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Request for Mitigating the environmental Degradation Posed by the discarded plastic bags.



Project Summary

#	Activity	Description
1	Project Name	Collection and disposal of hazardous polythene bags.
2	Beneficiaries	The Somali community
3	Target Area	The suburban areas of, Puntland State of Somalia
4	Implementation	Shafshafo for Relief and Development
5	Community Contribution	Mobilizing the general public about this environment degradation.
6	Total Project Cost	\$ 365,300
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Project Background

Somali economy depends on livestock. More than 70% of the population are nomads whose livelihood depend on animal dairy. Urban life also depends to a large extent on the rural trade of dairy as well as livestock products. The increased urbanization of the war-weary Somali community ensuing the prolonged civil strife and adoption of urban lifestyle had aggravated the situation. The discarded plastic bags made of synthetic material from polymerization of organic compounds are blown by the wind and get enmeshed in the branches of the trees and plants. This has double negative effects on the environment. The plants dry up partially or wholly or their normal growth is impaired. In addition to that, the color of the plastic bags lure the livestock. When these plastic bags are eaten by the animals, they cannot be digested and get stuck in the entrails of the animals, thereby causing environmental degradation. Some of these plants litter in the alleys

and passageways of the towns and cities where the domestic animals chew as flora. This has direct impact on the sources of livelihood of the animal owners as well as the urban dwellers.

Modus Operandi

It is not only the nomads whose lives depend on the livestock, but it is the very backbone of the economy of the whole region.

Addressing this problem demands a task forced to be dispatched to collect the plastic bags even from the pasturelands in the countryside. to the countryside. The rehabilitation of the existing deep water boreholes and digging new ones in the villages where there is a high concentration of livestock in its vicinity. Of the villages and towns shown on the map, Burtinle, Baadweyn, Harfo, Ballibusle and Semade have boreholes with permanent water maintained by international donor organizations, although at times not operational due strain and overuse. At least three other deep-water wells are needed to be dug in Baadweyn, Sallah and Balanbal. That would have enhanced the water supply network system and would have alleviated the suffering of hundreds of thousands of nomads and their livestock.

With this gloomy picture prompted by a natural calamity, SHAFSHAFO is appealing to the NGOs as well as international relief organizations to lend a hand in securing water supply system in this area. The most immediate requirement is three rig wells whose cost is detailed in the table below.

Project details

#	Items	Quantity	Price/unit (\$)	Total \$
1	Pickup trucks	5	70,000	350,000
2	Corn rakes	100	47	4,700
3	Collection bags	80	20	1,600
5	Training, orientation and monitoring			9,000
Grand Total				\$ 365,300

Implementing Organization

The project will be implemented by Shafshafo for Relief and Development Organization. Shafshafo is a non-governmental non-profit organization which operates in Somalia. It has its main office in Galkaio, Puntland State of Somalia (see the attached official registrations and official recommendations). Shafshafo has a history of carrying out multiple relief and developmental projects in many places in Puntland. It had won recognition from the local authorities and international organizations. **For further information, please refer to our website: www.shafshafo.com.**

The magnitude of the Problem in pictures



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Some Glimpses of Shafshafo other Relief Activities in Somalia

Some Glimpses of Shafshafo



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