Organisational capacity assessment

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| Has your organisation prequalified for DERF funding? | * *Yes*
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| **IF “YES”**  |
| Were there given any conditions in the pre-qualification decision: | *If any, please list them here and clarify whether and how you have responded to these.* |
| The organisation’s statutes, the latest annual report and the latest audited annual accounts. | *Please make sure that the newest approved and available versions are uploaded via the online application module. The audit should be signed by the auditor and the management/board of the organisation)* |

Application text

1. **Relevance, appropriateness and timeliness of the intervention**

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| ***Explain why you have selected this particular response to the crisis. The following points can be relevant to reflect upon:*** * The nature of the crisis, how it is likely to develop over the next months and its impact on the target group
* Available resources and structures within the local context of the crisis which can be drawn upon in addressing life-saving and protection needs of the target group
* Potential contribution of the proposed intervention towards saving lives and responding to urgent protection needs of the target group – and in addition to this, in the case of DERF Funding Modality 2, the contribution of the intervention towards supporting target group capacities to participate in a transition towards early recovery
* The timeliness of the proposed intervention

FSNAU-FEWS NET-Post-Deyr-Technical-Release-February-2019. released a report analyses and reported that– driven by the impacts of below-average Deyr seasonal (October to December 2018) rainfall and large-scale destitution and displacement from the 2016/2017 drought and protracted conflict, more than 1.5 million people in Somalia are expected to be in Crisis (IPC Phase 3)1 or worse through June 2019. In addition, 903,100 children under the age of five are likely to be acutely malnourished in 2019, according to findings from the post-Deyr seasonal assessment conducted in November and December 2018. Households in urban areas in Awdal and Sool regions are facing food consumption gaps and are classified as Crisis (IPC Phase 3), driven by high cost of living and local currency depreciation. In the absence of assistance, food security outcomes are expected to deteriorate to Emergency (IPC Phase 4) in Guban Pastoral livelihood zone and to Crisis (IPC Phase 3) in central Addun Pastoral, Northern Inland Pastoral, East Golis Pastoral of Sanaag. Additionally; Somaliland National disaster prevention and food reserve agency (NADFOR) and National Displacement and Resettlement agency (NDRA) appealed in February 2019, to the international humanitarian actors/agencies to respond the current humanitarian emergency situation for drought affected communities in Sanaag region. TASCO has been receiving alarming information from Sanaag, these concerns involve acute humanitarian crisis, food shortages and water caused by prolonged drought, where water price per barrel is $6 in Sanaag Region. TASCO and Danish Muslim Aid (DM-Aid) plan to respond to the current emergency situation in Sanaag region as described in the alert posting on DERF website February 20, 2019; TASCO is proposing two (2) months for unconditional cash/Food and water Voucher for the vulnerable households; for 315 households in five (5) targeted locations Sincarro, Dhooba cantuug, Qoridheere, Galool tubane and Gal ciilde. The five targeted locations are high priority according to NADFOR’s report. Additionally, the report mentions that the area received many displaced people which lost their livestock for drought and evacuated from border between Somaliland and Puntland. The targeted areas where many livestock dead due to lack of water in areas of Garadag and Elafweyn district in Sanaag region. In Addition, during conflict in Tukaraq many people were displaced from parts of Sool region and have migrated to the villages under Gadarag and Elafweyn district. The humanitarian response in Somaliland has been chronically underfunded, and inadequate to meet emergency needs and to adequately respond to the deteriorating situation. These drought affected regions especially Sanaag regions fare in need of urgent emergency relief, to save the livelihoods and disaster risk reduction activities that address the vulnerabilities of communities, strengthening their coping strategies, and building their resilience to future disasters. The partnership has full competency and presence in the region, with past and ongoing projects in Sool and Sanaag. TASCO’s personnel have sufficient skills/capacity in implementing the proposed intervention; developed through many similar interventions including in 2016 - 2018 with the Support of Danish Muslim Aid (DM-AID). Under DERF, TASCO has implemented successfully food and water project in emergency aid to Sool and Awdal regions, in response to the Sagar cyclone disaster and clan conflict affected communities in Sool, which has just been concluded. Additionally, TASCO has long-term partners working with emergency response for the last several years include ISRA-UK, IAS, UNICEF and WFP. TASCO and DMAID have been responding to similar inter communal/clan conflict affected communities in Sanaag region (Ceel-afwayn), with emergency food aid and livestock replenishment to build resilience, water trucking during recent droughts in 2017, as well as to other communities in Somaliland, especially in the worst affected regions of Sool, Sanaag and Togdheer. TASCO have also conducted diaspora funded activities in Awdal, Woqooyi Galbeed and Saaxil. We have reached over 126,480 families with these kind of activities for the last two years from December 2016 to 2018. TASCO will work closely for local community and District management council/committees and NADFOR which coordinated the emergency response in Somaliland; TASCO staff will undertake the project management and project plans and work closely with the local community, local administration to select the right beneficiaries. Prior to implementation, TASCO will facilitate the community to come up with their own action plan and prioritize the beneficiaries select the most vulnerable persons among them. The community is the major stakeholder and will be given the chance to prioritize their selection criteria. Other stakeholders and partners will also be contacted to share their experiences and avoid duplication. TASCO has been always transparent and accountable to the community, local authority and its donors. TASCO currently Implementing WFP food Voucher in Sanaag and Parts of Sool region targeting 6598 HH. |
| ***Explain how you will start your activities in 7 days and finish the duration of the proposed intervention***We will start immediately (within 7-days) without further delay as our teams are already on the ground and TASCO has ongoing project near villages in Elafweyne and Garadag Districts, TASCO Program, Project officer will follow the action plan which will be base on two months of emergency respond and Local staff who have the knowledge of culture and access to community structure in the Sanaag Region, field staff and volunteer groups will be mobilized for an inception meeting. Action Plan:* 1st Day Government engagement/briefing and Travelling
* 2nd Day Site one visit and Community committees briefing and beneficiary registration
* 3rd Day beneficiary registration is ongoing and finalising site one.
* 4th Day Site two visit and Community committees briefing and beneficiary registration.
* 5th Day beneficiary registration is ongoing and finalising site two and so on till all target sites are finalised

