

 Early Warning System

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Somalia - Activating Climate-Resilient Agricultural Livelihoods in
Somalia (ACALS) Project



Quick Facts

Countries	Somalia
Specific Location	Galmudug, Hirshabelle, South West State, and Jubaland
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2025-12-02
Borrower	Government of Somalia - Ministry of Livestock, Forestry, and Range
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environment, Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 9.56 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 26.70 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the overall development objective of ACALS is to improve food security and resilience for vulnerable rural households in Somalia by expanding access to climate-smart agricultural technologies, restoring productive assets, and enabling communities to better prepare for and respond to climate risks. More specifically, the project aims to:

- (i) rehabilitate irrigation canals, feeder roads, and water-harvesting structures to improve agricultural productivity;
- (ii) promote drought-tolerant crops, improved seeds, and climate-resilient farming practices;
- (iii) strengthen agro-processing and market linkages;
- (iv) improve community-level natural resource management; and
- (v) build the capacity of federal and state institutions to plan, implement, and monitor climate-resilient agricultural development.

The project responds directly to Somalia's increasing vulnerability to climate change, recurrent droughts, and degradation of arable land.

The Activating Climate-Resilient Agricultural Livelihoods in Somalia (ACALS) Project aims to enhance the resilience and productivity of Somalia's agropastoral and pastoral households by scaling up climate-smart agriculture, rehabilitating productive infrastructure, and strengthening institutional capacity. The total project cost is UA 19.85 million, of which UA 16 million is financed through an ADF grant under the Transition Support Facility (TSF), Pillars I and III. The Government of Somalia contributes UA 3.85 million in counterpart funding. The project is implemented in the regions of Galmudug, Hirshabelle, South West State, and Jubaland - areas severely affected by climate shocks, protracted drought, and reduced agricultural output. Implementation is led by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, in coordination with State Ministries, under a structure that includes project coordination, monitoring, safeguards management, and field-level delivery.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental Category: [2] Moderate Risk

The project category is confirmed as Category 2. The project is expected to pose low to moderate environmental and social risks and impacts, primarily due to the construction of climate-resilient water infrastructure under Component 1 (Water Resource and Rangeland Management), including irrigation canals and boreholes to supply water for crop and livestock production and improve community water access. Activities proposed under Component 2 (Improving Agricultural Productivity and Market Access), Component 3 (Strengthening Community Disaster and Climate Risk Management Capacities), and Component 4 (Project and Knowledge Management) are considered low risk.

The project does not entail involuntary resettlement, and no Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) is required.



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Financial Instrument: Project Cycle Grant

Commitments (UA): 7,106,414

Conversion Rate USD (2025-12-02): 1,34533



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Bank Documents

- [Appraisal Report \(EN\)](#)
- [Appraisal Report \(FR\)](#)
- [Environmental Study \(EN\)](#)