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# PROGRAM SUMMARY

The purpose of the Partnership for Economic Growth program is to help local authorities and private sector groups improve the enabling environment for investment and generate more productive employment. This is the first development initiative targeting economic growth for the USAID in Somaliland.

The Partnership for Economic Growth (Partnership) activities focus on two areas: private sector development, including women's business development, and strengthening specific productive value chains. As a result of the comprehensive assessments completed in the first quarter, the Partnership designed three sub-activities which address two value chains- agriculture and livestock – and a concentrated set of cross cutting business enabling environment activities. The Energy component of our Business Environment sub-activity became its own sub-activity in the fourth quarter. The sub-activities are spread geographically with livestock in the east and based in Burao; agriculture in the western farming areas, based in Borama; and a number of discrete Business Environment (BE) and Energy activities centered in Hargeisa.

Based on USAID reviews of the sub-activity designs, by the end of the eighth quarter the Partnership was continuing the full implementation of the Agriculture sub-activity; implementation of the approved Business Environment sub-activity tasks were ongoing; an expanded Energy sub-activity continued its procurement process for wind turbine equipment and civil works installation; and full implementation of all sub-contracts within the revised Livestock sub-activity continued. In addition, during the eighth quarter the Partnership made good progress with Partnership Fund business grant agreement.

## SUMMARY OF PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS QUARTER

1. A successful Season 2 Market Day was held at Amoud University with area farmers and vendors discussing the various vegetable and fruit crop varieties that were tested in the demo plots during the season.
2. A risk capital activity began with participating contact farmers which included the provision of seeds of the best performing vegetable varieties, land preparation, irrigation support and hand tools so that farmers can test seed varieties and utilize new farming practices on their farms during Season 3 in the Awdal region.
3. Development of the Somaliland Investment Guide continued this quarter with a variety of draft chapters being submitted by lead technical consultants, and a domain name being purchased: [www.SomalilandInvest.net](http://www.SomalilandInvest.net).

4. The Wind Data Monitoring Stations in Borama, Hargeisa, Berbera, and Burao were installed and daily data began being transmitted to a private website and the Ministry of Energy, during the initial testing phase of this new technology.
5. VetAid completed a variety of community-based animal health trainings this quarter.
6. Partnership Fund grantee support continued with construction being completed at Al Hussein fattening farm; procurement of camels and milk analyzers being procured for Horumar Camel Dairy Farm; Kaaba Microfinance completing initial loan disbursal of 125 new clients; and Transparency Solutions launching its new investment fund website ([www.somalistarinvestments.com](http://www.somalistarinvestments.com)).

# PROGRESS THIS QUARTER

## IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation of the Partnership's activities thus far is summarized as follows:

### **Agriculture Sub-Activity**

#### Agriculture Technology Testing and Transfer Workshop

On March 20-21, the Partnership team in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture, SATG, and Amoud University hosted Agriculture Technology Testing and Transfer workshop at the Ambassador Hotel. On day one, 60 males and 8 females participated, and on day two there were 47 males and 8 females. The event brought together various agriculture practitioners including, government, cooperatives, agriculture associations, local and international NGOs, UN agencies, academic institutions as well as donor agencies.

The Partnership program presented the yield analyses of the past two growing seasons and shared experiences with seed testing and other related agriculture technology and transfer. Other development organizations that have engaged in agriculture technology testing including FAO, IFAD, Concern and MADO, also shared their experiences at the workshop. In day two of the workshop various small groups discussed the challenges and opportunities of future seed testing and certification in Somaliland. The Ministers of Agriculture, Commerce and National Planning all provided opening remarks at the workshop. There was good media coverage by Voice of America-Somali Service, two newspapers in Hargeisa and one website. The team is compiling a workshop report which will be used as a basis for drafting a seed testing and certification policy with the Ministry of Agriculture. The workshop raised a lot of interest, particularly because of the practical experiences it had presented and how this is being linked with policy.

#### On-going Demo Plot Activities and field days:

In January, the agriculture activity wrapped up the Season 2 activities. USAID provided consent to the Partnership's proposed subcontract to STAG to continue to provide support for Season 3.

