



PROJECT NAME:
RESILIENT LIVELIHOOD ACTION TO COVID-19 (RLAC-19)



SUMMARY EXTRACT NARRATIVE REPORT

December 31, 2021

Table (1): Summary of the basic data of the RPSF Project

Project name	Resilient Livelihood Action to COVID-19 (RLAC-19)
Project number (ID)	2000003479
Project goal	Minimize impacts of COVID-19 on livelihoods, resilience and food security of IFAD’s target group.
Project development objective	Maintain and improve agricultural productive capacity, post-harvest and market access for small-scale producers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic crisis
Component	<p>Component 1: Support to Agricultural Production.</p> <p>Component 2: Support to the Functionality of Food Supply Chains and Post-Harvest Losses Reduction</p> <p>Component 3: Project Management, M&E and KM</p>
Program area	<p>Galmudug and Puntland State, Somalia.</p> <p>Puntland: Qardho District, Northern Galkacyo District and Iskushuban District.</p> <p>Galmudug: Southern Galkacyo District, Adado District and Hobyo District.</p>
Principle Recipient	SADAR Development and Resilience Institute

I. INTRODUCTION

1. With funding from IFAD, SADAR is implementing the 18-month long Resilient Livelihood Action to COVID-19 (RLAC-19) project in Somalia in collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of the Federal Government of Somalia.

2. The project's goal is to reduce small-scale producers' vulnerability and enhance resilience to Covid-19 shocks of their livelihoods in the target areas.

3. The project targeted the original target group (1,100 HH) households of agro-pastoral communities in Puntland State (Qardho, Northern Galkacyo and Iskushuban Districts) and Galmudug State (Southern Galkacyo, Adado District and Hobyo Districts) and expanded the support to about additional 1000 HHs in the same geographic area and provide the same with the same scope of intervention and intensity as the 1st round of RPSF.

4. Project Outreach: the total project target number of beneficiary household (HH) were 2000 HH. With the Minimum Integrated Packages per HH and in-depth community and government consultations, the project new direct beneficiary households (HH) reached 1300 households making the total for both the original and additional beneficiaries 2,301- 30% more than the original project target beneficiary households.

II. IMPLEMENTATION STATUS UPDATES

5. This report covers the various activities that were implemented between XX March 2020 to XX April 2021. During the period under review, the project achieved the following:

III. INITIAL ADVANCE

6. An advance of USD 780,513 (or 73%) was issued by IFAD against a grant allocation of USD 1 066 511, towards the implementation of activities for the 6 months' AWPB (Jan 2022 to June 2022).

7. As per section 3.3 of the grant agreement, 'for the second and following withdrawal applications, the recipient shall submit to IFAD an SoE demonstrating the use of at least 75% of the immediately preceding instalment.

8. Current use of initial advance is now at 585,384.75 (or 75%) of the initial advance

9. The SoE and advance account utilization below indicate total fund utilization.

Table (2): Advance Account Utilization

IV. AWPB EXECUTION

1. As of 10 April 2022, overall project disbursement against the AWPB is 73%, broken down per component as; Component I: Support to Agricultural Production (XX%), Component II: Support to the functionality of food supply chains and post-harvest losses reduction (XX%), and Component III: Project Management, M&E and KM (XX%).
2. The detailed budget execution by component and category are as per the tables below
3. All the activities in Component I and II, are fully committed, and XX% of the payments have been done.
4. Implementation of component were a phased approach with component 1 coming first and component 2 followed because the activities involved are mainly ‘post-harvest related’.
5. A final Statement of Expenditure and a detailed budget execution by component and category was shared separately

- Selection Criteria**
- *Successive shocks affected HHs.*
 - *Reliance on negative coping mechanisms, including a reduced number of meals.*
 - *Limit food portions.*
 - *Lost livelihood assets*
 - *Lost production,*
 - *Separation of family*
 - *Accumulating debt related to food.*

V. Component 1: Support to Agricultural Productive Capacity Consultation and Coordination with Government Ministries

10. SADAR team engaged Somalia's Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (MoAI), Puntland State Ministry of Agriculture, Environment and Climate Change (MoAECC) and Galmudug State Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) on startup activities. The team defined and agreed on the targeting criteria, target group and key activities in each district. The respective State Ministries under the leadership of Directors have demonstrated their commitment to the project.

