

# Adaptive Agriculture & Rangeland Rehabilitation (A2R2) Project



# PROJECT OVERVIEW

**Project Title:** Adaptive Agriculture & Rangeland Rehabilitation (A2R2) Project.

**Funded by:** GEF7-LDCF (US\$ 17,039,450) , GAFSP (US\$ 16M), IFAD ASAP+ (US\$ 7M)

**Target Beneficiaries:** 72,000HHs

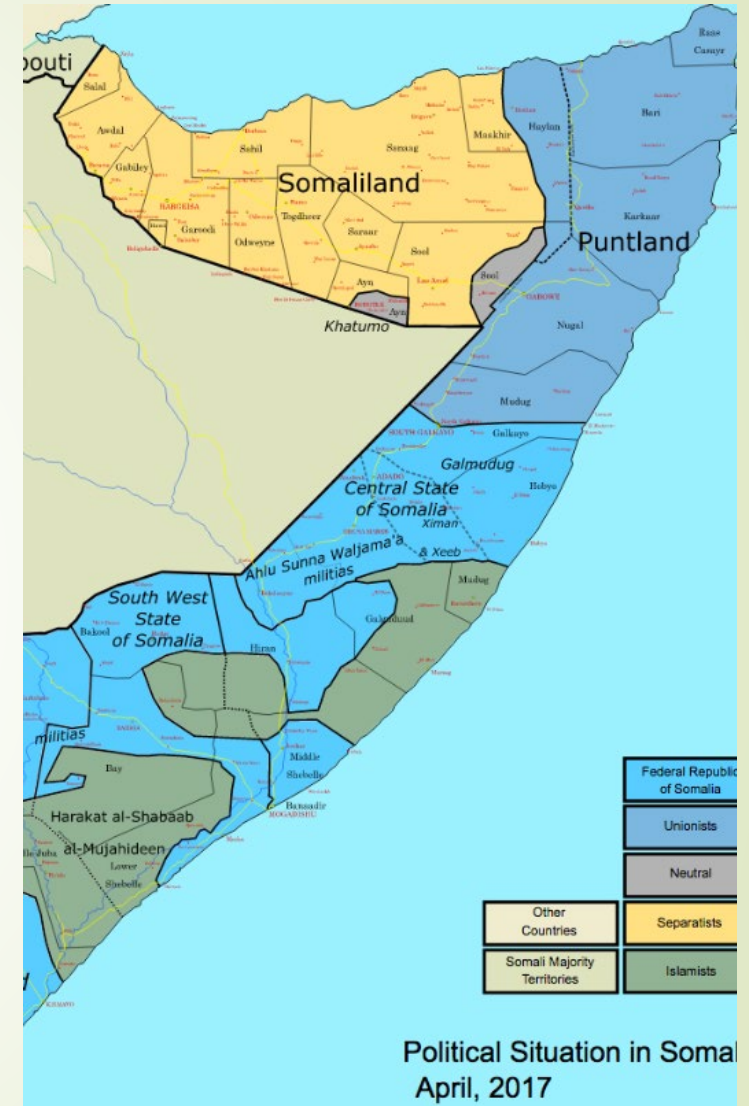
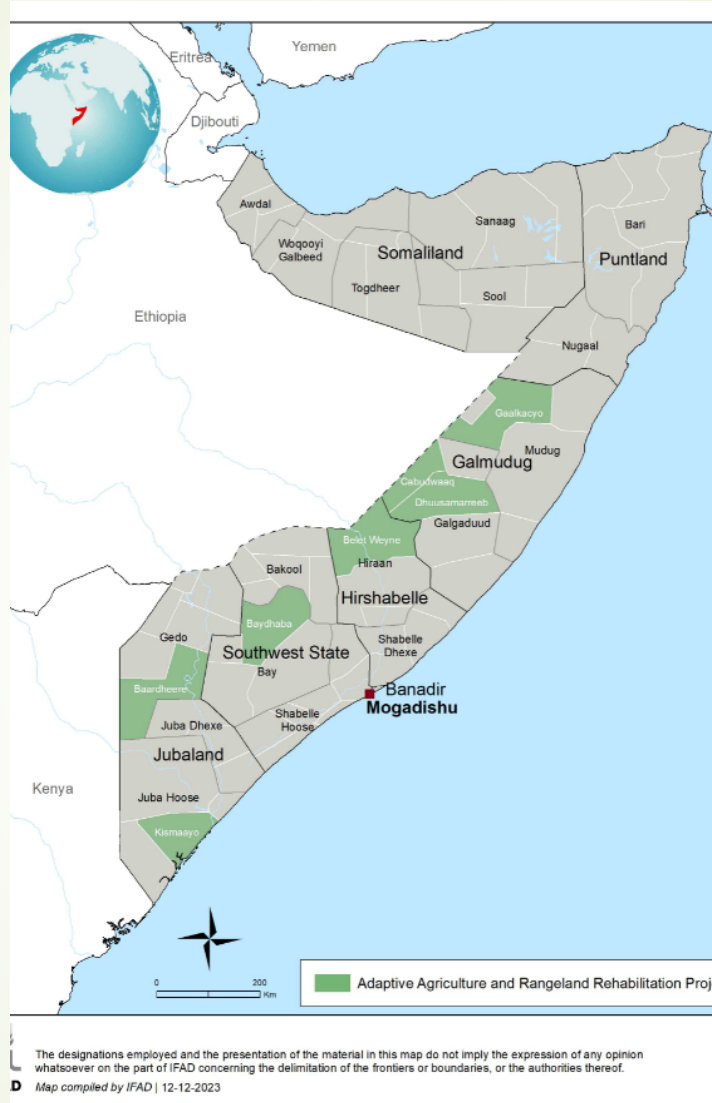
**Goal:** Contribute to land restoration, biodiversity conservation of degraded ecosystems, and improvement of adaptive capacity of vulnerable smallholder households through climate resilient sustainable natural resources.