Sample yield results of the tested varieties for two of the six crops are highlighted below:

**Comparative yield of five onion varieties at Amoud, Baki and Ruqi demonstration plots (SATG FILSAN, 2013).**

Variety	Bulb yield (t/ha)			Mean yield for the three demo plots (t/ha)
	Amoud	Baki	Ruqi	
Texas Early Grano	34.9	23.2	52.0	36.7
Baftin (Yemen)	37.8	20.2	40.3	32.8
Bombay Red	43.4	35.0	43.6	40.7
AVON 1013	53.6	-	42.0	47.8
Red Creole	23.6	-	32.2	27.9
<b>Mean yield per demo plot (t/ha)</b>	38.7	26.1	42.0	

**Comparative yield of onion varieties for two seasons in Amoud, Baki and Ruqi demo plots (SATG FILSAN 2013)**

Season 1 (Summer: July-August 2012_)			Season 2 (Winter: December-January 2013)		
Variety	Mean yield of three sites (t/ha)	Rank	Variety	Mean yield of three sites (t/ha)	Rank
Texas Early Grano	31.2	1	AVON 1013	47.8	1
Bombay Red	24.4	2	Bombay Red	40.7	2
Baftin (Yemen)	23.9	3	Texas Early Grano	36.7	3
AVON 1111	17.3	4	Baftin (Yemen)	32.8	4
Red Creole	15.8	5	Red Creole	27.9	5
Seasonal mean	22.5		Seasonal mean	37.2	

**Comparative yields of five lettuce varieties at Amoud, Baki and Ruqi demonstration plots (SATG FILSAN, 2012).**

Variety	Head yield (t/ha)			Mean yield for the three demo plots (t/ha)
	Amoud	Baki	Ruqi	
Picos	25.3	25.7	41.4	30.8
EW 1077	66.7	77.5	110.4	84.9
Great Lakes (Hortuce)	55.6	43.7	86.1	61.8
Moralli	52.1	76.9	109.1	79.4
Great Lakes (Mesa)	139.9	27.6	73.8	80.4
<b>Mean yield per demo plot (t/ha)</b>	56.8	50.2	84.2	

**Comparative yield of lettuce varieties for two seasons in Amoud, Baki and Ruqi demonstration plots (SATG FILSAN 2013)**

Season 1 (Summer: July-August 2012)			Season 2 (Winter: December-January 2013)		
Variety	Mean yield of three sites (t/ha)	Rank	Variety	Mean yield of three sites (t/ha)	Rank
EW 1077	70.6	1	EW 1077	84.9	1
Moralli	65.7	2	Great Lakes (Mesa)	80.4	2
Great Lakes (Mesa)	56.9	3	Moralli	79.4	3
Great Lakes (Hortuce)	43.8	4	Great Lakes (Hortuce)	61.8	4
Picos	41.3	5	Picos	30.8	5
Seasonal mean	55.7		Seasonal mean	67.5	

Amoud University hosted its Season Two Market Day in mid-January at its newly constructed greenhouse. Over 75 participants, including farmers from each demo plot community, vendors from Borama town, Amoud extension workers, Ministry of Agriculture representatives, and the local media attended. The overall objective was to showcase crop variations and to exhibit the fruits and vegetables of the three demo plots' second season harvest, while building stronger linkages between area farmers and vendors interested in new seed varieties. This workshop was essential to continue to test the project's hypothesis that improved agricultural practices with new seed varieties may lead to more productive yields and niche markets that local vendors and consumers will prefer. Feedback from all stakeholders, particularly the local green market vendors, was documented by the extension workers and the Amoud agriculture team. For example, two of the seven varieties of tomatoes that were tested were found to be preferred much more than others, particularly because of their longer shelf life and medium size preferred

by local households. This is crucial marketing data that will be added to the productivity and disease data that was collected on a weekly basis over the past season to provide a more detailed analysis on production and marketing of vegetables and fruits in the Awdal region. The workshop was opened by the Amoud University President, who shared in the enthusiasm for the potential for such demand-driven activities to lead to improved market research in the area.

In other demo activities, the beekeeping aspect began as materials and tools have been procured and a training on bee keeping and handling will be by the Amoud University team soon. Beekeeping is being introduced by the Partnership program in order to promote farmer activity diversification in Awdal Region.

