

**Food Relief Procurement  
Request for Quotations**

**16<sup>th</sup>. June. 2026**

**Project Name:** Support to Drought Affected Districts in Puntland

**Client:** Puntland Development and Research Center (PDRC)

**Funder:** Somalia Stability Fund (SSF)

**Target Districts:** Galdogob, Bulsalah, and Harfo

**Informed by:** District Needs Assessment Report by PDRC

**Rightsholders/Beneficiaries:** Drought Affected Households

**Procurement Method:** Open competitive bidding

**Location of Procurement:** Suppliers will be selected from each respective district.

### **Project Background**

Somalia continues to experience one of the world's most protracted humanitarian crises driven by recurrent drought, environmental degradation, displacement, conflict, fragile governance systems, and chronic poverty. Northern and central Somalia, including Puntland State, are particularly vulnerable because livelihoods are dominated by pastoral and agro-pastoral systems that depend on seasonal rainfall and access to rangeland and water, making communities highly sensitive to climate shocks.

Over the past decade, repeated below-average Gu and Deyr rains have reduced pasture and water availability, undermined livestock viability, and triggered large-scale displacement. Between 2016 and 2018, the proportion of internally displaced persons in Somalia (including Puntland and Somaliland) rose from 9% to 25% of the population, with about 2.6 million IDPs, as failed rains and food insecurity drove people towards urban centres in search of assistance. Drought-triggered crises in 2017–2018 alone are estimated to have caused tens of thousands of excess deaths, illustrating the scale of humanitarian need.

Environmental and land-use pressures further weaken resilience. Evidence from Somalia and comparable dryland contexts shows that reduced rainfall, overgrazing, deforestation and unsustainable land management drive rangeland degradation, vegetation loss and competition over scarce water and grazing resources, with direct impacts on pastoral and agro-pastoral livelihoods. These dynamics are especially acute in Puntland's arid and semi-arid districts, where recurrent droughts over the last 40 years have repeatedly exacerbated food insecurity and humanitarian conditions. Studies from Puntland and central Somalia highlight how drought, displacement, environmental degradation, weak basic services and high levels of poverty combine to produce severe humanitarian and resilience challenges, with IDPs and poor host communities facing elevated risks of food insecurity, malnutrition and limited access to health, water and protection services. While local governance structures and community institutions

remain active, research underscores that institutional capacity and resources are insufficient to match the scale and complexity of needs in such settings.

Puntland Development & Research Center (PDRC) is a Local Non-Governmental Organization (LNGO) based in Garowe, the administrative capital of the autonomous Puntland region in northeastern Somalia. On October 30, 1999, the Centre was founded as an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit research institute dedicated to peacebuilding, the promotion of democracy and respect for human rights. Over the last two decades, PDRC has completed numerous projects in peacebuilding, governance, and state-building, development, and environment; conducted and published several research reports using a participatory action research approach and supported two election processes in Puntland. PDRC's Vision is "A Conflict-free, Resilient, Democratic and Developed Somalia" and Mission, is "Promote sustainable peace, thriving democracy, governance, and the development of Somalia through evidence-based research, advocacy and awareness creation, dialogue platforms and institutional development and capacity building". Both resonate with the assignment of Joint Puntland-Galmudug Peace Initiative.

PDRC's focus areas include peacebuilding & reconciliation, governance & state building, development & environment, and Culture & heritage. The centre works directly with local authorities, religious leaders, traditional leaders, security forces, women & youth leaders, village peace committees and other peacebuilding stakeholders.