**PDO:** Enhancing the climate resilience of poor rural households in Somalia through sustainable natural resources management on multiple levels: improved water resources and rangelands management; eco-agriculture and climate-proof livelihoods; forest/habitat rehabilitation; improved governance and information systems for land degradation and biodiversity.

# A2R2 Project Map

## Geographic Areas of Intervention:

- Belet Weyne (Hirshabelle State)
- Baydhaba, (South West State),
- Gaalkacyo, Dhuusamarreeb and Cabudwaaq (Galmudug State).
- Kismayo and Bardere (Jubaland State).



# Monitoring and supervision in evolving context

- 1) Continuous validations or continuous supervision.
  - a. Standing meetings.
  - b. IFAD systems
  - c. IFAD representation in Somalia.
- 2) External Validation.
  - a. GIS systems.
  - b. Partnerships with other UN agencies.
- 3) Internal Validation.
  - a. M&E system.
  - b. Beneficiary databases.
  - c. Rolling out a grievance redress mechanism.
  - d. Deploying community facilitators and district facilitators.
  - e. Post monitoring system.



# A2R2 M&E Component: Outcome, output and activities: Monitoring, Evaluation and Accountability

Project progress and results systematized to improve management, promote learning, and support upscaling of best practices

Effective monitoring and evaluation plan implemented

Joint or participatory M&E

Online M&E system linked with GIS

Data quality assurance assessment-

Production of the annual Project Progress Reports (PPR)

Baseline Midterm and Final/terminal evaluation

Regular monitoring and data quality assurance assessment

# Outcome, output and activities: Knowledge management

Project progress and results systematized to improve management, promote learning, and support upscaling of best practices

Effective monitoring and evaluation plan implemented



Establishment of a Communication strategy



Promotion of knowledge exchange among stakeholders at the local level



Capturing the lessons learned from the project and disseminating them for up scaling



Written, audio and video reports on the Programme innovations and successes



Setting-up a community of practice and Community exchange visits



Setting-up Knowledge platforms (extranet and other platforms)



Transfer of the knowledge and lessons learned from the action to national and federal planning processes for promoting replication through policy and programmes

# A2R2 Post monitoring activities

- ▶ Quality inputs, including seed and planting materials are promoted
- ▶ One-acre irrigation kit to farmers on a matching grant basis.
- ▶ Smart phones for e-recording for VSLA groups
- ▶ Distribution of inputs to support FFS implementation, mapping of FFS initiatives
- ▶ Distribution of Efficient cookstoves
- ▶ Firebreak and Livestock watering points tools
- ▶ Livestock tools and drugs

