

Call for Expression of Interest

Accelerated Sanitation and Water for All (ASWA3) Puntland region of Somalia

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1 Timeline

Posted	May 2, 2025
Clarification Request Deadline	May 7, 2025
Application Deadline	May 20, 2025
Notification of Results	Jun 1, 2025
Start Date	Jun 20, 2025
End Date	May 30, 2027

2 Locations

- A Somalia
 - a Gobolka Mudug
 - b Gobolka Mudug
 - c Gobolka Nugaal

3 Sector(s) and area(s) of specialization

- A WASH and Environment
 - a WASH in emergencies

4 Issuing Agency

UNICEF

5 Project Background

Somalia continues to face frequent climatic shocks—drought, flooding, epidemics, and conflict—affecting agropastoral communities' access to food, nutrition, and basic services including WASH, health, and education. With a population of 16.9 million (60% under 18) and an annual growth rate of 2.9%, the country also faces one of the world's highest child and maternal mortality rates, putting immense pressure on a fragile health system. WASH access in Puntland remains critically low. Only 56% of households have access to improved water sources, while 73% rely on purchased water, spending around \$14 monthly—9% of household income. Surface water use is 8%. In sanitation, just 22% have access to basic services and only 7% to safely managed services, while 19% still practice open defecation. Handwashing at critical times is reported by only 59% of households. To address these needs, the Accelerated Sanitation and Water for All (ASWA III) program (2023–2027) will be implemented in Burtinle (target: 35,000), Dangorayo (30,000), Harfo (15,000), and Galdogob (15,000), using a multi-sectoral approach. Additionally, 25% of households still practice open defecation, with limited progress toward improved sanitation. The lack of adequate WASH facilities in public and

institutional settings disproportionately impacts menstruating girls and women, while ongoing conflict and emergencies intensify vulnerabilities. Rural Sanitation: The partner will implement Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) in 50 rural communities in Dangorayo and Burtinle to achieve Open Defecation Free (ODF) status. These efforts will be supported by sanitation marketing through the training of 100 local artisans and the establishment of 20 sanitation supply shops. Monitoring of progress and status of previously declared ODF communities will continue for communities in Harfo and Galdogob. Sanitation Marketing: In previously ODF attained communities, support the pilot of sanitation marketing and pilot engagement of private sector through a PPP service delivery model. A sanitation marketing approach integrated with a hygiene promotion approach that will result in the adoption of improved latrines. The use of durable materials for sanitary, handwashing facilities, and waste management facilities that can withstand flooding will be essential, especially in peri-urban settings. Additionally, provision of technical support in design and construction of climate-resilient latrines /sanitation marketing products will be critical. Institutional WASH: In 25 schools, the STAR Approach will be applied. This includes rehabilitating gender-segregated latrines with menstrual hygiene rooms, establishing hygiene clubs, and installing permanent handwashing stations. Around 400 teachers and students will be trained on facility maintenance. In 20 health facilities, WASH upgrades will include IPC protocol implementation, staff training, and rehabilitation of sanitation systems. Sustained follow-up will be provided in 40 schools and 20 health centers in Galkayo and Galdogob. Cross-Cutting Components: The partner will promote menstrual hygiene by distributing 5,000 dignity kits and creating MHM corners in all target schools. Awareness campaigns will be conducted via 12 TV talk shows and social media, reaching 100,000 viewers. Hand hygiene promotion will be reinforced through community demos and school programs. Climate Resilience & Sustainability: All WASH infrastructure will feature climate-adaptive designs such as solar-powered systems and flood-resistant latrines. To ensure long-term service delivery including adoption of PPP model for urban water supply., 50 community WASH committees will be established and 200 local technicians trained in maintenance. Through this integrated approach, the program will reduce household water expenditure to 5%, increase basic sanitation coverage from 22% to 70%, and eliminate open defecation in 80% of target rural communities, while strengthening resilience in drought-prone districts.

6 Expected Results

Program Outputs Indicators Baseline Target Output 1. By the end of the program, 50 targeted populations in communities, schools, and health care facilities will have access to at least basic sanitation services Indicators: # of individuals expected to directly benefit from CLTS & ODF certified # of hand washing facilities provided 0 Baseline=0 Target: 90,000(70%)people. 50 hand washing facilities Output 2 By the end of the program more children in schools and people visiting health facilities have access to safely managed WASH services. Indicators: # of schools and with basic WASH facilities # of healthcare facilities reached with a complete package of climate-resilient basic WASH services Baseline=0 Target: 25 20 Output 3. By the end of the program, targeted populations will have improved access to hygiene promotion services including handwashing facilities in institutions and MHH in schools Indicators: # of individuals receiving hygiene promotion training # of women and adolescent girls reached with menstrual health and hygiene services and information 0 Baseline=0 Targets: 80,000 (75%) individuals 20,000 women & girls Output 4. By the end of the program, 80% of households in targeted rural communities will have purchased and installed improved sanitation facilities, driven by effective demand creation campaigns and the development of affordable, high-quality sanitation products. Indicators; # of Districts supported to produce improved/quality sanitation materials/ products for rural consumers # Door-to-door marketing/demand creation for boosting improved Latrines # of sanitation marketing trainings Baselin=0 Target: 4 District 200 Households 8 trainings

7 Indicative Budget

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8 Other Information

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9 Selection Criteria

Name	Description	Weight
Relevance of proposal to achieving expected results	Includes review of the proposed programme: • Clarity of activities and expected results. • Innovative approach. • Sustainability of intervention	20

Other	Institutional Capacity: Sector expertise and experience: Includes a review of the CSO: • Technical and Management ability: partners have a strong technical and management capacities in place to be able to manage the suggested program • Partner has adequate policies, procedures, control mechanisms and systems in place to support the work of the organization • Experience working in the field of Humanitarian Development including working experience with UN (if any)	20
Local experience and presence	On-going programme in the area of operation, Knowledge of the local and socio-political context, Engagement of children and communities, Trust from local communities, Existing networks, established consultation and feedback mechanisms with local communities feeding back into the design and implementation of programmes	20
Cost effectiveness	Adequacy and clarity of proposed budget (including contribution by CSO). Efficiency relates to how well inputs are converted into a specific output. Cost-effectiveness is the cost of achieving intended programme actual outcomes (or impacts). This can be used to compare the costs of alternative ways of producing the same or similar outcomes	15
Realistic timelines and plans	Realistic timelines and plans to achieve programme outputs and deliver timely results, including capacity for accelerated implementation in humanitarian crisis; Knowledge of access limitations to the targeted localities hindered by the limited infrastructure unsuitable for the rainy season; and limitations due to political affiliations.	10
Project management	Clear proposed programme approach/methodology	15

10 Attachments

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11 Concept Note Template

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