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Laacdheere Cooperative Farm – Brief report

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As part of project sustainability, today we paid a visit to Laacdheer Farmers' Cooperative, which is one of the cooperatives that benefitted from our last project that was funded by WFP and implemented by SDC, the visit is part of follow-up to assess the impact and evaluate the gaps that exist, the exercise is one of the mechanisms to sustain the project beyond the project implementation period.

The cooperative has a membership of 107 households which are drawn from vulnerable families within the community which were affected by the recent drought.

In the last project, SDC in partnership with WFP helped the cooperative through the installation of a drip irrigation system, Solar panels, constructing of water tank, drilling of two shallow wells, distribution of farm equipment, establishment of nursery center for fruit seedlings producing and provision of certified seeds, the project also included capacity building and training on Good Agricultural practices -GAP, marketing, proper harvesting and storage.

From our observations and assessment during the field visit, the cooperative is doing well, at the moment, they are producing five varieties of vegetables on its 2 hectares farm; namely; sweet Pepper, hot Pepper, onion, sweet-Potatoes and tomatoes which they consumed and the surplus they sell at Garowe vegetable market and in the neighborhood.

From its inception, we pledged to support Laaddheer Farmers' Cooperative for a period of ten years until they become self-sufficient and they can stand on their own.

In general the intervention has greatly impacted on the lives of the farmers and the communities in the area in terms of food security and general well-being.

On the existing gaps, the cooperative need support in terms of farm extension, drip irrigation and solar system maintenance, extension and seeds provision of new variety of crops including advance training on agriculture and farm management.

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Annex: Field photos

Figure 2: Sweet and hot peppers section – Laacdhere Cooperative Farm
SDC field Monitor

Figure 1: Sweet potatoes section – Laacdheere Cooperative Farm
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Figure 4: Mature Onion - Laacdheere Cooperative Farm
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Figure 3: Onion Section - Laacdheere Cooperative Farm
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Figure 5: Nursery Seeds for Tomatoes – Laacdheere Cooperative Farm
SDC field Monitor

Figure 6: Land prepared for planting Tomatoes – Laadheere Cooperative Farm
SDC Field Monitor