### Risk Capital to Farmers

Beginning in February 2013, preparation for Season 3 began with Amoud University and SATG. The Partnership received approval to expand the original scope of the activity to maximize potential impacts and project sustainability. Expanded activities for Season 3 include: 1) continuing support by extension staff and the Agriculture Sub-Activity team to contact farmers in Baki, Ruqi and Amoud for a 3<sup>rd</sup> planting season (March 2013 – July 2013), while bringing on the extension staff as full time staff from February 2013-July 2013; 2) supporting participating farmer and vendors with risk capital to encourage adoption of new seed varieties and other agriculture and business practices ; 3) redesign the seed production activity at the Amoud plot during Season 3 whereby traditional seed production practices are incorporated, links are made with local agro-dealers, and proper packaging and marketing are invested in; 4) repeat the business extension training in Season 3 with participating farmers and vendors using the business extension manual (and literacy/numeracy manual if applicable for basic financial literacy review).

The risk capital to farmers and vegetable vendors began in late February. In-kind grants to over 80 contact farmers will ensure that each farmer receives support to cover some of their needs for critical farm operations. The support includes provision of seeds of the best performing vegetable varieties, land preparation, irrigation support and hand tools, among others. Farmers also receive technical support and extension services. The in-kind grant distribution to farmers has already started. Land preparation and nursery planting have been completed and transplanting activity by all the farmers will begin early in the 9<sup>th</sup> Quarter. The in-kind grant distribution was designed following a farmer needs assessment. Grants to vendors will also begin early in the 9<sup>th</sup> Quarter.

### **Business Environment Sub-Activity**

#### Investment and Commercial Law:

During the quarter, the Partnership's local commercial lawyer continued to provide support in the review of the foreign investment law (amendment) and the domestic investment law (draft). During this quarter, he contributed to the review of the comparative analysis conducted last quarter by an International Commercial Law Specialist. The local lawyer also worked on refining the amendment of the foreign investment law and the draft of the domestic investment law which has been already validated and presented to the Ministry of Commerce. In addition, he supported the BE team with drafting a legal/regulatory overview section of the Investment Guide.

### Somaliland Investment Guide

During this quarter, significant progress was made towards developing the Somaliland Investment Guide. Toward the end of the quarter, the Partnership received drafts of several chapters of the planned investment guide including agriculture, energy, and local industry. The team reviewed and sent back comments to the authors for further refinement and the chapters should be finalized next quarter. In addition, a home office DAI web designer has begun initial plans to lay the framework for the Investment Guide web portal. The domain name jointly selected by the Ministry and the Partnership for the investment guide website is: [www.SomalilandInvest.net](http://www.SomalilandInvest.net).

### Somaliland Business Confidence Survey:

As a follow up to the Somaliland Business Confidence Survey launch in December, the BE team hosted a debate about the survey findings at the Somaliland TV studio in January. Representatives from the Somaliland Ministry of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce, local investors, and the Partnership Program's Investment Promotion Specialist participated. The team has reviewed the show before being aired and made some suggested edits to the pre-recorded panel discussion program. Early in the 9<sup>th</sup> Quarter, the Somaliland National TV editors will send a revised recorded program and share it with the Partnership team. The final program will then be reviewed and approved by the team and be aired on the National TV Channel. In the meantime, the team continued to distribute the SBCI report to interested parties through the rest of the quarter.

### Capacity Development for the Investment Climate Unit (ICU):

The refurbishment of the Ministry of Commerce's two rooms is nearing completion. The Partnership's site supervisor has been providing oversight of the process, and construction work is expected to be completed in early April. The Partnership team is finalizing the contract with a local IT database design firm for the business license registration software.

## **Energy Sub-Activity**

### Energy Act and Regulatory Framework:

The Partnership's Local Lawyer has been providing support to the Minister of Energy in preparing for the submission of the draft Electrical Energy Law to the Council of Ministers. The Minister and the Local Lawyer made a presentation about the law at the Ministry of Presidential Affairs in February, and shared copies of the draft. It is expected that the law will be submitted next quarter.