The team will be supported by community groups, CSO’s and government officials. The list of affected people will be obtained by the designated village heads or community leaders. |
| ***How are you co-ordinating, and with whom? Kindly include a reflection on how this contributes towards ensuring that the target group will receive coordinated and complementary assistance***TASCO already coordinated with NADFOR in Sanaag region, Elafweyne District, and will engage with NADFOR, Local community heads, Sanaag Regional Governor office and local authorities to participate in the implementation of this project, TASCO is a member of the SLN Food Security and WASH clusters and will share all information about the project activities and target groups. TASCO has already coordinated with NRC on the ground, as they have secured funding from the Start Network Fund to ensure emergency response coordinated and timely. TASCO builds on local capacity when responding to crisis and always forges stronger links with local communities, ensuring that the beneficiaries have greater control over the project implementation and decision-making process. TASCO is currently a member of the following organisations, Somalia NGO consortium, SONSAF, Nafis Network. TASCO is also an active member of the major clusters both local and national, attending all relevant cluster sessions to keep abreast of latest activities and coordination news, where this intervention’s scope will be shared. |
| ***What will success look like, and in what time frame?******The Intervention will provide two months’ Cash/Food and water Voucher for the vulnerable drought affected communities in eight locations.**** 315 Vulnerable HHs would have met immediate nutritional food and clear water needs and life saved
* Improved Sanitation, nutrition and health status of target group consisting of Female HHs, those with small children, pregnant and lactating women, elderly and PSNs as a priority
* The Target villages have improved food availability and able to survive the next coming months for adequate nutritional needs.
* Conducted hygiene and sanitation awareness and improved health status through awareness raising with cooperation of regional Authority and religious leaders where TASCO will contribute hygiene promotion.
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1. **Partnership**

