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Hadaaftimo Water Supply Project Launching Ceremony

Hadaaftimo District Sanaag Region

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The Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR) of the Republic of Somaliland today officially launched Hadaaftimo Water Supply Project. The project seeks to improve access to portable water to about 4,200 inhabitants of Hadaaftimo through borehole drilling, construction of water supply system & establishing a sustainable management committee in Hadaaftimo. The launching event for the project took place in Hadaaftimo District in Sanaag region, on 23rd May 2015, and was officiated by the State Minister for Water Resources Mr. Abdisalam Mohamed Hassan.

“I am really delighted to witness the launch of much awaited life supporting project. I would like to urge Hadaaftimo community to support implementation of this beneficial project that will increase access to adequate safe clean water that is also affordable and cheap” said Mr. Hassan during the inauguration ceremony.

Hadaaftimo town lies 90km east of Erigavo, Sanaag regional base and has an estimated population of 4,200 people. The area is a semi-arid land where annual rainfall is about 200 to 300mm with the experience of frequent droughts. The town has only one functioning borehole which is about 2.5kms to the South-East of town and was drilled and completed in 2008. There are two small water reservoir (24 cum and 46 cum respectively). There is no pipeline from the borehole to town and water is collected and distributed by private water tankers.

The water management committee estimated that the majority of households consume one barrel (200 litres) of water in five days, thus an estimated 90% of Hadaaftimo households are using small berkads in front of their houses for roof water harvesting. However, these roof catchments do not provide enough water as the frequency and reliability of rain is very short and limited.

Somaliland Development Fund (SDF) has allocated some funding for the MoWR for conducting a water study in Hadaaftimo, drilling of a new borehole, design of a small town water distribution system inside Hadaaftimo from the new borehole. Besides, the project will establish a water management structure as per the Water Act, 2011 and build its capacity for management of the newly established water infrastructure to enable effective sustainable water management.

The project is funded by the Somaliland Development Fund (SDF) and is implemented by the MoWR. SDF is a 4 - year fund designed to support the Government of Somaliland (GoSL) filling a critical gap supporting projects that are fully aligned to the National Development Plan (NDP). SDF is currently funded by the Department for International Development (DFID), the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), the Governments of Norway and the Netherlands. The current contribution by the three donor countries currently stands at USD 60 Million. The MoWR is currently implementing a project worth 5.5 million in seven locations across

Somaliland which includes, Barbera (Sahil), Las Anod (Sool), Hadaaftimo (Sanaag), Burao (Toghdeer), Gargooray (Awdal), El Afwein (Sanaag), Fiqifuliye (Sanaag) and Kulal (Sool).