The Partnership submitted a draft memo to the Ministries of Energy, Public Works and Aviation in February outlining the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) roles and responsibilities of each of the proposed parties. In March, the COP and DCOP met with the various Ministries about this draft document, and received guidance on next steps by the Minister of Planning.

### Wind Energy Power Generation Infrastructure:

All four Wind Data Monitoring Stations (WDMS) are now functional. The Partnership's Energy expert continues to provide oversight and verification as the WDMS transmit data to terminals - at the Partnership program and the Ministry of Energy. The company that has provided the WDMS instruments, continues to provide remote support during this installation and verification process. Data from the

Hargeisa WDMS at the two heights of 23m and 36m are now streaming in on a daily basis. The data provides 10 minute average wind speeds in meters per second and also provides maximum wind speeds at these different heights. Other parameters include wind direction, which is generally the same at different heights; and temperature inside the data logger and outside. It also gives the battery power level every 10min.

The wind data will be able to be accessed over the internet. It is currently being managed through the Campbell Scientific servers, as early testing and troubleshooting takes place. The Partnership energy team also conducted a 4-day training on the practice of operating and analyzing wind data.

Also this quarter, the masts for the wind turbines as well as the foundation materials arrived in Somaliland.

## **Livestock Sub-Activity**

### Livestock Subcontracts:

This quarter **Candlelight** completed the training for 60 farmers on agronomic practices for fodder production at two locations south of Burao. The training included practical field sessions whereby trainees were introduced to seed bed preparation and sowing of different fodder seeds. The construction of fodder storage facilities at all demo locations will be completed next quarter. Also this quarter, Candlelight started the implementation of soil and water conservation activities in Beer, Qoyta and Beerato. They have employed about 120 casual laborers for carrying out these activities and supplied them with hand tools.

Candlelight started distribution of grass and other fodder seeds to selected community members that attended the fodder production training at the first three demonstration sites in Togdheer Region. Candlelight has also started the production of a short documentary to promote community-based fodder production.

In order to demonstrate the profitability of adopting innovative methods and technologies of fodder production to the beneficiaries, Candlelight is undertaking a comparative study on the economics of fodder production under traditional and modern systems. It is expected from this economic analysis that more and more farmers (agro-pastoralists) will adopt these newly introduced fodder production methods after recognizing that good quality fodder planted in the demo farms translates into increased live weight gain and, hence, higher market prices of animals fed with these inputs.

**VetAid** finalized the training for Community Based Animal Health Workers (CBAHWs) in Togdheer, Sool, and Sanaag Regions this quarter. In total, 60 new CBAHWs participated in the trainings – 20 from Togdheer, 20 from Sanaag and 20 from Sool. VetAid also procured veterinary drugs and basic veterinary tools for the participants. In the next quarter, VetAid's activities include linking trained CBAHWs with local drug outlets for drug restocking in these regions by supply of 12 (4 from each of Togdheer, Sool and Sanaag) with basic veterinary drugs. This linkage will facilitate the supply of CBAHWs with the most commonly used drugs after they run out of their first stock. One-week refresher trainings for existing CBAHWs in each of the three regions are also envisaged for the upcoming quarter.

The **Veterinary Board** moved forward this quarter in developing a standardized curriculum for CBAHWs. During the quarter they conducted consultative workshops with stakeholders to identify gaps and needs of existing CBAHWs. A synthesis report on different stakeholder perspectives was submitted by the Vet Board and is currently under review. As soon as it is approved, the Vet Board will begin to develop a harmonized curriculum for the training of CBAHWs.

In addition, an RFP for a local media firm to support the Vet Board with designing a **Livestock Drug Awareness Campaign** in Somaliland was advertised in late January and a local media company was selected this quarter to support this activity. The local media company will develop materials for the awareness campaign including posters and leaflets. Also, a theatre production will be designed in close consultation with the Drug Expert Consultant, the Vet Board and the Partnership team. The awareness campaign is expected to start in May, mid-way through the 9<sup>th</sup> Quarter. The Vet Board will in the next quarter embark on assessing the quality and typologies of veterinary drugs traded and used in Somaliland as well as on use and disposal practices of these drugs. An assessment report on veterinary quality, use and disposal is to be delivered afterwards. Among the remaining deliverables include a translation and validation of the final curriculum and delivery report on drug awareness campaign.