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| ***Describe the contributions, roles and areas of responsibility of all partners of the proposed intervention including each partner’s implementation responsibility. (maximum 5 bullet points)**** Danish Muslim Aid will run the overall project coordination, management of funds and
* TASCO’s central and local teams will be responsible for local project planning, monitoring and reporting (both financial and site distribution evaluations); Community Registration/Verification with support from NADFOR, Line Ministries, local clusters and community leaders; Food voucher Distribution, Site Verification, Complaint handling and community engagements.
* We have already implemented a DERF M2 project with Food distribution in the Sool and Awdal Regions of SLN, thus valuable experience has been gained in delivering a timely and relevant intervention to the affected communities.
* An external M&E expert, accompanied by NADFOR M&E personnel will handle M&E activities based on DERF guidelines. Pre-defined ToRs will be completed to ensure M&E activities are planned, shared and executed in a coordinated manner.
* TASCO will be Responsible for project planning, site selection, community Registration/Verification, Food and water voucher Distribution, Site monitoring, Reporting both (Financial and Site distribution Activity)
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1. **Target groups**

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| Planned target population: |
| Type of Activity: immediate nutritional food and clean water needs | Female (by age) | Male (by age) | Total |
|  <18 | >50 | 18-50 |  <18 | >50 | 18-50 |  |
| Villages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sincarro | 137 | 47 | 90 | 90 | 22 | 64 | 450 |
| Dhooba cantuug | 108 | 36 | 72 | 72 | 18 | 54 | 360 |
| Qoridheere | 90 | 25 | 62 | 62 | 13 | 48 | 300 |
| Galool tubane | 108 | 36 | 72 | 72 | 18 | 54 | 360 |
| Gal ciilde | 132 | 42 | 84 | 84 | 18 | 60 | 420 |
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| Total: | **575** | **186** | **380** | **380** | **89** | **280** | **1890** |
| Total adjusted for double counting: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ***How do you calculate the number of people who shall be assisted through the various activities? For example, food and hygiene kits to 2500 families, and 1 family = 6x people:*** 1 HH contains 6 persons:315HHx6=1890 People**Which vulnerable groups are you specifically targeting *(Note that you can include budget for additional vulnerability assessments as relevant in the application to DERF)*? *Please explain***TASCO will target the most vulnerable groups affected by prolonged and recurrent drought in Sanaag region for five locations under Elafweyne and Garadag Districts; Priority selection will be based on assessments and reports from FSNAU, NADFOR, NDRA, OCHA and community groups with vulnerability focus on Female Headed HHs, those with small children, pregnant and lactating women, elderly and PSNs. We anticipate 60% of target group is female, where 40% will be male, these figures are best estiamtes **Additional Comments**:There is no existing accurate demographic break down of these communities as they are not easily accessible, however, we will endeavour to actively record and register through our external M&E activities. |
| ***Explain how the target population has been and will be involved in your proposed intervention (maximum 5 bullet points)***This project will contribute to improving the immediate food insecurity and water shortage, assisting communities affected by the prolonged drought in Sanaag region for two months. The project will engage with all stakeholders to negotiate and form inclusive committees and in consultation with the local authorities, Community leaders/ committees and residents, in targeted areas. TASCO will facilitate the process of committees’ formation. The key objectives of committees’ formation are to ensure smooth implementation of project through key people of the villages, with their consultation. TASCO has Guiding Roles for Beneficiary Selection and verification as follows;* Independent selection and verification of beneficiaries through Central and local coordination units and project specific needs-based community input, from inception, implementation and M&E
