

## APPEAL FOR EMERGENCY DROUGHT RESPONSE IN SOMALIA - 2022

<b>Drought Affected Areas</b>	Lower-Juba, Middle-Juba, Gedo, Bay, Mudug, Nugal, Bari, Toghdheer, Bakool, Galguduud, and Sool
<b>Appeal duration</b>	9 Months (March - November 2022)
<b>Required Funding</b>	\$ 2,951,167
<b>Sectors</b>	WASH, Food Security and Livelihoods, Gender and Protection

## DROUGHT SITUATION IN SOMALIA- 2021

Drought is a recurrent and serious issue in Somalia; it is a water-scarce country and is on the verge of an expanding desert. **In Somalia, 5.6 million people are currently food insecure and suffer from water shortage** due to poor and erratic rainfall distribution, droughts, armed conflict, political tensions, COVID-19, recurring locust infestation, and livelihood-motivated displacements<sup>1</sup>. At present, the worst drought affected areas include: Lower-Juba, Middle-Juba, Gedo, Bay, Mudug, Nugal, Bari, Toghdheer, Bakool, Galguduud, and Sool regions which are currently experiencing severe water shortage for domestic as well as agricultural and pasture production<sup>2</sup>. Middle-Shabelle, Lower-Shabelle, Mudug, and Hiraaan are also confronting moderate drought. On Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021 the Federal Government of Somalia declared the ongoing prolonged dry spell characterized by the severe shortage of water and food insecurity as a National disaster and appealed for support to respond to the humanitarian crisis. Drought conditions are predicted to persist in many parts of the country until early 2022<sup>3</sup>.

As was the case in previous years (2019 and 2020), the Gu rains failed in some parts of the country or were below average, affecting pasture rejuvenation and crop production. In the drought affected areas, pasture and water resources are getting depleted which is leading to the death and displacement of livestock and communities. There are also reports of flooding that resulted in mass migration, damaged crops and farmland in riverine areas of Hiraaan, Shabelle and Juba regions. In the drought affected areas, the price of water per barrel is reported to be gradually increasing which is also another escalating challenge for the locals.

Some 2.6 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) are living in over 2,000 sites in extreme poor conditions. According to FSNAU most of the IDPs in the main settlements and the poor urban population are currently facing food consumption gaps due to limited income generation activities and rising staple food prices that have reduced the household purchasing power. **According to UNICEF, 1.2 million children under the age of five are estimated to be acutely malnourished by the end of the year, with nearly 213,400 of them severely malnourished.** The climatic shocks mostly prevent vulnerable families from procuring sufficient food and to earn enough income for fulfilling their basic needs. When such crises hit, Emergency Food, Security and Livelihood interventions are critical otherwise families have to resort to negative coping mechanisms to survive: skipping regular meals, eating low-priced food and child labour to support families.

<sup>1</sup> [IPC Global Platform \(ipcinfo.org\)](http://ipcinfo.org)

<sup>2</sup> [Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management | MOHADAM](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Emergency Food Security and Livelihoods | Save the Children](#)





Protection issues are multi-dimensional and women and girls are at increased risk of sexual violence and attacks during displacements. They are also exposed to harassment while traveling to remote areas in search of food and water. In addition, the current drought situation increases the risk of vulnerability to COVID-19 due to the shortages of water in many areas which restricts the communities' ability to frequently wash their hands with soap. These conditions can potentially create a favourable environment for COVID-19 to spread. **Since the outbreak of COVID-19, over 22,837 cases with over 1,313 fatalities<sup>4</sup>** were registered by the WHO in Somalia, while many cases are left undetected due to asymptomatic infections, low testing capacity, and the stigmatisation of COVID-19 cases among the population.

## SIGNIFICANCE OF NEXUS PLATFORM

NEXUS was formed in 2019 by eight pioneering Somali non-governmental organizations to bring change through a locally-driven agenda by finding a common cause and through syncing interventions with the Somali government, private sector and national/international partners. The platform is implementing integrated programming by adopting a triple nexus approach to promote the application of a collective problem-solving method that links immediate relief with longer-term resilience and peacebuilding. NEXUS member organizations are present in every region and state of Somalia. NEXUS Platform member organizations have over 23 years of experience of working in the country, and programmatic and policy expertise in WASH, livelihoods, cash transfers, peacebuilding, conflict resolution, protection and GBV, health services, youth engagement, humanitarian response, education. They collectively managed over US\$19 million in 2021 reaching over 2.3 million people.