Baseline Survey

11. The procurement for the baseline survey has been completed, the consultant has submitted the inception report, and data collection completed. SADAR is in receipt of the final reports from the consultants, which will be shared with IFAD upon review and feedback.

Beneficiary Households Training Sessions (Participatory Approach)

12. Working with the respective technical staff from the Ministries, the project team have also rolled out Customized Content for a one (1) day training sessions with all the 1,101 target individual from beneficiary households on the following four subjects: (1) Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), (2) Animal Husbandry Skills, (3) Pest and Disease Control and (4) Business Skills and Bookkeeping while considering the agricultural support package and introduction of the pastoralist farmers onto farming techniques.



Market Assessment *Figure 2: Beneficiary training*

13. SADAR team also conducted a rapid market assessment in Mogadishu, Garowe City (Puntland State), Dhusamareeb and Adaado Cities (Galmudug state) to ascertain the actual market prices of the agricultural inputs and livestock, livestock feeds. This has given the project team an assumptive budget compared to the quotation from the suppliers during the procurement process.



Figure 3: Project team conducting market assessment

Value Food chain analysis

14. SADAR contracted an external consultant to conduct a comprehensive value food chain analysis in all the target six districts in both Puntland and Galmudug. The exercise is currently underway, and SADAR expects a final report to be submitted before the end of May 2022. The report will be shared with IFAD as part of the next progress report.

Agricultural Support Package (Minimum Integrated Package - MIP)

15. In consultations with IFAD, Federal MoAI and Galmudug and Puntland State MoAs, the SADAR team have collaboratively set and established Agricultural Support Package (**Minimum Integrated Package**) for the target household beneficiaries based on the available budget and beneficiary needs.

16. SADAR team, working closely with Galmudug and Puntland MoAs and local administrations, set a distribution plan for the target six districts. This has enhanced coordination with the state ministry of MoA and local administrations in the six districts.

17. The following table indicate the Agricultural Support Packages (Minimum Integrated Package) items allocation per beneficiary households:

Table 5: Breakdown of Agricultural Support Package (Minimum Integrated Packages):

Category	Item	Unit	Quantity per HH
Agricultural Seeds	Tomatoes	g	100
	Watermelon	g	50
	Sweet Melon	g	100
Fertilizer	Organic Fertilizer	Kg	12.5
Feeds	Livestock Feeds	Kg	25
Farm Implements	Hoe	Piece	1
	Knapsack Sprayer	Liters Kg	12.5
Livestock	Breeding goats	Number	2

18. A total of 1345 packages incorporated of both farming items and livestock support in one combined pack was distributed to 1345 beneficiary households. This aimed to support the vulnerable farmers' resilience to multiple shocks of COVID-19 disruptions, desert locust invasions and climate change effects, and introduce vulnerable pastoralist in Galmudug and Puntland state to rain-fed agricultural farming/agro-pastoralism as livelihood diversification

initiative. This is also aimed at improving access and availability to agricultural inputs and other productive assets during this Covid-19 period where the agricultural supply chain is affected.