* Prioritization of the most vulnerable and Needy members of affected communities
* Facilitation of access to assistance for all, especially the most vulnerable is required. This is why the villages intended for this intervention are remote and isolated from the wider geographical coverage of major responses, which are generally focused on urban and high-density areas
* Consideration of pre-existing social, cultural and political dynamics or practices may marginalize or exploit certain groups is fundamental, which is one of TASCO’s key strengths
* Provision of clean water will improve health and sanitation and prevent the Acute water diarrhoea (AWD) cases caused by unclean water.
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| ***Explain how you plan to be able to identify and respond to potential complaints from the target population in regards to the implementation of the proposed intervention and / or the conduct of implementing organisations / personnel. (maximum 5 bullet points)**** The Project officer; Is responsible for Project management, Coordination, participation of the cluster meetings, government engagements, Targeting and Oversee the whole project, The Project officer will coordinate and prepare onsite monitoring activities, also compile the monthly reports of the two months, as well as all disseminating complaint handling mechanisms and follow up on concerns raised by beneficiaries. Will conduct monthly monitoring for food distribution, monitor and verify complaints from beneficiaries and Share the gabs and improvement for the project, The project officer will maintain monthly supervision for final distribution point of the beneficiaries and record/document evidence bases.
* There will be two water and food monitors on project sites, conducting beneficiary registration, preparation and site food distribution: Each one will be based on one site liaising with recipients and community, handling enquiries/complaints, informing of complaint procedures and registering concerns and complaints directly.
* Water Forman’s: will be responsible providing water through Voucher and Based In targeted Villages who are from the community for 5 target locations, as well as water quality assurances.
* During Implementation TASCO will set up hotline/Compliant Box; that the beneficiary can send their complaint to secure and respond the complaint anonymously
* Also, with regular interactions with Monitors, the community have a point of input to raise specific concerns directly or through their committees or anonymously
* TASCO will facilitate the community to come up with their own action plan and prioritize the beneficiaries in cases of resource scarcity. The community is the major stakeholder and will be given the chance to prioritize their selection criteria and all complaints will be addressed with their involvement
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| ***Explain how you plan to source your goods (please tick all boxes that apply)**** ***In country / locally √Cash based programming (redeemable voucher system)***
* TASCO will use Cash/Food and water Voucher to respond immediate needs for the drought affected people, sourced from vetted local suppliers through public tendering systems
* TASCO uses Cash/Food voucher for WFP standard and Water Voucher for UNICEF WASH cluster and sphere standard guidelines for water trucking and hygiene and sanitation promotion. This ensures the rapid and regular delivery of assistance for affected communities in a dignified way, each voucher provides a family of six with a two-month supply of different food items based on their chosen needs, monthly Voucher of $70 to redeem with vendors, that will be pre-selected by TASCO and vendor will supply to the beneficiaries for their preference where water trucking each is equivalent for 7.5 Litter per person X family of six ( 45 litters per day) for a cost of each barrel is $ 4 which has capacity of 200 litters.
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1. **Sector specific information:**

