compensation and resettlement activities, the PAPs will be consulted through a survey, forming part of the SL-FSRP project M&E activities.

### **13.5. Frequency of Monitoring and Evaluation Process**

- i. For PAPs that have been physically displaced, post-displacement monitoring will be conducted within six months after they have been resettled. Subsequent monitoring will be conducted more regularly to ensure resettlement activities are performed appropriately and reporting is done regularly.
- ii. Monitoring and evaluation will occur quarterly after displacement to document whether PAP's livelihoods have been fully restored. If the livelihoods of the vast majority of PAPs have been restored, RAP/LRP implementation will be considered complete. The survey will be repeated more regularly (every 6 months) for all PAPs who have not been allowed to restore their livelihood until livelihoods are considered restored.
- iii. Monitoring of market rates for all types of assets will be carried out periodically to ensure that the compensation rates paid by the Project reflect the actual replacement value of assets.

- iv. A third-party auditor with experience in resettlement will carry out an annual review assessing compliance with commitments contained in subprojects specific RAPs, World Bank requirements, and this RPF.

### **13.6. Results Monitoring and Evaluation Arrangements**

229. The project will develop and implement a robust Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) system to track and assess the project's progress toward the PDO and utilize digital technology solutions for proactive learning and needful course correction. The M&E system will disaggregate all relevant project data by gender, further distinguishing female participants by age (women and girls) and household type (female-headed and male-headed), and it will analyse how gender gaps evolve over time. A project-specific MIS will be established and will leverage capacity building and IT infrastructure investments supported at MoAD level to deliver high quality information dashboards for project stakeholders at various levels. The project will also engage community institutions and various value chain stakeholders to support participatory monitoring and feedback mechanisms under the project.

230. Project M&E efforts would be supplemented by World Bank-procured third-party monitors in areas being implemented through third party implementing agencies. TPM frequency would be quarterly in the early project phase and, based on contextual improvements, limited to semi-annual monitoring after 18 months if needed. These TPM arrangements may cover the following aspects (among others): implementation progress or completion status (including beneficiary selection, timeliness of implementation, physical verification of infrastructure prepared as part of small-scale climate-resilient infrastructure development, and quality assurance); compliance with the ESF, and the effectiveness of the project's GRM (including reporting on, and responding to, SEA/SH complaints); and fiduciary compliance, including through monitoring of recurrent costs, O&M, and compliance with relevant expenditure and procurement rules. The contracted agency will be a private or public firm, a civil society organization (CSO), an international NGO, or a UN organization, required to have strong knowledge of the country's context, a country footprint, experience, ability to establish and enforce effective security systems, ability to develop effective working relationships with government and other implementing entities, relevant technical and sectoral knowledge, ability to integrate technology into monitoring procedures (where relevant), and ability to mobilize rapidly. Contracts will include provisions that require the contracted TPM entity to strengthen the government's capacity to conduct such tasks at a later stage.



## ANNEXES

### Annex 1. Roles and Responsibilities of Project Implementing Organs

Organ	Duties and responsibilities
<b>National Gov level</b> <i>Inter-ministerial steering Committee</i>	<p>Chaired by the Somaliland Ministry of Agricultural Development, Ministry of Livestock, and Rural Development, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MoAD, MoECC and MoLRD)</p> <p>Review and endorse the Annual Work Plan and consolidated Annual budgets</p> <p>Review project quarterly reports and provide strategic guidance</p> <p>Facilitate inter-ministry dialogue and provide guidance on emerging implementation issues</p> <p>Oversee the proper M&amp;E functioning</p> <p>Ensure the establishment and functioning of project structures at all levels</p> <p>Ensure the project implementation framework is updated periodically</p> <p>Steering committee meetings are to be planned by the Project Coordinator and the Project coordinator is responsible to ensure that meeting minutes are recorded and archived.</p>
<i>Ministry of Finance</i>	<p>Manage project fund and oversee all project disbursements</p> <p>Coordinate and consolidates project financial reports</p>
<i>Ministries of Agricultural Development, Ministry of Livestock, and Rural Development and Ministry of Environment and Climate Change(MoAD, MoECC and MoLRD).</i>	<p>Coordinated and supervise project implementation at all levels</p> <p>House the project coordinator</p> <p>Oversee monitoring and evaluation aspects of the project</p> <p>Development of Project Communication Strategy</p> <p>Maintain for robust communication with implementing agencies to collect project related information</p> <p>Update regularly the project's results framework</p> <p>Liaise with EAFS</p> <p>Produce quarterly, half a year and annual project status reports (physical and financial)</p>
<i>Implementing agencies (Ministry of Agricultural Development, Ministry of Livestock, and Rural Development, and Ministry of Environment and Climate Change)</i>	<p>Provide technical back stopping in their respective areas to the implementing agencies at state level</p> <p>Provide training, coaching and mentoring for state level implementing agencies</p> <p>Update relevant policies, strategies, guidelines and working manuals for their respective specialised areas</p>
<i>Somaliland PCU</i>	<p>-Establish project implementation structures at all levels</p> <p>- Sensitize the governments and communities on the project.</p>

