

**Lowland Resilience Project (LRP)
Backbone Support Activity
Concept to support coordination and
partnership building for resilience
6/16/2021**

Why backbone support for coordination and partnership building?

- 2015/2016- 2017/2018: **US\$2.7 - 2.8 billion** the total estimated budget resource allocated to Somali Region- 43% domestic support and 57% external DA and HA
- 2018/2019 the estimated figure for Somali region is **US\$1.2 billion** – 59% -domestic support and 41%- international assistance.

(Source: Somali Region and UNDP resource mapping report, 15 March 2019).

- PSNP beneficiaries (2019) **Somali:1,673,009** **Afar:562,082**
- *“The level of coordination lags the level of investment because of the wide geographic and sectoral range of resilience investments and the large number of projects and funding streams involved. Coordination between livelihoods and humanitarian programs is, at times, ‘strained’ as a result of different perspectives on priorities*

(Source: Mapping Resilience Investments and Coordination Structures in Ethiopia USAID 2017).

- USAID experience on coordination: e.g. PLI II-Policy Tufts , PRIME consortium, etc. continuity issue

Why coordination and partnership building now?

- **USAID evidences:** comprehensive resilience programming improved resilience capacities and reduced humanitarian needs during crisis. E.g. PRIME IE, PSNP-CBHI integration; USAID Project concept than activity focus.
- Increased investment opportunities **realized the need for coordination** and encouraged also by the reform agenda of the current GoE.
 - WB/IFAD financed \$430 Million LLRP
 - USAID- RiPAs, EU-RESET, GCC, GiZ-DRSLP, PSNP 5,
- The unique **enabling policy** environment –National Pastoral Development Policy aimed at improving coordination for DA and HA,
- The new **CSA** opportunities and emerging interest for public private partnership
- **MoP showed commitment and requested for TA** from USAID to exercise its mandate improve coordination with LLRP they are managing and other resilience activities in the lowlands

Suggested approach and purpose for LRP Backbone Support Activity

Engagement Level	Major purpose	Interventions e.g.	Expected results e.g.	Lead/TA
USAID	<i>Inter-office</i> LRP partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate selected TWGs LRP CLA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased resilience capacities, Reduced HA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LRP lead, R2 Office
National Lowland Resilience Coordination/ Partnership	<i>Cross Sectoral Strategic</i> partnership building for lowland areas resilience building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen/establish national resilience coordination platform Support operationalization of the National Pastoral Development Policy Support CLA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmonized approach/ guidelines: e.g. NRM, Livelihoods diversification, CMDRR, policy revision & scaling up good practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MoP/Academic institutions & Contractors
Regional- Lowland Resilience Coordination/ Partnership	<i>Cross sectoral Programming</i> partnership for Resilience capacities building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen coordination & partnership building: PSNP, LLRP, RiPA, EU Reset, ... Joint monitoring and learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint initiatives Improved food security/ reduced HA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional GoE/Academic institution/USAID regional Coord.
Woreda- Lowland Resilience Coordination/ Partnership (12 pilots)	Improved Resilience Capacities of HHs and Community Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree on common vision based on NPDP Partnership building for layering, sequencing, and integration where feasible Joint workplan development for comprehensive programming, Support implementation of joint plan & learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintained food security during shocks/crisis Reduced HA Improved income and nutrition outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woreda GoE/Academic institution/DPs
Cluster coordination/ partnership- NE, SE and SO	Cross regional coordination and partnership for social cohesion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish and facilitate inclusive cluster level cross regional coordination platforms for selected thematic areas. E.g. NRM, Livestock marketing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equitable access to natural resources and market routs for conflicting communities Improved food security 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional GoE/ Academic institution/ USAID regional Coord