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| What sectors will the proposed intervention’s activities most relate to (please tick ALL that apply)? | * ***WASH (****Water Trucking and Hygiene and sanitation promotion****)***
* ***Emergency FSL***
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1. **Strategy and expected results of the intervention**

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| ***Describe objective(s), activities, expected outputs and indicators to be applied*****Objectives*** To respond urgent need for water and food shortage for drought affected communities in Sanaag region.
* To support the improved Sanitation health and nutrition status of children, pregnant and lactating women, and other vulnerable groups.

**Output**:* 315 HHs have the clean water and food vouchers they need to sustain their lives for the immediate term
* Food and water trucking distributed in sufficient quantity and quality in a timely manner to 1890 targeted beneficiaries and hygiene and sanitation awareness that improve their health status

**Indicator**:* # of recipients receiving food and water assistance aggregated by gender/age,
* # of HHs reporting improved food security and health status and received clean water
* % change in the # of food insecure target population
* Distribution lists and Food monitors show that Food items and complimentary with of clean water voucher have been distributed to 315 HHs for two months.
* Duration (days) of food ration against the theoretical duration (30 days) food lasted among households

**Activities*** Community mobilization and sensations (Inception meeting advising beneficiaries of items to be distributed (Food and water Monitors/distributers will do this).
* Vendor advertisement, selection and awarding to the contract.
* Identify suitable locations for distribution and notified dates to recipients as well as regional administration and NADFOR, community leaders and village heads and make a beneficiary list based on data from field assessments.
* Identify most suitable target populations to distribute Food and water vouchers to target HH and transport to items to locations and Conduct Voucher distribution session to 315 HH
* Procurement of Food Vendors and Logistics for Final Distribution points.
* Weekly water distribution for the targeted 315 HH for 7.5 litter per/person per day as per of (SPHERE) standard.
* Project Monitoring and reporting in achieving results.
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| ***Describe how and with which methods the proposed intervention is to be carried increasing the likelihood that it may lead to the objectives defined and avoid potential negative effects on the target group.*** TASCO will undertake the community mobilization, registration using Selection Criteria, monitoring, reporting, voucher distribution, and smooth implementation of the project working closely and consulting with the local community, local administration and NADFOR (National disaster preparedness and food reserve) authority to select the right beneficiaries in eight targeting areas. TASCO with cooperation with regional Authorities of line ministries, community committee, project committee and religious leaders together will select vulnerable beneficiaries affected by the conflict Targeting female headed HHs and that will take place in accordance with “Do No Harm” principles. TASCO has already experience within the region working with WFP and UNICEF for recurrent drought hit by Sool and Sanaag, with the program still ongoing. To monitor activities, TASCO uses a logical framework approach to enhance efficiency and effectiveness, Teams of dedicated monitoring staff and volunteers based in TASCO Field Office in Elafweyn will monitor the implementation of the project and distributions and reports on a series of performance indicators to TASCO Project officer who will be responsible the project implementation, monitoring process and supervision. TASCO admin and Finance officer will be responsible for all financial management of this project and documentation. The document will be kept on file for a minimum five years for audit purpose. Distribution points will be set up in coordination with NEDFOR, regional and district police and community leaders, to ensure target group receive coordinated and complementary assistance.  |
| ***Describe how the proposed intervention strengthens local ownership and capacities***TASCO works closely with local community and District management council; TASCO staff will undertake the project management plans from CBPP, to work closely with the local community, local administration to select the right beneficiaries. Prior to implementation, TASCO will facilitate the community to come up with their own action plan and prioritize the beneficiaries, inclusive decision-making and final evaluation. The community is the major stakeholder and will be given the chance to prioritize their selection criteria. Other stakeholders and partners will also be contacted to share their experiences and avoid duplication. TASCO has a policy of transparency and accountability to the community, local authority and its donors, as they are included in the implementation and M&E activities. |
| ***Describe the risks to a successful intervention, and how you are managing them. Note that you can include budget for risk and safety management as relevant in the application to DERF***TASCO has developed Risk Reduction and Security policy, therefore all activities will be set up in coordination with NEDFOR, regional and district police and community leaders, to ensure target group receive coordinated and complementary assistance, while reducing any risks to TASCO staff and recipients of the intervention. In the implementation of this project, TASCO will use the available risk mitigation measures as per the guideline. TASCO has already contact and cooperation with local community and acknowledges. TASCO has built on local capacity when responding to crisis and to forge stronger links with local community groups and organizations. Ensuring that the beneficiaries have greater control over the project implementation and decision-making process. TASCO will make sure the Food and water voucher should not negatively damage the conflict affected community in the target areas.***Risk1:*** *Due to prolonged drought affects, asset stripping and reduced local food production, means high demand for the intervention’s proposed activities and increased security risks in distribution points.****Mitigation:*** *Community management/selection structures will manage and categorize the most vulnerable ones in the community to be pre-registered and receive proposed items in controlled manner. Local authorities, police and community elders will always be present to reduce any risks to both staff, volunteers and recipients.* ***Risk2:*** *Unstable food and commodity prices will inflate due to increased demand, reduced supply and other interventions in the region.****Mitigation:*** *TASCO has national procurement policy designed to create a competitive tender environment and build long-term relationships with all major suppliers in the regions it operates. Fixed price agreements will ensure and reduce risk of inflation affecting agreed quantities beneficiaries receive* |
| ***Describe the monitoring for documentation of achievement of results and lessons learnt accountability and learning systems that you will employ. This should include participation in DERF peer review and experience sharing mechanisms (obligatory for all grant-holders) and planned external evaluations (obligatory for interventions above DKK 2 million)***Through previous DERF project experience, the partnership has internal M&E mechanisms in place, This will ensure the proper implementation of the project. Field visit will be conducted by TASCO M&E Officer on regular bases and submit the field monitoring reports and the work progress to the stakeholders. The head office will monitor the activities conducted once every month through a central document. Joint monitoring team will conduct a baseline survey at the beginning of the project and an evaluation at the end of the project to measure the impact. At the completion of the project activities an external evaluation mission will make the final M&E report. The evaluation report will show how the project objectives have been achieved against the outlined indicators. |