<b>Organ</b>	<b>Duties and responsibilities</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Capacity build beneficiaries and stakeholders.</li> <li>Coordinate project implementation at all levels.</li> <li>-Logistical and Technical support to stakeholders and beneficiaries.</li> <li>-Organize review monitoring meetings and reporting.</li> <li>-Maintaining focus on the project PDO and project activities compliance to the WB ESS relevant to the project.</li> <li>-Liaison between the government institutions and the donor, the World Bank.</li> <li>-In liaison with beneficiaries, line ministries and departments identify subprojects, lead in proposal development, vet, clear and approve, and fund.</li> <li>-Procures all service contracts (community mobilisation agencies, assessments, engineering surveys and others)</li> <li>-Procures all goods (office equipment, furniture, vehicles, improved seeds)</li> <li>-Procures all works contracts (technical service agencies water infrastructures, demonstrational community garden and fruit groves, Animal health treatment services and others)</li> <li>-Works closely with the community and village leaders</li> <li>-Prepares and submits periodical budget request to the Ministry of Finance</li> <li>-Effects payments to service providers, consultants, contractors and others</li> <li>-Collects project related information, compiles and reports periodically on project implementation status</li> </ul>
<b>Community level</b>	
<i>Village development committee (VDC)</i>	<p>Membership of the VDC should comprise all permanent residents of the community. If there are internally displaced people or minority groups in the community, it is recommended that they be included in the planning so that conflict over resources can be mitigated.</p> <p>Led by the committee chair and consisting of at 7 members (minimum 30% women), including representatives from different groups</p> <p>Organises the community to participate fully in all aspects of the sub project at the community level</p> <p>Facilitates community level discussion, rapid rural appraisals, transect walks, and others</p> <p>Oversees the development of community development plans</p> <p>Facilitates community participation and contribution (labour, material and others)</p> <p>Facilitates and organises community level trainings (on community management, operation maintenance, gender, natural resource management, conflict resolution and others)</p> <p>Receives, owns, manages and operates community infrastructures</p> <p>Liaises with the state level PIU and line ministries to get technical back stopping and relevant other supports</p> <p>Collect project related information and reports to the state PIU</p>

## Annex 2: Screening Checklist

### Sub project:

### Location:

**From focus group discuss or key informant interview with people with different interests and needs regarding the proposed investment e.g. women, youth, people with disabilities, minority groups, livestock keepers, crop farmers, seasonal users e.g. nomadic pastoralists.**

The purpose of the checklist is to flag possible environmental and social risks and impacts to determine what E&S instruments to develop and so the issues can be further explored and included in the summary safeguard report and contractors ESMP etc. It should be done as part of ground truthing based on visual observation and key informant interviews with people with different interests and needs regarding the proposed sub-projects e.g. elders, local government officials, women, youth, people with disabilities, minority groups, livestock keepers, crop farmers, seasonal users e.g. pastoralists. Those people consulted should be mentioned at the end of the checklist.

Will the Project?	Yes	No	Explanation
1. Affect downstream water flows?	•	•	
2. Require clearing of trees, pasture/browse?	•	•	
3. Land ownership is clear (Private, Government, Community)?	•	•	
4. Is on or near private land?	•	•	
5. Require demolition of existing structures?	•	•	
6. Require large volumes of construction materials (e.g. gravel, stone, water, timber, firewood)?	•	•	
7. Use water during or after construction, which will reduce the local availability of groundwater and surface water?	•	•	
8. Affect the quantity or quality of surface waters (e.g. rivers, streams, wetlands), or groundwater (e.g., wells, reservoirs)?	•	•	
9. Be located within or nearby environmentally sensitive areas (e.g. intact natural forests, mangroves, wetlands) or threatened species?	•	•	
10. Lead to soil degradation, soil erosion in the area?	•	•	
11. Create waste that could adversely affect local soils, vegetation, rivers and streams or groundwater?	•	•	
12. Create pools of water that provide breeding grounds for disease vectors (for example malaria or bilharzia)?	•	•	
13. Involve significant excavations, demolition, and movement of earth, flooding, or other environmental changes?	•	•	
14. Be located in or near an area where there is an important historical, archaeological or cultural heritage site?	•	•	
15. Is an area where minority groups (0.5 groups) or IDPs reside or use the water point?	•	•	
16. Displace people or structures or restrict people's access to crops, pasture, fisheries, forests or cultural resources, whether on a permanent or temporary basis?	•	•	
17. Result in human health or safety risks during construction or later?	•	•	
18. Involve inward migration of people from outside the area for use of services or other purposes?	•	•	
19. Is an area where there has been insecurity incidents in the past 12 months?	•	•	
20. Have activities that will cause disputes over land or access to water?	•	•	

Will the Project?	Yes	No	Explanation
21. Is an area where there has been conflict over water or land in the past?	•	•	
22. Require sharing or regulation of use between different groups or communities?		•	
23. Result in a significant change/loss in livelihood of individuals?	•	•	
24. Adversely affect the livelihoods and /or the rights of women?	•	•	
25. Cause physical resettlement or extensive economic displacement, or loss of livelihoods?	•	•	
26. Cause increased settlement or degradation of surrounding areas?	•	•	
27. Disposal of bush clearance residue may cause spreading of invasive species?	•	•	
28. Introduce a non-native animal or plant species?	•	•	
29. Maintenance and management responsibilities have not been defined and accepted by users/local government?	•	•	
30. Any limitations for the livestock movement crossing gabions and rehabilitated rangelands	•	•	
31. Boundaries of the water sources are clearly demarcated to avoid creation of adjacent settlements	•	•	
32. Water source fenced/protected to avoid risks and contamination	•	•	
29. Will result in Transmission diseases from region to region or boundaries	•	•	
30. Result in transmission of zoonotic disease	•	•	
32. Will require use and application of inorganic fertilizers/pesticide/herbicide or fumigation?	•	•	

