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Figure 1: Water trucking for the drought immigrants –Near Bursalax

INTRODUCTION.

SDC is well conversant with the ongoing conditions facing vulnerable communities around Puntland and has since partnered with WFP to ensure speedy and immediate assistance can be provided to affected persons. This partnership has existed since 2018 up to date and has since made significant steps in improving living conditions of selected beneficiaries through asset creation, vocational skills training, relief and self-sustainability through encouraging pastoralists to practice farming as an alternative form of survival.

These activities are in a bid to transform community basic social service and creating opportunities for generating income avenues for women, youth, IDPs and poor rural communities. We have since created cooperative sites where affected households practice small scale farming with effective agricultural training.

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Somalia has experienced short rain seasons over the past decade causing rapid and devastating drought throughout the regions. In efforts to combat food shortage and malnutrition millions of families have been displaced throughout Somalia. Recently over 10,000 migrants moved into Galdogob District in hopes to get immediate humanitarian aid. Majority of the migrants are pastoralists and entirely depend on livestock for their source of income but they have experienced rapid losses due to livestock deaths brought about by drought.

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They are registered through biometric technology but it is up to us as the implementing partner to inform be supporting the same beneficiaries all through since refuge and IDP operations are increasingly competing with other humanitarian crises and they are all banking on the limited funds leading to constrains and shortfalls.

Following the severe drought effecting Somalia many families are forced to move to different host communities in search of food, water and pasture for their livestock. Over 10 thousand persons have migrated from different regions to Galdogob District and SDC has implement the relief project. The living conditions of these families have deteriorated and are in need of immediate drinking water, medicine, food, shelter. These migrants are now living in the areas of Landhere, Hadoodil, Lanmadow, Kuwayt, Boranad, Huran, Darussalam, Rig-Omane, Jexo, Ahmed-Khayr, Qanaxle and Iskanbus, all of which are under in Galdogob district



Drought immigrants committee discussing on the deteriorating situation-North Galdogob at Daharka

SDC conducted a rapid assessment to find out about the living conditions and what assistance can be provided.

Now we have reached and registered the relief project that we have done for 2300 households who live in all the areas that we have visited. Now there is a gap of more 8000 Households who need urgent help.

NO. IMMIGRANTS	NO. NEEDING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	ASSISTED	REMAINING
10,500HH	10,000HH	2300 HH	7,700HH

The drought has caused large scale crop failures and livestock deaths, impacting livelihoods and food supply. This shock has forced many to leave their homes in search of livelihood and income due to increased levels of poverty, widespread water shortage and food insecurity that potentially may lead to increased malnutrition cases due to the impact of rising global food prices.



Host Communities and Conflict resolution.

It is important to put into consideration the host communities that accommodate incoming displaced persons so as to provide right assistance while promoting self-reliance. Displaced communities should not be viewed as liability but instead as benefit to the host. As SDC we strive to identifying risks associated with relief operations and acting accordingly in order to maximize the number of beneficiaries assisted.

Women and youth protection.

Women, children and the youth are more susceptible to having their rights violated during such hardship moments since people in authority may weaponize their vulnerability. It is our core duty to educate beneficiaries on their rights and exercise efficiency and accountability during such projects.

Health and Sanitation.

An influx of IDPs in the host communities will most likely lead to public health problems hence without the proper sanitation methods being followed it may lead to disease outbreaks. As SDC we recommend proper hygiene processes are observed such as hand washing during relief distribution. However, with an increase of 8000households we request immediate humanitarian assistance especially regarding drinking water, medicine, food, shelter in order to facilitate a more dignified existence for the affected persons.