

Tractors Handover Report.

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The Salaam Development Center (SDC), in partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP), has been implementing the Joint Resilience Program (JRP). This program is designed to enhance and improve food security for communities in the Goldogob and Bursalah districts of the Mudug region. It aims to build the resilience of these communities, many of whom were traditionally nomadic, by supporting their transition to farming and agricultural livelihoods.

Through targeted training, awareness campaigns, and sensitization efforts, SDC has encouraged these communities to adopt sustainable agricultural practices. In addition to capacity-building efforts, SDC has provided beneficiaries with agricultural-friendly technologies, including solar panels, drip irrigation systems, greenhouses, water pipelines, and other essential equipment to support farming and food production.

As part of these ongoing efforts, SDC and WFP handed over two farm tractors, along with accessories such as disk harrows and disk ploughs, to farmers' cooperatives in the Goldogob and Bursalah districts on December 22 and 23. This initiative is a significant step in equipping local farmers with the tools needed to increase agricultural productivity and improve food security.

Small ceremonies were held in both districts to mark the handovers. During the events, Mr. Aidarous Mohamoud, SDC Program Manager, underscored the importance of the tractors, noting that they would not only enhance farm production but also improve the nutritional status of vulnerable smallholder farmers.

The Regional Coordinator of the Ministry of Agriculture, Mr. Abdiweli Diriye, reiterated the government's commitment to ensuring the tractors are used fairly and responsibly. He assured that no group or individual would claim ownership of the farmers' property and emphasized that the cooperatives would be held accountable for managing the tractors effectively.

Goldogob Mayor, Mr. Ayaxle Farah, expressed his gratitude to WFP and SDC for their continuous support and pledged that the tractors would remain accessible to all farmers in the community.

Mr. Richard Sewava, WFP Head of Area Office, highlighted the transformative potential of the tractors, urging farmers and the wider community to utilize them to strengthen agricultural resilience and development.

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The Bursalah Farmer's Cooperative Committees promised to protect the equipment and ensure its proper maintenance and repair. They emphasized their commitment to equitable use, assuring that all beneficiaries would have equal access to the tractors. The committees pledged that the equipment would serve the entire farming community, and no individual or group would be prioritized over others.

To celebrate this milestone, the committees of the two farmers' cooperatives hosted a small party for their members and guests. The event symbolized unity and appreciation for the support received, as well as their shared commitment to the sustainable use of the new farming equipment.

The chairman of the Goldogob farmers' cooperative also extended his thanks to WFP and SDC, vowing to manage the tractors responsibly to ensure the benefits reach all cooperative members.

This handover represents a critical milestone in SDC and WFP's mission to strengthen agricultural resilience, improve food security, and support sustainable livelihoods for farmers in the Mudug region.

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