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**Alert note**

**Section A: Basic information**

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| Organisation: | GURYASAMO, RAJO, IFTIN and OFROSOM |
| Title of alert: | Emergency Drought Response in Somalia and Somaliland, 2025 |
| Type of crisis: | * *X rapid onset humanitarian crisis (please fill out section B)* |

Do only fill one of the following three sections, B, C, or D. You may delete the two which do not apply.

**Section B: Rapid onset humanitarian crisis:**

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| b.1 Where is the crisis? *Describe the areas affected*  Affected areas:   * Somalia: Banadir region, Hirshabelle State, Southwest State, Galmudug, Jubaland and Puntland * Somaliland: Awdal, Sahil, Sanaag, SOOL and Toogdheer.   b.2 What is the nature of the crisis? *Please describe the type of crisis (e.g. earth quake, other natural disaster occurring without warning) and describe potential local social and political implications (e.g. for specific target groups).*  The nature of the crisis is severe drought in Somalia and Somaliland facing a catastrophic humanitarian crisis as a severe, **slow-onset drought** tightens its grip on the nation in 2025. This is not an isolated disaster but a brutal escalation in a relentless cycle of climatic shocks that has shattered the resilience of the Somali people. The crisis was precipitated by the failure of the **Deyr 2024 rains**, followed by a critically poor **Gu season in 2025**, plunging the country into a state of emergency defined by acute water scarcity, widespread food insecurity, and mass displacement.  b.3 What information do you have about the situation? What is the source of that information?  *Please provide available information on*  *affected populations including specific vulnerable groups and access to these*  *urgent emergency and/or protection needs*  *other actors responding and coordinating (including government, community structures, the UN, INGOs)*  The crisis has impacted a significant portion of the Somali population, with certain groups facing extreme vulnerability.   * Vulnerable Groups:   + An estimated 1.7 million children under five are projected to suffer from acute malnutrition, including 466,000 children facing Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM), putting them at a high risk of death.   + Women and Girls: They face heightened risks of gender-based violence (GBV), particularly when displaced or forced to travel long distances for water.   The immediate needs are immense and span multiple sectors:   * Immediate, life-saving food assistance is required for 4.4 million people to prevent widespread famine-like conditions. * Urgent need for water trucking, rehabilitation of water systems, and hygiene promotion to address critical water shortages and combat a significant cholera/AWD outbreak. * An immediate health response is required to address a surge in malnutrition and disease, including deploying mobile health teams and supporting primary healthcare facilities. * Critical need for emergency shelter and basic household items for hundreds of thousands displaced by both drought and floods.   *Please insert link(s) and/or attach relevant documentation to the alert. Documentation may be found at UN OCHA, ACAPS, or other internationally recognised sources.*   * <https://reliefweb.int/report/somalia/somalia-drought-conditions-central-and-northern-regions-flash-update-no1-5-august-2025>. * <https://fews.net/east-africa/somalia>/Needs likely to increase with forecasted below-average October-December rains. * <https://fsnau.org/downloads/Early-Warning-Early-Action-Dashboard-Time-Series-Chart-June-2025.pdf> * <https://mopnd.govsomaliland.org/article/drought-emergency-situational-report-and-appeal> * <https://reliefweb.int/report/somalia/somalia-key-message-update-needs-likely-increase-forecasted-below-average-october-december-rains-july-2025> * <https://www.ftlsomalia.com/puntland-appeals-for-urgent-humanitarian-assistance-amid-worsening-drought/>   b.3.1. Describe as specific as possible when the crisis has started.  *Mention specific dates if possible.* P*rovide documentation for this.*   * **According to Somalia Key Message Update July 2025**: Needs likely to increase with forecasted belowaverage October-December rains, 2025 * **April - June 2025:** The situation was further complicated during the *Gu* rainy season, which created a "whiplash" effect while northern and central regions sank deeper into drought. * **January - March 2025:** By early 2025, the impact of the failed *Deyr* season became severe, with the UN warning of an escalating crisis and a sharp increase in the number of people facing acute hunger.   b.3.2. How could DERF grants make a difference for the crisis affected population?  *Please consider the following points:*   * *Rapid disbursement*   Rapid disbursement of fund from CISU – DERF will reduce the sufferings of the armed conflict affected populations and it will save many people to die for hunger, thirst, malnutrition, health issues and lack of shelters   * *Short intervention (0-9 month)*   The intervention will only last for 4 months or less depends on not encountering severe challenges   * *Meeting needs of hard to reach populations not catered for by other donors*   We are committed to reach the hard-to-reach populations not catered for or assisted by other donors by having integrated emergency food packages, Health, Nutrition, WASH, protection as we did before and experienced in similar humanitarian interventions. |