



SOMREP 3: INCLUSIVE LIVELIHOODS FOR VULNERABLE PASTORAL GROUPS

Terms of Reference (ToR) For Training of Fodder Producers on Fodder Production Techniques and Provision of Fodder Seeds or Cuttings

I. BACKGROUND

ADRA Somalia has been operating in Somalia since 1992 implementing emergency relief and development interventions in different sectors including water and sanitation, health, food security, education, economic development, and energy. Currently ADRA Somalia portfolio is in water and sanitation, education, energy and livelihoods, food security and relief interventions. Within the portfolio framework, ADRA emphasis on integration of key thematic areas such as resilience, conflict mitigation, gender mainstreaming, renewable energy approaches and capacity development in its programming.

ADRA is a member of SomRep consortium working in various districts in Somalia and Somaliland. ADRA is currently implementing Somali Resilience Program (SomRep) with six other partner organizations with deep experience in Somalia/Somaliland to build resilient households and communities across Somaliland, Puntland, and South-Central Somalia. The Somalia Resilience Program, or SomRep, is an ambitious approach to tackle the challenge of recurrent droughts and the chronic vulnerability that affects pastoralists, agro-pastoralists, and peri-urban households in targeted districts.

The overall objective of the SomRep-RESTORE program is to build household and community resilience to drought and other related risks (including animal health and diseases, flooding, market disruptions and price fluctuations, new influxes of IDPs into communities, and climate change and environmental degradation) in Somalia.

ADRA's SomRep-RESTORE intervention targets the pastoralist, agro-pastoralist and peri-urban communities in 11 villages in Lascanood district (Yagori, Adhicadeeye, Tulosamokab, Yeyla, Shululux, Lafawayne, Gambadhe, Waqdari, Kalabaydh, Dhumay and Xidhxidh), a region that has suffered recurrent drought and extreme climatic conditions with devastating effects on the lives of people, the environment and communities' livelihoods. These droughts often occur in contexts where conflict, high food prices, and restrictions on traditional livelihood strategies have already impoverished large sections of the population.

The SIDA III Project is a two-year intervention funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and implemented by ADRA in Lasanod District, Sool Region, Somalia. The overarching objective of the project is to strengthen the resilience of vulnerable populations by supporting inclusive, locally led development processes that enhance access to essential services, improve household and community livelihoods, and promote institutional capacity-building and social cohesion. By adopting a multi-sectoral approach, the project aims to address the root causes of vulnerability and support the transition from humanitarian relief to sustainable development.

As part of the resilience building, activities geared to sustaining livestock productivity are supported key in improving the livelihoods for the target community in Lasanod. To this end, training in fodder production for alternative livestock feed was planned. This involved training local farmers on the planting of livestock fodder for personal use or sale. The project intends to pilot super nappier, which has been tried in parts of Somalia, to establish viability of the crop in the locality and thereafter acceptability as an alternative.

1. PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTANCY

The purpose of the consultancy is to enhance the capacity for pastoralists and farmers to improve production and competitiveness. This will be through training and capacitating farmers to grow alternative livestock fodder and improved storage for the lean period.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE CONSULTANCY

2.1 Training Objective

To train selected fodder producers on the growing, harvesting and storage of nappier fodder. The training should address good agricultural practices for fodder production, especially nappier, making of silage and storage of the harvested fodder or silage.

2.2 Main Responsibilities of the Consultant

Provide a participatory training to the selected 40 fodder producers drawn from 3 locations that carry out farming of fodder albeit at low scale and deliver the required Nappier cuttings for demo use and distribution to trained producers.

2.3 Specific tasks and issues to be addressed in this consultancy

Train the selected fodder producers in:

2.3.1 Capacity Building: Train fodder producers on improved fodder production techniques, harvesting and storage methods

- Provide training to fodder producers covering: production, harvesting and storage of fodder
- The training will be practical onsite at selected locations which will include basic theory followed by practical session demonstrations
- Provide GAP sessions for planting fodder at demo sites provided by the community
- Harvesting will include basic components on silage production, and
- Storage of the harvested fodder.

2.3.2 Input support: Provide high quality fodder seeds or cuttings to trained producers

- Procure and deliver good quality fodder cuttings
- The cuttings should be mature that can allow sprouting of roots in spite of the harsh conditions
- Setup demo point using the cuttings
- Distribute the cuttings to the participating fodder producers

The training methodology should be participatory suitable for the participants with little or no formal education and develop acceptable and functional action oriented practical solutions. Use of teaching aids like practical actions and pictures among others is highly recommended. Action plans should be undertaken for effective application of gained knowledge.

2.4 Expected Outcomes

- Train the selected providers
- Set up demonstration sites
- Provide fodder seedlings for practical sessions and distribution to the participating farmers.
- Submit a brief report covering the areas trained on with recommendations and way forward for future trainings.

2.5 Travel Schedule and Duration of Assignment

The consultancy is planned for 10 days in June 2025:

- Travel – 2 days
- Training of participants - 6 days (2 days per site for 3 sites)
- Reporting - 2 days

Total # of days 10 days

3. THE CONSULTANCY TEAM

A qualified consultant is required for the assignment with background in fodder production. The consultant should be experienced in practical training of trainers with low academic qualifications.

4 FINANCE

The Consultant should provide quotation for training fees and the cost for nappier cuttings that will cover 10 plots, including their delivery to Lasanod. Terms of payment will however be in accordance with ADRA rates / agreed amount as may be agreed during the engagement.

5 DURATION OF CONSULTANCY

This assignment covers the development of basic training manuals and later training the selected ToTs on its application at a venue in Lasanod town for a period of 10 days as stipulated in # 2.5 travel schedule and duration of assignment, without option of extension, except in the event of *force majeure*. Should the consultant take a longer time to accomplish the above-mentioned outputs beyond the time agreed, ADRA will not be liable to make any extra payments.

6 QUALIFICATIONS OF CONSULTANTS

The Consultants should be:

1. Technically competent in handling fodder production training. Ability to carry out Practical application training with excellent training skills and methodologies suitable for adult learning.
3. Has access to source of training materials, fodder seeds or nappier cuttings
4. Availability to undertake the assignment