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TERM OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR ASSESSMENT OF THE LINKAGES BETWEEN CLIMATE INDUCED CRISES AND CONFLICT DYNAMICS IN PUNTLAND CONSULTANT

Location: Mudug, Puntland Federal State Somalia

Project Title	Joint Puntland and Galmudug Peace Initiative
Project Number	SSF- PHASE III Project Number: SSF-AGA-2024-004
Activity Name	3.1.1: Carry out an assessment to inform on the inter-relatedness/linkage of conflict and climate induced crisis areas.
Duration	24 days
Reports to	PSA Peace-building Initiative Lead

About PSA

Puntland Youth and Social Development Association (PSA) is a non-profit organization established in 2002, dedicated to promoting social-related activities and peacebuilding initiatives in Puntland, Somalia. PSA focuses on safeguarding vulnerable populations, advocating for human rights, and facilitating community-driven peace processes. Through partnerships with local communities, government agencies, and international organizations, PSA has played a pivotal role in fostering stability, resolving conflicts, and enhancing governance in the region. Its programs prioritize inclusivity, conflict sensitivity, and sustainable development to create a peaceful and secure environment in Puntland.

Project Background

PSA, along with its consortium partners is implementing the SSF III project in the border region between Puntland and Galmudug, an area that has historically experienced inter-communal and inter-state conflicts but is now witnessing a sustained ceasefire and increased cross-border cooperation. SSF III aims to build on this progress by supporting inclusive political agreements, addressing grievances, promoting democratic processes, strengthening local governance, and enhancing accountability between citizens and the state. The project is engaging key

stakeholders including the existing peace committees as well as the government in broader peace-building efforts to reinforce conflict resolution and climate adaptation mechanisms and ensure their effectiveness in sustaining peace and stability.

The project is tackling several critical challenges, including recurrent inter-communal conflicts that threaten political settlements, the vulnerability of peace processes due to political divisions and external pressures and competition over resources exacerbated by climate change.

In this regard, the consortium plans to carry out an assessment to inform on the inter-relatedness/linkage of conflict and climate induced crisis areas, due a direct co-relation between climate and conflict occurrences in in the four areas of Puntland (Galkayo, Towfiiq, Galdogob and Xera jaalle) that are the origins or fuel conflicts. The activity shall assess indicators related to livestock migration and grazing corridors, disease surveillance

Objectives of the Assessment

The overall objective of assessment is to evaluate the interlinkage between climate-induced crises and conflict occurrence in Puntland to inform intervention for promoting resilience and peace building.

- To analyze the correlation between climate-induced events and conflict occurrences in Puntland.
- To assess the impact of climate-induced livestock migration, grazing corridors, and disease surveillance on resource-based conflicts with the aim of understanding how these factors intensify disputes over dwindling resources and Land.
- To evaluate the community-level perceptions, key stakeholder's involvement and functionality of early warning and response systems to climate-induced crises.
- To assess the existing local conflict resolution, and climate adaptation mechanisms to analyze the effectiveness of traditional and institutional responses to resource disputes and climate-related crises.

1. Scope of Work

The consultancy aims to assess the inter-relatedness and linkages between conflict and climate-induced crisis areas. The outcome of this assessment will support the Peace Committees and relevant actors to better understand the nexus between climate stressors and emerging conflicts, and to design strategies for resilience-building and adaptation.

The consultant will:

- Review relevant literature, policy documents, and existing reports on conflict dynamics, and climate change.

- Identify key stakeholders involved in conflict prevention, disaster management, and climate resilience.
- Conduct key informant interviews, focus group discussions, and surveys with community members and stakeholders to collect primary data on climate-induced hazards and conflict triggers.
- Identify issues concerning how climate and conflicts affect livestock migration corridors and livestock disease prevalence.
- Map spatial distribution of climate stressors, conflict hotspots, using appropriate GIS or participatory mapping tools.
- Analyze trends and patterns to identify how climate-induced crises contribute to or exacerbate conflict in the target regions.
- Assess community-level perception, awareness, and responses to both climate-related and conflict-related warnings.
- Deliver training to enumerators on the data collection tools and process.
- Develop analytical reports with practical, evidence-based recommendations for policy and programmatic action.

2. Methodology

The consultant is encouraged to propose an adaptive, context-specific methodology that integrates both qualitative and quantitative research approaches. A mixed-method research design is essential, incorporating participatory techniques and standardized assessment frameworks. The assessment process should include close collaboration with:

- Local communities
- Local government authorities
- Other relevant stakeholders

The consultant is expected to ensure ethical standards throughout the assignment, including informed consent, confidentiality, and community safety.

3. Duties and Responsibilities

The consultant will be responsible for:

- Designing and validating data collection tools and protocols.
- Delivering a one-day training to enumerators responsible for field data collection.

- Supervising data collection for six days to ensure quality, consistency, and adherence to ethical guidelines.
- Screening, cleaning, and analyzing the collected data.
- Writing and submitting an assessment report based on data findings.
- Engaging stakeholders throughout the process for input and validation of findings.
- Presenting the key findings to community and consortium stakeholders.

4. Qualifications and Preferred Skills

Education

- A degree in Environmental Science, Natural Resource Management, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Development Studies, Peace and Conflict Studies, or a related field.

Experience

- At least 5 years of professional experience conducting DRR, climate vulnerability, and conflict assessments.
- Demonstrated experience in developing tools and methodologies for inclusive assessments, particularly in contexts where climate risks and conflict intersect.
- Proven capacity to facilitate training and supervise fieldwork.
- Submission of at least three samples of previous, relevant consultancy work.

Other Requirements

- Submit a technical proposal detailing the proposed methodology, work plan, and timeline.
- Submit a financial proposal with cost breakdown.
- Submit CVs of the lead consultant and core team members.
- Provide an initial work plan and availability for the 24-day consultancy period.

5. Deliverables

The consultant, under the guidance of the SSF III Project Manager and in collaboration with consortium partners, will be responsible for the following deliverables:

- **Inception Report** – Outlining methodology, work plan, and tools
- **Enumerator Training Session** – One-day training for data collection team
- **Field Supervision Report** – Daily monitoring of fieldwork over six days

- **Data Screening and Analysis Summary** – Overview of cleaned and organized data
- **Final Mapping and Assessment Report** – Comprehensive report with findings and recommendations
- **Stakeholder Presentation** – Share and validate findings with stakeholders and communities

6. Duration of Consultancy

- The assignment is expected to be completed in 24 working days within June and July 2025

7. Confidentiality

- The consultant must exercise discretion and confidentiality, refraining from sharing training outputs outside the consortium without express permission.

8. Code of conduct

- Because the consortium work is based on deeply held values and principles, it is essential that our commitment to children's rights and humanitarian principles is supported and demonstrated by all members of staff. The consortium Code of Conduct sets out the standards which all staff members must adhere to.

9. Property rights

- All data that will be collected should be considered as consortium properties and may not be used for other purposes.

10. Salary

- Salary will be based on the consultant's qualifications and experience.

11. Application process

Interested candidates should submit the following;

- a. Updated CV highlighting relevant experience.
- b. Cover letter outlining the approach to conducting assessment informs on the inter-relatedness/linkage of conflict and climate induced crisis areas.
- c. Proven experience in writing necessary tools and information for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Information and Early warning (CIEW) systems.
- d. Proven record/prior work of vulnerability assessments/mappings in similar contexts.
- e. Contact details for 3 professional references

All Applications should be submitted to: **Procurement @psasomalia.org** on or **before 22nd June 2025 at 11:59 pm** in the subject line **“climate early warning assessment consultant”**