

# Socio Economic Inclusion of Extremely Poor Internally Displaced People and Residents of Host Communities in Puntland Project (SEIPP)

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| <b>Lead executing agency</b> | Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs and Democratization   |
| <b>National partners</b>     | Ministry of Interior, Department of Social Affairs, Puntland Refugee and IDPs Affairs                                   |
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## Our approach

### Creating solid and durable livelihood perspectives

On behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH is supporting the Government of Somalia in the implementation of sustainable solutions by strengthening the local government and communities through political and socio - economic (re)integration of the target groups. GIZ is particularly active in Garowe district in Puntland, where internally displaced persons make up over a third of its population.

The methodological framework builds on the graduation approach, a sequential package of measures consisting of social protection and the promotion of sustainable livelihoods for extremely poor households.

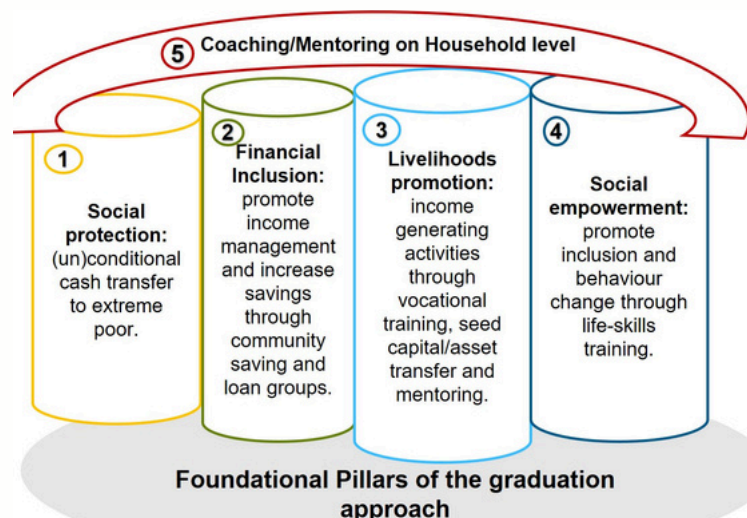
## The challenge

### Seeking a stable future in Puntland, Somalia

After years of conflict and recurrent shocks, with debilitated villages and cities, Somalia's people are struggling to meet their basic needs of housing, food and nutrition, water and sanitation and a means to earn their livelihoods. Over half of the Somalis fall under the extreme poverty line of \$1.90 a day. With 3.5 million people in displacement - including newly displaced and long-term internally displaced persons (IDPs), drought-induced destitute pastoralists, and returnees - extreme poverty in IDP settlements reaches up to 72%. As of April 2024, Garowe town had 25 verified IDP sites hosting 8,955 households with 55,715 persons.

The youth, below 35 years of age, are more than 70% out of the total population with a high unemployment rate.

The majority of IDP households are female headed. This is attributed, amongst others, to the fact that many women have lost their male family members to the long running conflict.



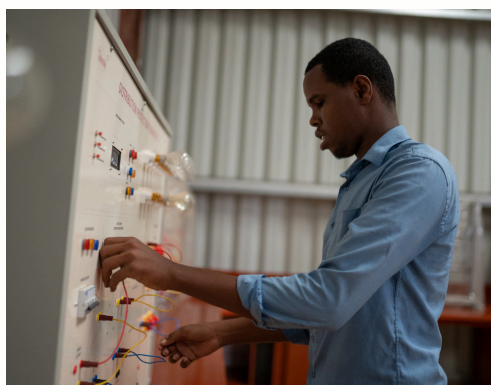
To enable the Ministry of the Interior, Federal Affairs and Democratization (MoIFAD) and especially the Department of Social Affairs in Garowe to fulfil its mandate for the economic and social integration of IDPs, its implementation capacities are being strengthened by providing technical advice, trainings, equipment, and support to relief operations and other activities. Civil society organizations working with IDPs, host communities, women and youth, are also provided with capacity building measures.

So far, individuals from both government and implementing partners have participated in capacity development trainings on governance, leadership, agricultural practices, monitoring and evaluation, and risk informed urban development. The key target groups are extremely poor households from IDP communities and host communities with a key focus on fostering gender equality in socio-economic development. 69% of the 700 targeted households are female headed. With an average household size of 9 persons.

The households are covered under the graduation approach livelihood promotions activities, these include, vocational trainings including business and entrepreneurship trainings, asset transfers and coaching and mentoring. Similarly, the beneficiaries in these households also receive empowerment trainings. These include literacy and numeracy trainings, mental health and psychosocial support, GBV and postnatal depression awareness trainings.

These households have saved in the 31 village savings and loan groups created, this is after a 13 months disbursement of conditional cash transfers of 60USD per household.

Alongside gender, the project has supported the implementation of activities strengthening social cohesion. These include Sports for Development (S4D) activities, cultural festivals, community policing events, community cleaning campaigns, community awareness campaigns on behavioral change among others. The project in partnership with the Puntland government is also constructing a multipurpose sports field in Garowe town.



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