



THE VICE-PRESIDENT

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SOMALILAND DROUGHT DECLARATION

Due to the lack of rain and poor performance of Gu and Deyr rainy seasons in last year, and the manifestation of global El Nino in 2021, has led the country to face a drought situation where most of the water sources and pasture depleted. Drought hits across regions of Somaliland, and severity is high in Togdheer, Sool and Sanaag regions, and some parts of Maroodijeh, Sahil and Awdal regions, where currently the population/communities who are in need of emergency assistance has reached at **810,000**. If current drought conditions persist in the next coming three to four months, the number could rise up to **1,200,420** across the country.

The risk of the situation is enormous that without an urgent humanitarian assistance, impact could be more catastrophic as the communities are still recovering from impacts left by desert locust, coronavirus, and past droughts.

I therefore, declare that the country is in emergency drought situation, and request the urgent and pressing need of the community to join hands on addressing current drought emergencies to save lives, restore livelihoods, and do something on the deteriorating economic situation of the people affected. As a government we have already taken lifesaving measures such as allocating \$ **3,000,000 (Three Million US Dollar)** for water trucking, rehabilitating boreholes, securing national food reserves and producing a Rapid Drought Situation Assessment Report.

I instruct government agencies and municipalities across the country to reallocate their available resources and ensure that the affected communities get urgent assistance.

I, therefore, call upon the private sector, donors, international partners, and friends of Somaliland, to extend assistance to people affected by the drought to complement the government's ongoing efforts in addressing the current crisis.

I Pray to Almighty Allah, for His mercy and blessings to bestow us a quick end to this drought.

Sincerely,

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