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**SOMALI CASH
CONSORTIUM**

April 2025 to May 2026

Cash assistance to support crisis-affected Somali households, and prevent famine

Due to worsening drought, nearly **6.5 million Somalis** are expected to face crisis levels of hunger in 2026. More than **1.8 Somali children aged under five** will face acute malnutrition.

The Somali Cash Consortium (SCC), which Concern leads, has been operational since 2018. The consortium is currently comprised of ACTED, COOPI, DRC, NRC, SCI, ACF, and IMPACT Initiatives. The objective of the SCC, during the reporting period, was to meet the immediate needs of over **32,000 households** vulnerable to flooding, drought, and displacement due to conflict.

Households were provided with unconditional cash transfers every three months, and referred to health, nutrition, WASH, and protection services provided by other humanitarian partners.



KEY ACHIEVEMENT

Total amount of cash transferred:

€10.8M →

sent to

32,610 households

supporting

195,664 people.

Of the assisted households,

82%

considered the assistance safe, accessible and accountable.

How do we understand food security?

THE FOOD CONSUMPTION SCORE

The Food Consumption Score (FCS) is based on how often a family eats, and the diversity of their diet. The FCS is calculated by asking how often a family eats food items from the nine different food groups over a seven-day period.

THE MINIMUM EXPENDITURE BASKET

The Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) is defined as what a household requires in order to meet basic needs – on a regular or seasonal basis – and its average cost. When the income of a family meets or exceeds the MEB, they do not have to resort to negative coping strategies.

THE LIVELIHOOD COPING STRATEGY INDEX

The Livelihood Coping Strategy Index (LCSI) measures the extent of coping strategies that households must undertake to meet essential needs. The LCSI is calculated by asking families about the coping strategies they employed within the last 30 days. Families are assigned a score according to the most severe coping strategies applied, such as selling of livestock.

IMPACT

The percentage of households with an acceptable *Food Consumption Score* (FCS) increased from 9% at baseline to

51%



Households with total monthly expenditure exceeding the *Minimum Expenditure Basket* (MEB) increased significantly from 10% to

51%



Indicating a significant reduction in the use of negative coping strategies, the average *Livelihood Coping Strategy Index* (LCSI) for supported households reduced from 34% to

64%