With support from the Somalia Stability Fund (SSF), Puntland Development and Research Center (PDRC) is implementing a project to address challenges in drought affected districts of Puntland particularly Galdogob, Xarfo and Bursaalax. The project includes context-specific evidence to inform humanitarian planning, resilience programming, climate-adaptation investments, governance strengthening and peacebuilding interventions in Galdogob, Xarfo and Bursaalax. PDRC is looking for suitable suppliers for food relief items in those respective districts based on the following criteria:

**Supplier selection criteria:**

**A. Quality of the Goods (safety for consumption).....30 marks**

- The goods should have an adequate remaining shelf life at the time of delivery and packaged in accordance with applicable food safety and quality standards to prevent contamination.
- Packaging should clearly display product information, including manufacturing and expiry dates, ingredients, and nutritional information where applicable. The goods should be packaged in a manner that prevents contamination, damage and deterioration during storage and transportation. Packaging shall clearly display product information including the product name, date of manufacturing, expiry dates, and nutritional information.
- The goods MUST be safe and fit for human consumption and comply with applicable food safety.
- At the time of delivery, the goods MUST have a minimum remaining shelf life of not less than 75% of the manufacturer's declared shelf life or six months whichever is greater.

**B. Price Affordability (15 marks).** The prices shall be evaluated based on the PDRC price survey estimates

- C. Proximity to the IDP camps (to save transport costs). All bidders should indicate the distance from their delivery point(s) to the IDP camps and should specify any applicable delivery fees or any other charges with clear justification. **(10 marks)**
- D. Demonstrated ability to supply the required quantities within the specified delivery period. **(15 marks)**
- E. Previous experience in supply of food relief items: Suitable bidders should provide evidence of experience in supplying food relief items, including copies of relevant contracts or purchase orders. **(10 marks)**
- F. Legal registration in Puntland and in the district of location **(5 marks)**
- G. No conflict of interest with PDRC staff, management, and Board. **(10 marks)**
- H. Whether the supplier has no sanction. Suitable bidders should not have any local and international sanctions **(5 marks)**.

**Key Dates**

- Market Assessment to determine price estimates: 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (during the District Mapping/Needs Assessment in the 3 districts)
- RFQ/ITB Issue Dates: 16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- Contract Award Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026
- Anticipated Delivery/Completion Date: 24<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- Food relief distribution and issuance of procurement completion certificates: 24<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

**Summary of Items to be procured**

	<b>District</b>	<b>Description of Relief Items</b>	<b>Number of Households</b>	<b>Unit of Measure</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
1	<b>Galdogob</b>	Rice (25kgs bags)	300	Bag	300
		Sugar (25kgs bags)	300	Bag	300
		Wheat flour (25kgs bags)	300	Bag	300
		Cooking Oil (3 litres)	300	Jerrycan	300
		Powdered milk (2.5kgs)	300	Tin	300
		<b>Subtotal</b>			
2	<b>Bursalah</b>	Rice (25kgs bags)	250	Bag	250
		Sugar (25kgs bags)	250	Bag	250
		Wheat flour (25kgs bags)	250	Bag	250
		Cooking Oil (3 litres)	250	Jerrycan	250
		Powdered milk (2.5kgs)	250	Tin	250
		<b>Subtotal</b>			

3	<b>Harfo</b>	Rice (25kgs bags)	250	Bag	250
		Sugar (25kgs bags)	250	Bag	250
		Wheat flour (25kgs bags)	250	Bag	250
		Cooking Oil (3 litres)	250	Jerrycan	250
		Powdered milk (2.5kgs)	250	Tin	250
		<b>Subtotal</b>			
		<b>Total Planned Expenditure</b>			

**Zero Tolerance to Corruption:** PDRC does not condone any form of corruption. Suppliers who indulge in bribery or rewards aimed at illegally winning tenders will be automatically disqualified.

**Submission details:**

Interested suppliers in the respective districts should submit their Quotations to PDRC via email: [info@pdrcsomalia.org](mailto:info@pdrcsomalia.org) cc [finance@pdrcsomalia.org](mailto:finance@pdrcsomalia.org) or hand-delivered applications to the PDRC Finance and Admin Office located in Garowe, not later than 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

Each supplier must include in their quotation, the district where they intend to supply the required food relief items and must satisfy the selection criteria.