## NEXUS ANTICIPATORY & EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND (A&ER) - 2021

The devastating drought situation, forced evictions and armed conflict resulted in massive displacements in different areas of the country which include Las Anood, Afmadow (Dobley), Bacadweyne in Galmudug and Hudur in South West Bakool region. In June 2021, four NEXUS member organizations (CPD, GREDO, WASDA and KAALO) accessed funding through the NEXUS-A&ER Fund and carried out key interventions including emergency water trucking, provision of Non – Food Items (NFIs), unconditional cash transfers as well as hygiene promotion activities. The drought affected communities and forcibly internally displaced persons were reached in the following areas: Gaalkacyo south of Galmudug region, Gaalkacyo north of Mudug region, Hudur town in South West Bakool region. The A&ER is managed by one NEXUS member, activation is done in line with established guidelines, triggers and timelines.

## PROPOSED SCALE-UP PLAN

NEXUS is implementing various projects through the platform members to empower the vulnerable population of Somalia. Presently, more diverse assistance is needed to combat the worsening drought crisis, and to overall strengthen peoples' resilience against various recurring climatic shocks and forced displacements. Keeping in view the present scenario, NEXUS is planning to respond in Somaliland, Puntland, and other affected areas in South Central Somalia through platform members. NEXUS is proposing a scale-up plan by prioritizing the following activities in the coming six to nine months:

<sup>4</sup> WHO EMRO | Home | Somalia site | Countries



## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

**Total budget needed: USD 870,000**

- Rehabilitation and Construction of at least 15 strategic water sources in most affected areas
- Maintenance and operational support to existing desalination units in Somalia/Somaliland
- Cash-for-Water/water trucking for at least 5000 households for 3 months in most affected areas
- Public Health promotion activities to prevent disease outbreak including COVID-19.
- Cash support to increase access to hygiene and menstrual hygiene management kits for at least 3400 most vulnerable households in assessed areas



## FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

**Total budget needed: USD 1,140,000**

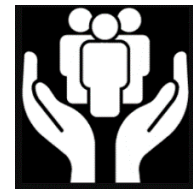
- Reach the worst affected areas and prioritising communities who have not previously received unconditional cash assistance
- 4 months of unconditional cash assistance to 6750 families worst affected by drought, economic impacts of COVID-19 and the desert locust outbreaks in South central, Somaliland and Puntland
- Cash for work activities for 1500 households (mainly rehabilitating community assets)
- In collaboration with local and regional governments, conduct livestock treatment campaigns against different infectious diseases and training of community animal health workers (CAHW)



## GENDER AND PROTECTION

**Total budget needed: USD 300,000**

- Decrease the heightened protection risks through the provision of Cash-based assistance
- Conduct and share protection service mapping to improve access to information/services
- Support community-based committees by organizing sessions for enabling them to identify protection risks and frame the mitigation measures.
- Support the role of authorities in addressing protection issues for vulnerable groups (women, children, young girls, disabled persons and other vulnerable persons) through trainings and by organizing the facilitation of advocacy meetings between them and communities



**MONITORING, EVALUATION, ACCOUNTABILITY & LEARNING (MEAL)**

**Total budget needed: USD 30,000**

- Ensuring transparency and accountability through well-established feedback mechanism
- Monitoring performance by using post distribution monitoring (PDM) in order to analyse the output and outcomes, to measure response indicators and to record lessons learned. Moreover, to ensure the accountability of the interventions and information sharing regarding the recent updates on the ongoing programme.
- Digital registration and verification of the beneficiaries of the project and insurance of the validity in terms of target populations that are the most vulnerable, and by measuring the response relevant to their needs.
- Organizing a learning session to summarize the key lessons learned and share them with the relevant stakeholders.



**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR RESPONSE (USD) - TIMELINES 6 MONTHS- JANUARY TO JUNE 2022**

<b>Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)</b>	870,000
<b>Food Security and Livelihoods</b>	1,140,000
<b>Protection</b>	300,000
<b>Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability &amp; Learning (MEAL)</b>	30,000
<b>Partner Support/Personnel Costs</b>	169,500
<b>NEXUS Personnel Costs</b>	135,600
<b>NEXUS Support Costs</b>	113,000
<b>TOTAL DIRECT COSTS</b>	2,758,100
<b>ICR 7%</b>	193,067
<b>TOTAL BUDGET REQUIRED</b>	<b>\$ 2,951,167</b>



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