Table (6): Agricultural Support Packages (Minimum Integrated Package) Per Beneficiary Household Per District – Additional Group

District	Total HH Beneficiaries	Total Agricultural Support Package MIP
Galkacyo-South	400	400
Adaado	395	395
Hobyo	50	50
Galkacyo-North	200	200
Iskushuban	200	200
Qardho	100	100
Total	1345	

Table (6): Agricultural Support Packages (Minimum Integrated Package) Per Beneficiary Household Per District – Original Group

District	Total HH Beneficiaries	Total Agricultural Support Package MIP
Galkacyo-South	204	204
Adaado	201	201
Hobyo	63	63
Galkacyo-North	267	267
Iskushuban	126	126
Qardho	240	240
Total	1101	1101

19. Knapsack sprayer 16litres is one of the farm implements told among the agricultural support package is provided to the target beneficiary households. Knapsack sprayers were distributed and provided to every of the 1101 beneficiary households to support the pest and disease control beneficiaries for the farmers and desert locust control for both pastoralist and pastoralist.
20. Upon the procurement and delivery of the beneficiaries' packages in the six (6) target area districts, the SADAR team commenced distributing these packages to selected beneficiary households while closely coordinating with local and regional administration officials in the process. The distributions were largely peaceful and conducted in line with SADAR's "Do No Harm" Principle and respect for the safety, security, and dignity of the beneficiaries.

Table 7: Beneficiary Households Breakdown by District:

Table: 8 (a) Beneficiary Households Breakdown by Gender:

b) Beneficiary Targeting, Registration and Verification

1. Working closely with Galmudug and Puntland MoAs, local administration, and community leaders, the project team adopted the community-based targeting and distribution and engaged the community through existing community management structures and other stakeholders on a set criterion agricultural support package.

Project Outreach

The total project target number of beneficiary household (HH) were 1000 HH. With the Minimum Integrated Packages per HH and in-depth community and government consultations, the project direct beneficiary households (HH) reached 1345 households - 30% more than the original project target beneficiary households.

Component 2: Support the functionality of food supply chains and post-harvest losses reduction.

1. SADAR Institute aims to support agricultural producers' group in Galmudug and Puntland in reducing post-harvest losses amongst the target communities for essential farmer commodities, sorghum, maize, sesame wheat and vegetables.

This component aims to support the following:

- i) Availing post-harvest equipment and facilities to reduce post-harvest losses, including threshers, silos, hermetic bags to prevent pest damage and maintain grain quality for a longer time etc.,
- ii) Training of small-scale farmers in post-harvest practices to ensure quality products (grading, storing, drying, etc.), and
- iii) Organized local purchases from targeted smallholder farmers' groups.

2. The project is being implemented in phases, with component 1 coming first, before the "gu' rains in April- June to allow farmers time to plan. Component 2 is mainly post- harvest support and will be implemented to coincide with the harvest season in late July/August. Mobilization of beneficiaries, targeting, registration and procurement of the post-harvest equipment is ongoing. Consultations have been made with communities and technical experts in the ministries on the suitable support.

Table 3: Physical Performance Progress Report by Project Component

No.	Main activities by Components	Expected results/ Outputs for FY 2020/21	Outputs achieved from November 1, 2020, to 1 th May 2021	Comments
A	Component I: Support to Agricultural Production			
A.1.1	Production implements, including solar pumps, farming tools, fisheries nets, coolers, etc.	Procurement and distribution of production implements	Completed	Distribution ongoing
A.1.2	Procure Veterinary Meds & Vaccine	Procurement and distribution of veterinary meds and vaccines	Completed	Distribution ongoing
A.1.3	Procure Fertilizers	Procurement of fertilizers	Completed	Distribution ongoing
A.1.4	Procure Seeds -crops, vegetables & animal feed	Procurement of Seeds and animal feeds	Completed	Distribution ongoing
A.1.5	Small Ruminants Distribution	Procurement and redistribution of Small ruminants	Completed	Distribution ongoing
A.1.6	Beneficiaries Training	Training of targeted beneficiaries on basic agricultural practices, animal husbandry and disease/pest control and business skills	Ongoing	Continuous Training
B	Component 2: Support the functionality of food supply chains and post-harvest losses reduction			
B.1.1.2	Procuring Sheller	Procurement of Shellers	Ongoing	Completes in April 2022
B.1.1.3	Procuring Grain Thresher	Procurement of threshers	Ongoing	Completes in April 2022