**Based on the above checklist, what are conclusions and recommendations on?**

**1. Proposed project is eligible for financing under the project criteria.**

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**2. Proposed Environmental and Social Risk Ratings (High, Substantial, Moderate or Low). Provide Justifications.**

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**3. Proposed E&S Management Plans/ Instruments (i.e., ESMP, ESIA, Summary safeguards report (for social issues), voluntary land donation form, land agreement form, ARAP, etc.)**

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**4. Who was consulted in the completion of the checklist: Provide list.**

<b>Reviewed and approved by</b>	
<b>Environment Specialist</b> Name:	<b>Social Specialist</b> Name:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Signature</b>

## Annex 3: Overview of Grievance Redress Mechanism

### Overview of SL-FSRP

1. *An accessible and functional grievance mechanism is* an important in addressing community or stakeholder concerns as well as receiving *feedback on a project so that it can be improved*. It is a requirement for all World Bank projects and the responsibility of all project staff, any of whom may receive the grievance.
2. It is *preferable that grievances are resolved in person at the lowest level*, however different levels and channels of registering grievances should be available so that *even the most marginalised person feels comfortable raising a grievance. GBV related complaints should be referred immediately the GBV focal points at Somaliland*.
3. Grievances should be dealt with *confidentially, on a need to know basis only, and without fear of backlash*.
4. Grievances can be raised by *community members, workers and other stakeholder* concerning project implementation including: adverse social or environmental impacts, misuse of funds; staff behaviour, workers conditions or safety, quality of service issues, sexual exploitation and abuse, forced or child labour etc.
5. **Confidentiality and timelines:** Grievances can be submitted anonymously by any complainant, and is required for complainants who raise GBV issues. Grievances will be *acknowledged within a week (7 days) of receipt and resolved if possible within 21 days including feedback to the complainant*. The complaint will be addressed as fully and precisely as possible focusing on specific facts and events, *showing understanding and never dismissing or belittling a complaint*.
6. **Cases of GBV/SEA:** Such cases will be only handled by trained GBV focal points and treated with *utmost confidence, respect and empathy and managed in line with the complainants' express wishes*, including whether the complaint is registered and referred. If agreed by the complainant, the complaint will be registered as confidential, indicating a reference number rather than the name of the complainant.
  - o All staff and GRM focal points should be informed *that if a case of GBV is reported to them, the only information they should establish is if the incident involves a worker involved with the project, the nature of the incident, the age and sex of the complainant and if the survivor/complainant was referred to service provision*.
  - o The complainant should be informed about available confidential health, psychological, legal and safe house or other support, including the importance of receiving PEP and PREP within 72 hours and if possible provided transport support to reach them. *The complainants wishes to report and access services should be respected at all times*.
  - o The GBV focal person is responsible to make a list of functioning GBV services and distribute it to all supported health facilities and staff of the project, so they are aware of where to refer complaints. This information should be displayed in the project office and health facility for ease of reference and updated regularly. Sharing such confidential information is a disciplinary offence.
  - o **AN ALLEGATION OF GBV SHOULD NEVER BE INVESTIGATED AS IT MAY DO MORE HARM TO THE SURVIVOR AND REQUIRES SPECIALIST HANDLING.** If the complaint is against a worker involved in the project, *the incident should be immediately reported to the National GBV specialist who will provide further guidance* after consulting with the World Bank.

The social specialist is responsible for noting and reporting critical trends emerging in the GM process such as an increase/decrease in types of grievances to share with the GRC, as well as tracking complaints expressed on social media and whether and how these should be addressed. Throughout the process, the safeguards specialists will receive support from the PCU. The social specialist will use the GEMS form to register every complaint. The Somaliland social specialist will receive an alert and validate the data and the specialist will download the data in excel at the end of every month and add the additional column for the log book and email to the social specialist.

In summary:

1. **Grievance focal point in the VDC:** deal with minor info complaints or issues that can be resolved locally, inform safeguards specialist using toll free line (who will log into Grievance form on GEMS);
2. **Contractor:** deal with minor info complaints or issues that can be resolved locally and communicate all complaints to the safeguards specialist, initially via the toll free line (who will log into Grievance form on GEMS), although contractors could be oriented to do that directly in future if easier;
3. **E&S focal points for implementing agencies:** deal with minor info complaints or issues that can be resolved locally and communicate all complaints to the safeguards specialist, initially via the toll free line (who will log into Grievance form on GEMS), although contractors could be oriented to do that directly in future if easier;
4. **Environment Safeguards Specialist, Social Safe-guards, Security Experts, and /GBV/SEAH Expert specialist:** refers all complaints to the GRC, is secretary of the GRC and follows up, GBV specialist provide information on GBV services if they have and should immediately liaise with GBV focal point;
5. **Social specialist:** refers all unresolved or serious complaints to the GRC, is secretary of the GRC and follows up. GBV specialist liaises with WB GBV specialist on how to handle;
6. **Project Coordinator:** Received serious incidents directly and forwards to the WB TTL within 48 hours. Chairs the GRC and oversees the functioning of the GM.