## Modalities and method of data collect by PDM service providers

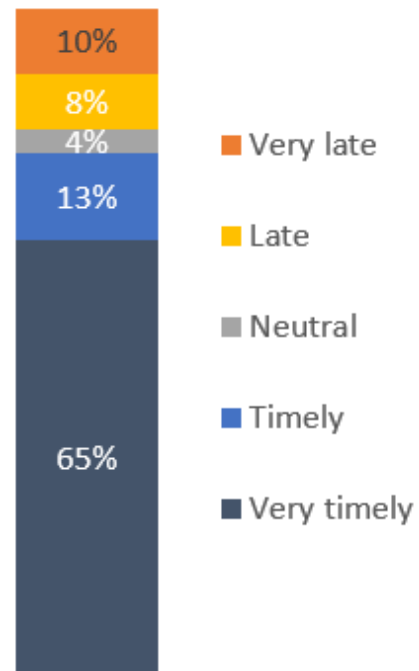
- Qualitative data collection: FGDs and KIIs
- Quantitative data: Representative household survey

### Approaches in Fragile conflict setting

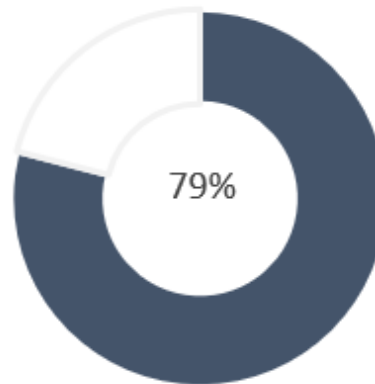
- Remote data via phone- According to Danish Institute for International Studies, 70% of the Somalis in Somalia owns smart phones
- Use of enumerators with a deep understanding of the local context, including power dynamics, social hierarchies, and potential triggers for conflict

# RISE results: Assistance timing and challenges

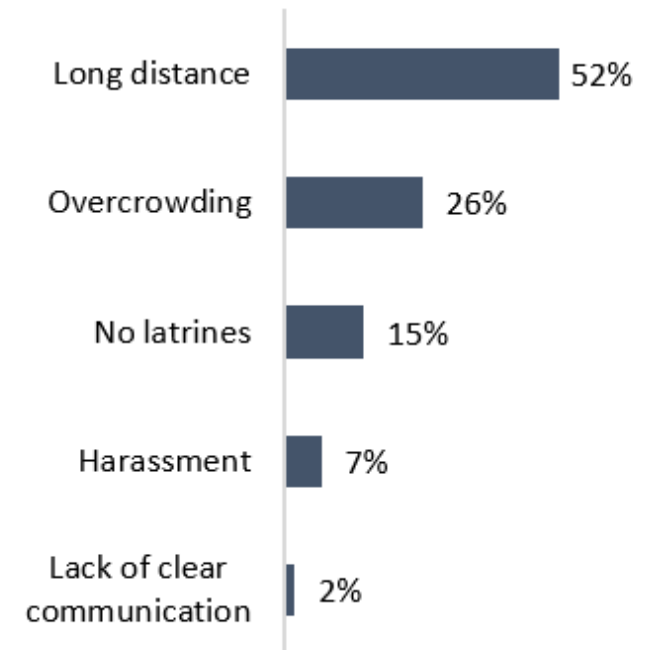
Did the assistance come at the right time when you needed it?



Was the distribution done within the timeframe indicated by the organization? - %yes

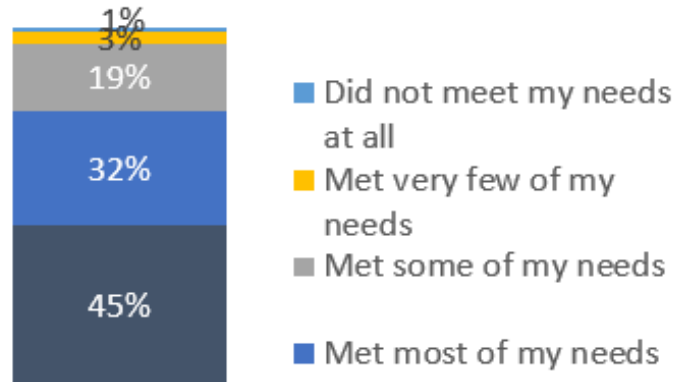


Households that faced the challenge during distribution

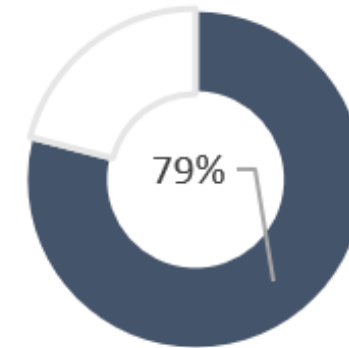


# Distribution adequacy and needs satisfaction

To what extent did the distribution you received meet your household's needs?