B.1.1.4	Procuring Hermetic Bag	Procurement and distribution of hermetic bags	Ongoing	Completes in April 2022
B.1.1.7	Beneficiaries Training on storage, processing or market regulations/restrictions	Training of beneficiaries on use of storage facilities	Ongoing	Completes in April 2022
B.1.1.8	Rapid Food Chain Value Analysis	Conduct rapid food chain value analysis	Completed	Completed in April.
C	Component 3 : Promote and strengthen collaboration with agricultural extension service providers and local authorities through short courses, workshops and provision of critical research input			
C.1.1	PPE for Project Staff	Develop a detailed monitoring plan and rolling out the plan	Completed	Completes in May 2022
C.1.2	Management allowances	Conduct baseline survey Completed	Completed	Completes in May 2022
C.1.3	M&E & knowledge management	Conduct quarterly review meeting	Completed	Completes in May 2022
C.1.4	Office Rental, Supplies and Vehicles Co-Financing from SADAR	Develop a simple and user-friendly learning and knowledge management system.	Completed	Completes in May 2022

Annexes (I): Beneficiary Details

Table 1: Beneficiary Households Breakdown by District:

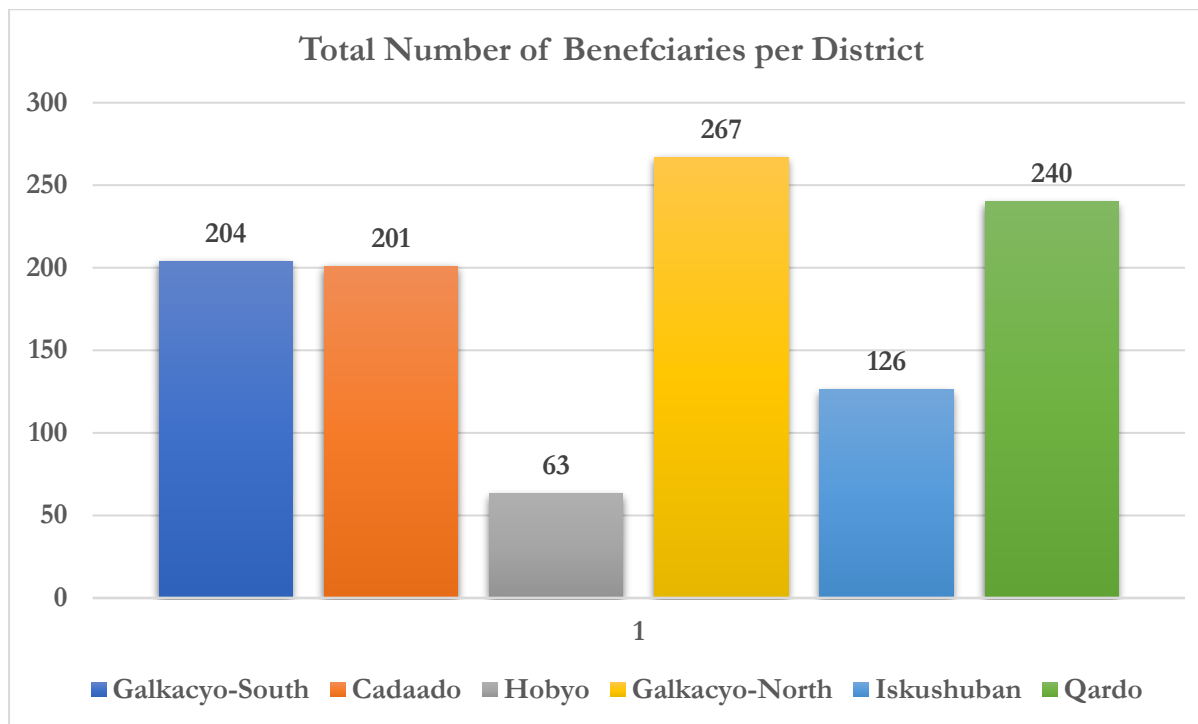


Table 2: Beneficiary Households Breakdown by Gender:

