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To: All Humanitarian and Development Partners

**Sub: Puntland Government Appeal for funds to assist Gardo flood victims**

On 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020, a catastrophic flooding resulting from heavy seasonal rains submerged Gardo town of Karkaar region in Puntland, leading to loss of human lives and destruction of properties such as homes, business centres, school, farmlands, livestock and other infrastructures such roads. Following this incident, delegation led by the President of Puntland State of Somalia H.E Said Abdullahi Deni made it to Gardo the same day, to assess the extent of the damage and lead the emergency response relief efforts and mitigate the effects and shocks of the incident aftermath.

A state-level Emergency Response Committee made up of Cabinet ministers, parliamentarians, local authority representatives, civil society and business community representatives were nominated by the H.E Said Abdulahi Deni.

A thorough rapid assessment was conducted (see attached report) to assess the severity of the implication and the extent of the destruction. The findings from the rapid assessment include the following:

- ⇒ The demise of 8 people including 3 children (siblings) and 10 more individuals are still missing.
- ⇒ 48,000 households were affected of which 3,540 are displaced from their homes.
- ⇒ 1,120 small and medium-sized businesses destroyed or damaged, with an estimated financial loss of \$12,099,852.
- ⇒ Over 1,924 persons lost their jobs/incomes, losing monthly salaries of \$472,000 USD.
- ⇒ 750 private properties totally or partially destroyed (about 20% of all private properties in Gardo), with a total property destruction estimated cost of \$8,250,000.
- ⇒ 7 intercity roads and streets damaged;
- ⇒ 120,000 hectares of land affected, 7,000 heads of different species of livestock were lost, and 250 farms destroyed;
- ⇒ 4 educational institutions destroyed or damaged, with estimated rehabilitation cost of \$100,000;

The scale of the emergency and the magnitude of the required response are beyond the means and the capacity of the government of Puntland and its citizens.

The response plan presented in the need's assessment calls for USD 40 Million to carryout immediate life-saving activities, recovery interventions and resilience building endeavours focused in preventing future similar occurrence of the incident or mitigating its impact

The Government sends its appeal to the Donor Communities and to our international partners, to supplement the government's ongoing efforts to provide direct and timely assistance to those most affected by the Gardo flash floods, including women and children, vulnerable families, local businesses, casual labour workers, and IDPs.

Puntland government commends the efforts of local community generosity and the timely response mobilization by the national and international actors and hereby expresses its gratitude to the UN and NGO partners. Their support came at a critical time to save lives.

Enclosed herewith is the "Gardo Rapid Flood Impact Assessment Report", for your consideration. We look forward to timely response from your esteemed institution.

Thanking you in advance for your continued cooperation and support, we remain.

**Said Abdullahi Deni**

President, Puntland State of Somalia