Partnership Fund – Livestock Grantees: The livestock technical team continues to play an active role in the Partnership Fund; all grants for the four livestock partners have been signed. The livestock team is providing assistance to the implementation of the deliverables under their contract, by establishing linkages between the grantees and sub-contractors in terms of animal feed and health activities.

- **Horumar Camel Dairy Farm:** During the quarter, Horumar Camel Dairy procured 19 lactating camels and their calves using the Partnership Fund grant. In less than a month, Horumar increased its milk production to more than 100 liters per day because of the procurement. The Partnership team also carried out the procurement of solar panels for cold chain storage and milk analyzers. The milk testing and storage equipment arrived late this quarter and training on the milk analyzers is set up for early next quarter. The training on operationalization and maintenance of milk analyzers has already taken place in April and a second training on hygienic aspects of camel milk production and marketing aspects for Horumar staff is expected to be conducted in May.
- **International Livestock Raising Company / Anaam:** During this quarter International Livestock Raising Company underwent a change in management and is now named Anaam. Anaam has identified a consultant to train its staff on drip irrigation operations and maintenance. Discussions with the consultant on the scope of work and a scheduled site visit are planned for next quarter. A contract has been signed to provide the drip irrigation equipment to Anaam as an in-kind grant and delivery should take place in April. Anaam is also seeking the approval of the grass seeds and legumes ordered from a local supplier to be planted. Finally, Anaam is in the process of procuring 50 kg of various seeds (chloris gayana Sudan grass and Lucerne) from a local seed supply company to be planted in this rainy season.
- **Al Hussein:** The construction at Al Hussein's farm completed this quarter. According to the Al Hussein Farm Manager, the farm has raised the number of purchased animals to 396 comprising - 93 goats and 303 sheep. The Partnership staff conducted spot checks of the livestock and applied identification marks to each animal. Some of the sick animals were determined to be at

risk for illness and were treated with deworming medicine and antibiotic injections. In conjunction with the treatment, the Regional Veterinary Officer and Partnership's Animal Health Officer have provided some training to the farm laborers about the basics of animal hygiene and management. In addition, Al Hussein constructed a new small water reservoir for their animals to expand the water availability to accommodate the additional livestock.

- **Togdheer Women's Livestock Traders Association (TWLTA):** In February, TWLTA reported transactions for a total of 123 sheep and goats purchased at \$75/head and sold at \$78/head, making a profit of profit of \$ 3/head in the rural market of Wadaamagoye village, east of Burao. TWLTA is in possession of another 200 head of goats and sheep that were recently procured from rural areas throughout eastern Somaliland and western Puntland. They have moved the livestock to better grazing areas on the outskirts of Burao. TWLTA are speculating and closely monitoring the prices at the nearby livestock markets and plan to move quickly to sell the animals once the price improves.

#### Livestock End Market Analysis Sub-Contract:

A local market research and consulting firm was contracted by the Partnership team last quarter to produce an end market study on Somaliland livestock exports. During the eighth quarter, the company made significant progress towards completing the study which will be finalized next quarter. In January, they delivered their second milestone of their contract to conduct the field work. As part of this deliverable, they presented the results of their field work and literature research. In February, Livestock End Market team finalized the second phase of the end-market study and presented their preliminary findings from research conducted in Djibouti and Ethiopia. During March, the consultants presented the draft report of the end-market study to the project. The livestock team provided feedback on the draft presentation and began to plan a stakeholder workshop which is planned for mid-April.

#### **Partnership Fund Activity**

Grantees: The Partnership Fund team has been moving ahead swiftly to get procurements and other activities in place to support the grantees.