**Hotline management:** the social specialist at the PCU will be responsible for operating the toll-free line, registering the complaints in GEMS and in the excel log book, and forwarding the cases to the proper entities/persons and following up the resolution and feedback to the complainant (within 21 days). In the absence of the Specialist or when on leave, the Somaliland project coordinator will be responsible for receiving the calls and filling the gap for the safeguard specialist. Before activating the hotline, the safeguards specialist, the gender focal point, and other PCU staff will be trained on GM, registering the complaints, handing the GBV cases coming in through the hotline, list of all GBV service referrals a contact, and caller management skills. The hotline number will be operational only during office hours, from **8.00 am to 4:00 pm**, Saturday to Thursday on working days. The safeguard specialist, the project coordinator responsible for receiving the calls, and the GRC who will be involved in the resolution of cases will all sign a confidentiality agreement to protect the complainants from any backlash.

#### **REGISTERING A COMPLAINT:**

<b>Level</b>	<b>How to raise</b>	<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Type of complaints that can deal with</b>	<b>Awareness raising?</b>
<i>Village level: GRM focal person in Village Development Committee</i>	<i>Phone or in person</i>	<i>Resolve (in conjunction with VDC) or refer to safeguards officer</i>	<i>Minor complaints that can be easily resolved, especially information or adjustments by contractor</i>	<i>Verbally at community meetings Poster (with toll free number) on community centre or central point</i>
<i>Contractor: site supervisor or designate</i>	<i>Phone or in person</i>	<i>Resolve or refer to safeguards officer</i>	<i>Minor issues, adjustments in line with ESMP, dust, traffic etc.</i>	<i>Site handover and community meetings Overview in office and poster at site</i>
<i>Somaliland implementing agencies: E&amp;S focal point</i>	<i>Phone or in person</i>			
<i>Somaliland: safeguards officer (in conjunction with PM and GRC), GBV focal point for complaints related to GBV</i>	<i>Phone or email or toll-free hotline number in Puntland</i>	<i>Resolve (with PM/GRC) or refer to World Bank</i>	<i>All complaints should be logged into GEMS and the information downloaded every month to produce a register which is sent to the social specialist and PM</i>	<i>Overview in offices and poster in public place and on website including of implementing agencies.</i>
<i>Somaliland: safeguards officer (in conjunction with PM and GRC), GBV focal point for complaints related to GBV</i>	<i>Phone or email</i>	<i>Resolve (with PM and GRC) and inform WB (immediately or in quarterly report)</i>		<i>Overview in offices and poster in public place and on website.</i>

**World Bank Somalia:** If a grievance has been raised with the PCU, and no satisfactory response has been raised, an email can be sent to [somaliaalert@worldbank.org](mailto:somaliaalert@worldbank.org)

**World Bank Grievance Redress Service:** If no response has been received from the World Bank Somalia office the grievance can be raised with the World Bank Grievance Redress Service email: [grievances@worldbank.org](mailto:grievances@worldbank.org). For more information: <http://www.worldbank.org/grs>.

### Resolution of complaints

A grievance redress committee (GRC) will be established at Somaliland level chaired by the project coordinator, and the relevant PCU staff will be included as necessary depending on the complaint (procurement, finance, M&E, GBV advisor and communications). The Safeguards Officers will minute the meetings and follow up the grievance resolution process including feeding back to the complainant. The GRC will meet once every month to review summaries of the number and type of complaints and ensure that they have been satisfactorily followed up and to address any problems in the projects that may be causing complaints, review the development and effectiveness of the

grievance mechanism, and ensure that all staff and communities are aware of the system and the project. Emergency meetings will be called at Somaliland level in case of significant complaints or incidences. For serious or severe complaints or incidences involving harm to people or the environment or those which may pose a risk to the project reputation, the Somaliland social specialist should immediately inform the head of the PCU, who will inform the World Bank within 72 hours as per the Environmental and Social Incident Reporting (ESIRT) requirements.

### **Serious incidents**

A serious incident is one that caused or may cause significant harm to the environment, workers, communities, or natural or cultural resources, is complex or costly to reverse and may result in some level of lasting damage or injury; or failure to implement E&S measures with significant impacts or repeated non-compliance with E&S policies; or failure to remedy Indicative non-compliance that may potentially cause significant impacts.

Examples of serious incidents may include injuries to workers that require off-site medical attention, exploitation or abuse of vulnerable groups, consistent lack of Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) plans in a civil works project, and large-scale deforestation. Serious incidents require an urgent response and could pose a significant reputational risk for the Bank.

A severe incident is one that caused or may cause great harm to individuals or the environment, or present significant reputational risks that could hamper the Bank's ability to operate in a country or region. The Borrower's inability or unwillingness to remedy situations that could result in serious or severe harm would be a factor in classification. A severe incident is complex and expensive to remedy (if possible), and is likely irreversible. A fatality is automatically classified as severe, as are incidents of major environmental contamination, forced or child labor, abuses of community members by project security forces or other project workers (including GBV) violent community protests a project, kidnapping, and trafficking in endangered species.