Households satisfied with the distribution

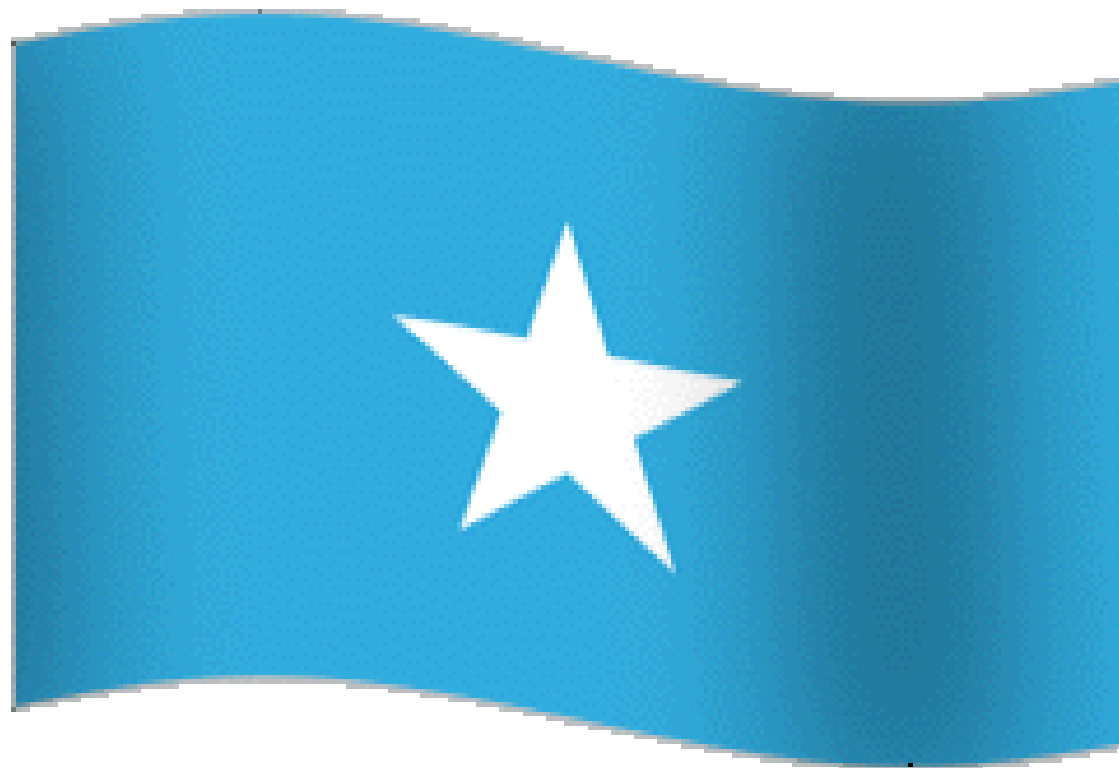


# Remedial measures and adjustments: Based on the PDM results

- Ensuring proper distribution logistics- Use local service providers
- Utilizing multiple communication channels for beneficiaries' feedback: Utilized various communication channels, such as SMS, phone calls and community forums to reach beneficiaries with important information.
- Conducting rapid assessment prior to targeting and distribution to inform beneficiary needs
- Budget reallocation: Increased the number of walking tractors and small ruminant based on demand and productivity

# PDM Integration in A2R2 Monitoring system

- Process Evaluation: Assess the effectiveness of the distribution process, identifying potential bottlenecks or inefficiencies.
- Learning: Identifying areas for improvement and enabling evidence-based decision-making.
- Accountability: Provides evidence of how assistance is reaching beneficiaries and whether it's addressing their needs.
- Feedback loop: Addressing targeting issues, Addressing delays and relevance



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