Highlights from the livestock Partnership Fund grantees are described above, and updates from the other grantees include:

- The team selected a local vendor to carry out the Partnership Fund grantee capacity building training program. The program will consist of organizational management and strategy, financial management, procurement process and environmental health and safety procedures. All grantees are invited to attend and after the training, there will be one to one sessions where the consulting firm visiting the grantees' sites and will review their manuals and help to implement best practices for business management.
- Transparency Solutions launched their first investment vehicle called Somali Star Investments (SSI) on February 18 at the Ambassador Hotel. Transparency Solutions' Managing Director and Diaspora Relations Manager launched the SSI website (<http://www.somalistarinvestments.com>) and described the basic structure of SSI, including its first planned investable project – a major wind farm to be constructed on the outskirts of Hargeisa. The launch was heavily covered by the Somali media both in Somaliland and internationally through: Universal TV, Horn Cable TV, Bulsho TV, Somaliland

National TV (SLNTV), SomSat and Somali Channel; and websites such as Somaliland.org, SomalilandSun.com, SomalilandDiaspora.org; newspapers Horn Tribune (English) Haatuuf, and Dawan (Government) reported. Transparency Solutions will begin its Road Shows in the UK and US over the next two months.

- Partnership Fund staff verified the Afjireh Group's procurement of 500 cooking gas stoves with two burners and 250 cooking gas stoves with one burner. In addition, they also verified Afjireh construction of a small building with fence to use as a workshop for cooking stoves, as per their cost sharing requirements. A vendor has been contracted to provide canisters to Afjireh, as part of the Partnership's contribution. The equipment is to arrive early June.
- During this quarter, the Partnership Fund moved ahead with Muliyo to develop, publish, and review proposals for salt processing equipment. The procurement process went ahead and a vendor was identified to deliver the salt processing equipment. A contract has been agreed with the supplier, with the equipment to arrive in June.

Below is a table summarizing the status of all thirteen Partnership grantees:

<u>Grantee Name</u>	<u>Sector</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Partnership Contribution</u>	<u>New Employment</u>	<u>Better Employment</u>	<u>Main Support Aspects</u>	<u>Implementation Status</u>
<b>Afjireh</b>	Energy	Maroodijeex	\$50,000	8	35	~ support for purchase of propane cooking stoves and tanks	Afjireh: a vendor has been contracted to supply the gas cylinders and shipment is underway
<b>Al Hussein</b>	Livestock	Togdheer	\$45,000	25	-	~support initial livestock purchases ~ upgrade farm livestock holding areas and fodder storage facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The construction for farm fixture of Al Hussein has been completed with final inspection and final payments made</li> <li>- 396 goats/sheep on farm fattening are in process</li> </ul>
<b>Dheeman Business Enterprises</b>	Clothing	Maroodijeex	\$30,000	25	-	~locally procured sewing machines ~clothing material for initial products ~technical assistance in tailoring from Ethiopian expert ~business management and administration support from Partnership staff	<p>Received airway bill and air transport is under way.</p> <p>This procurement will consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- sewing machine equipment (Needle lock stick sewing machine, industrial 5 thread over lock sewing machine, zigzag sewing machine, embroidery sewing machine, button-attaching sewing machine, and cutting machine; as well as African fabrics for men and women's clothing, sewing Supplies and technical assistance to install the sewing machines.</li> </ul>
<b>GETCO</b>	Fisheries	Sahil	\$100,000	15	550	~ fish processing machinery	<p>GETCO warehouse construction for processing plant is finished by GETCO's contribution.</p> <p>Vendor has been contracted to supply the fishing equipment and boats. Shipments are underway.</p>
<b>Horumar Camel Dairy Milk Farm</b>	Dairy	Togdheer	\$99,700	15	-	~support to purchase of frights and helping farm improvement ~ increase camel herd to expand production	<p>Vendors contracted for the equipment required (Milk analyzers, Solar panel and fridges); Equipment has arrived and has been handed over to the grantee, after training took place.</p> <p>Horumar Camel Dairy Farm purchased the first tranche of 13 lactating she-camels and purchase for second tranche is in progress.</p>
<b>International Livestock Raising Company</b>	Livestock	Togdheer	\$99,858	31	20	~supplies to install drip irrigation ~new fodder seeds varieties ~hay conditioner, and other farm equipment for fodder production ~technical assistance from identified Kenyan and Ethiopian experts	A vendor was selected for drip-irrigation equipment for Anaam International Company. Awaiting shipment.