#### Annex 4: Grievance Record Form

<b>Grievance Record</b>	
Name of complainant:	Telephone:
Date complaint filed:	Nature of grievance:
Name of person taking complaint: Position: Signature:	
<b>Review/Resolutions</b>	
Date of conciliation session:	Was the complainant present?
Nature of complaint:	
Was field verification of complaint conducted:	Finding of field investigations:
Was agreement on the issue reached? If agreement not reached provide points of disagreement:	If agreement reached provide details;
Mediator Name:	Signature: Date:
Complainant Name:	Signature: Date:
Subproject team member name:	Signature: Date:

## Annex 5: Summary Safeguards for Subprojects

(Max 5 pages). Please annex ESIA/ESMP, voluntary land donation/agreement documentation, screening form, and community meeting minutes

Proposed sub-project: \_\_\_\_\_

Village/district/state: \_\_\_\_\_

Overview of the project location and key features within 200m of works (to understand impacts)

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**1. Population resident on or regularly using the land/sub-project or claimants of the land:**

Village/ (facility users can be by people resident more than one location)	No of individuals resident or regularly using the project area for their livelihood	No. of direct users of the sub-project (individuals)	Number of people from that village/consulted on the sub-project (design, siting, social and environmental impacts)

**2. Are there any minority groups (0.5 groups) or IDPs resident in this area or likely to use the water point? (If so please specify):**

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**3. Has there been any conflict over this land or water resources in the past? If so please describe, what measures the project will take to ensure that it does not exacerbate conflict.**

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**4. Consultations with the community on the sub-project (to ensure broad agreement, ownership and risk identification and mitigation)**

	Date	Village	Total number of people involved	No. of women	No. of youth	No. of minority group or IDP representatives (please specify group/s)	Main concerns raised and how they will be addressed	Challenges in consulting with people e.g. migration, conflicting event, insecurity
Initial discussions								
Safeguards screening meeting								

Other – meetings (specify)								
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5. Environmental and social impacts and mitigation measures identified by the community (only put those not captured in the contractors ESMP)

Social and environmental impacts of sub-project	Mitigation measures	Costing	Time frame	Responsible agency

6. Has a safeguards field visit been undertaken to the site? Y/N Date of visit:

\_\_\_\_\_ Title of visiting

7. officer: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Has the ESMP been incorporated into the contract for the works and is a safeguards compliance report required before payment?

9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Type of land required for sub-investment and documentation:

Government land	Title deed/confirmation document attached?	YES/NO/EXPLANATION
Community land	Community land agreement/Voluntary land donation form and community minutes attached?	YES/NO/EXPLANATION
Private land	Voluntary land donation form and conversion document attached?	YES/NO/EXPLANATION

11. Voluntary land donation:

How many people either live on or regularly use the land where the project will be implemented (including those who might use it as a drought fall back area) by location and how many and who agreed to the voluntary donation of this land for this public facility? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain how the requirements for voluntary land donation have been met (and attach minutes, VLD form and signed participants list):

Requirements for voluntary land donation	Explanation and evidence
The land required to meet technical project criteria must be identified in conjunction with the affected community?	
What are the likely impacts of proposed activities on donated land and how were these explained to the community?	
Area of land compared to area owned (no more than 10 % of the area of any holding can be donated).	
How will the users and occupiers of the land benefit from this sub-project?	
What are the conditions of benefiting from this sub-project – connection fees, service charges etc.	
How the community was made aware that refusal was an option and confirmed in writing that they are willing to proceed with the donation? (e.g. at the consultation and in the voluntary land donation document)	
What evidence is there that the act of donation was undertaken without coercion, manipulation, or any form of pressure on the part of public or traditional authorities (e.g. photos/videos of community consultation etc.)?	
Do all the users and occupants of this land understand that by donating this land it may be gazetted as public land.	
How was it explained that they have a right to compensation for land and the available compensation options (in-kind compensation, land for land compensation or cash compensation, and the implications of cash compensation?)	
Were monetary or non-monetary benefits or incentives requested as a condition for the donation and were these provided?	
How do you know that the land being donated will not reduce the remaining land area to a level below that required to maintain the donor's livelihood at current levels and will not require the relocation of any household?	
Will the land take negatively impact on disadvantaged and vulnerable individuals and groups people (such as female headed households, extreme poor, PWDs, nomadic pastoralists, etc.)?	
Will any structures be moved or any access to land be limited as a result of the sub-project (describe structures and locations)?	
If so, how will they be compensated/facilitated and/or their livelihoods restored?	
How was consent provided by all individuals occupying or regularly using the land?	
Was there anyone who did not give agreement and why?	
How was it established that the land to be donated was free of encumbrances or encroachment and was it registered in an official land registry?	

12. GM: Has the GM process and contact information for focal points been disseminated to the community? If so, how and to whom (numbers and groups). If not, when will this be done?

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13. GBV/SEAH: Has awareness been carried out on GBV, service providers and confidential survivor centric GBV complaints mechanism? If so, how and to whom (numbers and groups). If not, when will this be done?

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14. Sustainable management: Who will manage and maintain the sub-project, and how will repairs be funded?

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15. Describe the involvement and inclusion of women and minority groups or nomadic pastoralist representative in management? \_\_\_\_\_

**It is a requirement that “the Bank must give its prior approval” and the Borrower must maintain a transparent record of all consultations and agreements reached.**

**E&S Checklist for Emergency Borehole/Water point Rehabilitation**

**Village:**

**Proposed rehabilitation works:**

**Supervisor of the contractor: Ministry: ..... Name: .....\_Position: .....  
.....**

**How far is the nearest functioning water point (km)?**

**How many water points have been assessed in Somaliland?**

**Why was this selected?**

**Number of likely users of this borehole:**

Users	Estimated Number	Where from/ in the case of water truckers - where do they deliver water?
Residents (Households)		
Pastoralists (Households)		
Water truckers (per day)		
Livestock (numbers on site)		
<b>TOTAL (households served)</b>		

Questions	Explanation	Mitigation measures required
1. Is there a project needs assessment prepared that informed the decision to undertake the borehole rehabilitation?		
2. Is the water point on private/government/community land?		
3. Is there public access to water or has any group has their access limited in the past?		
4. Who manages the water point?		
5. When did the borehole stop working? / Why is the intervention needed?		
6. Why was it not repaired previously?		
7. Has there been any conflict associated with the water point in the past?		
8. What are the mitigation measures in place to avoid community conflict when the borehole is rehabilitated considering it is a drought season and there is scarcity of water in several communities?		
9. Is the water point likely to cause increased settlement or degradation of surrounding areas?		

Questions	Explanation	Mitigation measures required
10. Is the water for human/animal consumption or domestic use or irrigation?		
11. Was the water potable? When last tested?		
12. Has this area experienced insecurity or conflict in the year?		
13. When will the project team conduct a quick Security Assessment to produce Security Management Plan (SMP) for high security areas e.g. Galmudug and Southwest States?		
14. Has there been community agreement on the rehabilitation? When/how/who involved		
15. Has the community agreed to enable access to all including disadvantaged group e.g., minorities or IDPs		
16. How will the borehole be maintained once rehabilitated?		
17. When will awareness rising on GRM including GBV be carried out?		
18. Are there any other social or environmental risks?		

**Suggested actions for follow on after the drought:** .....

**Completed by:** .....

**Names of the people consulted in the community:**

Name	Sex M/F	Resident/ position	Tel number	Date consulted	On what/ Recommendations

## Annex 6: RP Elements/Contents as Per ESS5

<i>Description of the project.</i>
<i>Potential impacts</i>
<i>Objectives of the resettlement program.</i>
<i>Census survey and baseline socioeconomic studies.</i>
<i>Legal framework.</i>
<i>Institutional framework.</i>
<i>Eligibility.</i>
<i>Valuation of and compensation for losses.</i>
<i>Community participation.</i>
<i>Implementation schedule.</i>
<i>Costs and budget.</i>
<i>Grievance redress mechanism.</i>
<i>Monitoring and evaluation.</i>
<i>Arrangements for adaptive management.</i>
<b><i>Additional planning requirements where resettlement involves physical displacement</i></b>
When project circumstances require the physical relocation of residents (or businesses), resettlement plans require additional information and planning elements. Additional requirements include:
<i>Transitional assistance.</i>
<i>Site selection, site preparation, and relocation.</i>
<i>Housing, infrastructure, and social services.</i>
<i>Environmental protection and management.</i>
<i>Consultation on relocation.</i>
<b><i>Additional planning requirements where resettlement involves economic displacement:</i></b>
1. <i>Direct land replacement.</i>
2. <i>Loss of access to land or resources.</i>
3. <i>Support for alternative livelihoods.</i>
4. <i>Consideration of economic development opportunities.</i>
5. <i>Transitional support.</i>

**It is a requirement that “the Bank must give its prior approval” and the Borrower must maintain a transparent record of all consultations and agreements reached.**

## Annex 7: Community Land Agreement

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Project name:	
Project location:	
Name of subproject:	
GPS coordinates of land area:	
Date:	

Please attach the community minutes and summary safeguards report explaining how the requirements for voluntary land donation for this subproject have been met.

### **TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT**

1. As discussed in our community minute on .....to which all residents and regular users of the project site (specify) ..... were invited. We, the nominated representatives at that meeting, confirm that the following issues were discussed and the residents and regular users of this land are in unanimous agreement.
2. That ..... Shall be site of the proposed ..... and that:
3. We all are aware that the land set aside for the subproject is community land and no one is claiming individual ownership because it belongs to all of us, and no alternative claims will be made on the land in future.
4. We have all agreed unanimously that the project implementation should continue.
5. We will all allow other neighbouring and cross-border communities access to the project site as agreed between elders of represented communities.
6. We all shall strive to peacefully resolve any conflicts with other communities concerning the project.
7. We will all strive to peacefully co-exist and resolve any conflict arising out of the subproject facility following due process provided by local laws.
8. The land to be donated was identified in consultation with all residents and users of the land. the land is defined as per the annex 1.
9. We all understand the likely impacts of proposed activities on donated land.
10. We all understand that the community could have refused this subproject.
11. We all agreed to this subproject and donation of the land without coercion, manipulation, or any form of pressure on the part of public or traditional authorities.
12. We all agreed that we do not require any monetary or nonmonetary benefits or incentives as a condition for the donation.
13. Donation of land will not adversely affect the livelihoods of occupiers and users of the land.
14. If any structure will be moved or any access to land be limited as a result of the subproject, support will be provided to the individual so their livelihoods are not adversely affected.
15. The land is free of encumbrances or encroachment and is not claimed by any individual and its ownership is not contested.
16. The donor has been appropriately informed and consulted about the project and the choices available to them.
17. The donor is expected to benefit directly from the project.
18. The amount of land to be donated will not reduce the donor's remaining land area below what is required to maintain the donor's livelihood at current levels.

We the undersigned having been appointed as representatives of the community including all groups using this land (include elders, women, youth, other users, minority groups):

Confirm the above information to be true and that we have resolved to abide by ALL terms of this agreement. (Please attach minutes of the community meeting including the signed attendance sheet and photos of the meeting).

No.	Name	Role	Phone number	Date	Signature

Agreed/Witnessed on this ..... Day of ..... In the Year..... By:

1. VDC leader

Name	Phone number	Date	Signature

2. District Administration

Name	position	Phone number	Date	Signature

3. Project representative

Name	Phone number	Date	Signature

4. Somaliland Ministry of Agriculture (Minister/V. Minister/DG)

Name	Position	Phone number	Date	Signature and R/Stamp

## Annex 8: Voluntary Land Donation Form (Private Owned)

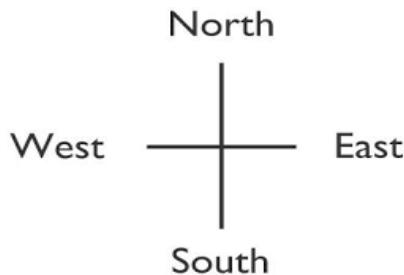
### Private Owned Land Donation Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Subject: Donating Land for Public Use**

After consideration of the letter dated: \_\_\_\_\_ and titled \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ as the owners of the land located in GPS: \_\_\_\_\_ in the village of \_\_\_\_\_, we hereby testify that we are donating our land to the .....village of .....District for Public use only (that is, construction of .....).

The measurements of land that we are donating is as follows:



Hence, this notary serves as a legal document affirming that we have donated the above stated land for public use, which will be used for \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ project being implemented by \_\_\_\_\_ government and funded by the World Bank.

Undersigned are names of deed owners in sound mind.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

ID. NO.....

Sign.: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

ID NO. .....

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No:.....

#### Acknowledgment

I, \_\_\_\_\_, chairperson of the .....Village Development Committee affirm in this legal document that we accept the land donated for public use from the above signed owner(s) of the land located in \_\_\_\_\_

with the measurements stated above.

Undersigned is the name of the chairperson of the village in sound mind.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

ID. NO.

sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Witnesses**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

ID.NO.....

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

ID.NO.....

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The notary office \_\_\_\_\_ is testimony that we have witnessed this agreement for which all parties were present and have the legal enforcement that will take effect as of date \_\_\_\_\_.

Undersigned is the name of the notary officer in sound mind.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

ID.NO.....

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Requirements for voluntary land donation:**

1. The owner of the land to be donated should not be forced if they do not agree with the donation.
2. The impacts must be minor, that is, involve no more than 10 percent of the area of any holding and require no physical relocation.
3. The land should meet technical project criteria as identified by the project engineers
4. The land in question must be free of squatters, encroachers, or other claims or encumbrances.
5. Verification of the voluntary nature of land donations must be obtained from each person donating land.
6. Grievance mechanisms must be available.

7. If land donated is not used for the agreed purpose, it must be returned. Otherwise, the donor cannot reclaim land donated and sign an official letter regarding that matter.
8. Ensure the donor have been appropriately informed and consulted about the project and the choices available to them.
9. The donor is expected to benefit directly from the project.
10. The amount of land to be donated must not reduce the donor's remaining land area below that required to maintain the donor's livelihood at current levels.
11. The Borrower must maintain a transparent record of all consultations and agreements reached all times.

## Annex 9: MoU with Water sharing agreement

Date:

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

## Between

SL-FSRP Project Coordination Unit of Somaliland

and

## Community Development Committee

This is an agreement between Project Coordination Unit (PCU) for SL-FSRP Somaliland, hereinafter called Party A and “ \_\_\_\_\_ Development Committee (VDC)”, hereinafter called Party B. The PCU is stationed at the Somaliland Ministry of Agriculture..... and represent all government authorities implementing the project ..... The VDC represents all community members including child to elders, religion leaders, youth, women, men, farmers, pastoralists, disabilities, IDPs etc.

## Purpose:

The purpose of this MoU is to clearly identify the roles and responsibilities of each party as they relate to the **SL-FSRP** project implementation and sustainability. The aim of the **SL-FSRP** project is to improve water sources, livelihoods and increased adaptive capacity of local community and institutions through funding the development of an array of water technology options.

The parties (PCU and VDC) will work together to provide the resources necessary to implement and sustain this project. Both Parties will ensure that program activities are conducted in compliance with all applicable State laws, rules, and World Bank operational policies and procedures. Both parties understand that the project components as establishment of hafir dams, berkads, sand storage dams, area infiltration interventions, semi-circular bunds, soil bunds, sub-surface dams and rock catchments, Rehabilitation of Berkads, Rehabilitation of degraded rangelands and institutional strengthening. These interventions will directly provide benefits in the form of access to improved water sources for multiple uses (domestic, livestock, agriculture, and horticulture); agricultural extension services (livestock and crops); improved livelihood resilience; and adaptive know-how.

## **Roles and responsibilities between two parties**

### **A. Party A (PCU team) responsibilities under this MoU**

1. Party A (PCU team) is responsible for facilitation of the investment and maintaining a unified Results Framework for the project.
2. Ensure community engagement inclusivity and participation for the project implementation and sustainability.
3. Responsible for supervision and collaboration with the service providers to ensure they closely working with community.
4. Party A (PCU) to ensure that dam entry, and dam related structures such as animal troughs are downstream the dam to prevent contamination and also prevent rangelands degradation.

### **A. Community Village Development Committee responsibilities under this MoU**

1. Party B (VDC) is responsible for leading community participation, project sustainability, use and maintenance for example Provide necessary support such as land, technical experts in the community.
2. The community is responsible for bringing/formulating inclusive village development committees respecting with existing system.
3. Party B (VDC) is responsible for leading Community organization meetings, awareness, documenting and report general grievances arising from project interventions and bring them to the attention of the project's Grievance Redress Mechanism.
4. Party B (VDC) to ensure that no new settlements are established roughly \_\_\_\_\_ km upstream (watershed) to prevent pollution (if the area is already not settled).
5. Party B (VDC) to appoint a water management lead by the VDC whose members should be permanent settlers that do not migrate with the seasons. The water management committee to clean the dam area (or desilting) before the rainy seasons (where necessary).
6. Party B (VDC) and the water management committee to develop by-laws covering but not limited to the following aspects:
  - a. Collecting water user fee [*committees to set the price in consultation with the general community*]
  - b. Prioritising human consumption followed by livestock and crop production respectively.
  - c. Time lots in the dry seasons (Feb -Mar and Jul – Sep). Permanent residents could drink from 4.00 pm – 10.00 pm while pastoralists (coming from out of the settlement) could drink from morning to afternoon.

- d. During a crisis, irrigation should be stopped to allow the survival of humans and livestock
- e. Ensuring water access for all, irrespective of the area of origin. All groups (immigrants and settlement pastoralists) have equal rights in consumption amounts
- f. Water fetching to be queuing to be respected on a first come first served.
- g. To define fines and punishment for all breaching the by-laws:  
\_\_\_\_\_ *[committee to decide on what to charge]*.

**On behalf of the SL-FSRP Project**

**Somaliland SL-FSRP Project Coordinator**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

**On behalf of the Community**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Role: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Role: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annex 10: Sample Resettlement Assessment Questionnaire**

**Resettlement Assessment**

Date:	
Location:	District:
Planned Activity:	
The area affected: coordinates	
<b>Key questions to be elaborated on through participatory research tools</b>	
Current status of the land: community/private/public?	
Is there a title/allotment letter/ document showing legal ownership (Please attach a photograph or copy)?	
What land disputes exist in this area? Could they affect this site?	
What are the different claims on land ownership and use?	
Are there historical population movements that still contribute to disputes over land?	
Define the residents and users of this land (including nomadic pastoralists) and how and when they can be consulted to seek their agreement to use land for the subproject?	
Which institutions and authorities in this area help solve land ownership and usage claims?	
Have any evictions or removal of structures/assets taken place to clear land for this activity?	
Any structures or assets that will need to be removed for this construction?	
Who do they belong to and how will they be compensated/replaced?	
Any services or ceremonies that will be affected by the subproject?	
Names of individuals that will be economically or physically displaced? (complete household questionnaire) and how:	

#### Sample Household Interview Guide/Questionnaire

<b>Background Information</b>	
Questionnaire Code:	Survey Date:
Interviewer Name:	District and Street:
<b>Family Members</b>	
Name:	Gender:      Age:
Position in family (tick 1):	Education level:
Parent:      Child:      Other:	Occupation:
Specify other:	Monthly Income:
Work or business location:	Length of time in current work/business:
<b>Housing and Tenure Status</b>	
Type of house:	Tenure status (tick 1): Owned: ... Rented:... IDP... Length of Residence time:
Number of bedrooms:	
<b>Business</b>	
Type of business affected:	Name of business owner:
Registration status:	Permanent number of employees:
Avg. monthly income and profit:	Temporary number of employees:
<b>Affected Community Facilities</b>	
Description affected facility:	
Estimated number of affected persons:	
Size of land impacted	
Other assets owned by PAP	
Source and amount of monthly income	
Amount of income impacted	
Gender of household and	
<b>Any other information</b>	



**Annex 11: ESS ToT Attendance List**

Annex 12: Stakeholder Consultation Attendance List (10<sup>th</sup> August 2023)



Food Systems Resilience Project (FSRP)

FSRP ESF STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATION MEETING MANSOOR HOTEL, HARGEISA Date: 10/08/2023

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