<b>KAABA MFI</b>	Finance	Multiple regions	\$50,000	10	288	~support establishment of offices in two locations ~establish loan funds for each office ~technical support in microfinance organization sustainability and products	Kaaba finalized loan disbursement for beneficiaries of 125 clients for different locations in Arabsiyo, Agabar, Gabilay, Borama and Wajale.  Partnership team along with IBTCI/SORADI did site for Arabsiyo and Gabilay locations; Documentary Film about Kaaba was developed
<b>Muliyo Salt Trading Company</b>	Salt	Awdal	\$80,000	25	-	~salt processing equipment ~potential technical assistance in salt production and processing experts	A vendor from India has been contracted to provide the equipment and install salt processing plant in Somaliland for the grantee Muliyo Salt Company
<b>Red Sea Fishing and shrimp</b>	Fisheries	Maroodijeex	\$69,380	30	-	~walk-in freezer, smaller cold storage transport equipment, and cold storage for retail/storage facility in Hargeisa ~ support for additional boat and nets	2 vendors have been contracted to supply fishing equipment and 2 boats. Awaiting goods from both vendors.
<b>Shaqodoon</b>	Job info search	Maroodijeex	\$37,977	30	-	~expansion of business outreach plans ~training costs for youth ~Launch of first major Business Fair	The training for youth in Shaqodoon program is ended.  Shaqodoon started placement for internship and jobs and around 30 youth have been placed
<b>Tayo Energy Enterprises Company</b>	Energy	Sool	\$100,000	16	-	~ 3 wind turbines ~technical assistance for installation, training, and capacity building	A successful bidder was identified for the supply of wind turbines for Tayo Energy's pilot wind project in Las Anod. Contract awarded.  Tayo Team participated in the wind turbine foundation and installation training in Hargeisa. Awaiting second shipment of goods, after arrival of the first shipment.  Progress of Tayo grant in Las Anod is being delayed and the issues are currently being addressed.
<b>Togdheer Women Livestock Traders Association</b>	Livestock	Togdheer	\$49,970	18	125	~ support to expand livestock purchases ~financial and organizational capacity building	Togdheer Women Livestock Traders Association purchased and in the first two consignments of 256 goats and sheep and they are waiting to sell the livestock with good market
<b>Transparent Solutions (TS)</b>	Finance	Multiple regions	\$100,000	10	-	~support for diaspora outreach activities ~support for initial organization operations for year 1 ~marketing and other support to diaspora in Kenya, Gulf, UK and US	Transparency Solutions are under implementation for milestone four for holding different road shows in UK and US.

## FORTHCOMING QUARTER ACTIVITIES

### *Implement selected sub-activities.*

Planned ninth quarter implementation activities for the sub-activities are outlined below.

#### Livestock Sub-Activity:

- Launch the livestock end market study results;
- Launch the livestock drug awareness campaign under the VetBoard subcontract;
- Continue fodder demo plot training and trials under the Candlelight subcontract.

#### Agriculture Sub-Activity:

- Analyze Season 2 yield results with SATG and Amoud;
- Plan and engage in the Season 3 planting with contact farmers;
- Launch a second round of the business / financial literacy training activity

#### Energy Sub-Activity:

- Host ground breaking ceremony at Hargeisa airport;
- Lay foundations for wind farm installation at airport;
- Ensure draft Energy Law is submitted to Council of Ministers.

#### Business Environment Sub-Activity:

- Draft Fisheries Investment chapter of Somaliland Investment Guide;
- Verify the completion of the Ministry of Commerce refurbishment work ;
- Draft legal/regulatory chapter of Somaliland Investment Guide;
- Challenges to New Investments and Local Industry Study submitted;
- Incorporate international commercial lawyer's suggested edits into the foreign investment law;
- Organize technical group meeting to review the amendment of foreign investment law and the draft of the domestic investment law before they are delivered to the Ministry;
- Design Somaliland Investment Guide website;

#### Partnership Fund Grants Activity:

- In Kind equipment for Afjireh, Dheeman, Tayo will be delivered to their sites in May/June
- Upcoming Diaspora road shows for Transparency Solution in USA, Minnesota in May.
- Second tranche of camels arriving in Burao, Horumar site, in April/May.
- Al Hussein and Togdheer Women Livestock will be sold in May/June and the profit and loss report will be shared.
- Support Shaqodoon with initial plans for Somaliland's first Job Fair in April/May.
- Monthly loan repayments reports will be submitting by Kaaba in the end of April