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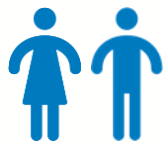
WFP Somalia

Gender policy update

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Gender landscape in Somalia



17.6 million

estimated Somalia population
49.4% women and 50.6% men



0.776

gender inequality index
1 denotes complete gender inequality

The WFP in Somalia country strategic plan (CSP) 2022-25 is aligned to the gender transformative programming



Women are at the core and not the fringes of WFP's SP programming!

Casted around the overarching objective of : Enhancing women's digital financial inclusion and socio-economic empowerment and safeguarding them against social risks

Safety Net, School Feeding and Women!

- 100% principal recipients of Baxnaano and 72% of shock response interventions are women
- Inclusion of women in community selection committees
- The safety net seeks to bridge immediate consumption deficits through cash transfers while addressing longer-term transformational objectives (digital financial inclusion, social and economic empowerment, human capital etc.) through complimentary programming
- Safeguard women against the potential risk of GBV through enhanced awareness and improved reporting and referral mechanism
- Opportunities for referral into nutrition services
- Exploring opportunities for retaining girls in the education system and where possible linking women food producer groups with market opportunities through home grown school feeding programme

Key Achievements

- 200,000 women across 843 villages reached through predictable cash transfers over 36 months - stabilization in household consumption patterns - (MOLSA TPM)
- 50 percent increase in the independent use of mobile money by supported women (Feedback from participating women in digital financial inclusion training)
- 66% Baxnaano recipients exercise absolute control over the use of project resources, others deciding jointly with their spouse (MOLSA TPM)
- Adoption of a context specific digital financial inclusion initiative based on user journey analysis
- Several rounds of behavior change communication imparted to induce a positive health seeking behavior - 3% increase in take up of nutrition services (challenged by supply-side constraints in remote Baxnaano villages)

Women's Economic Empowerment and Livelihoods Resilience (Pilot project) in Somaliland **(In progress)**

- Organizing SNHCP recipients into viable social groups in Gabiley district of Somaliland.
- Master training in financial numeracy, business development skills and provision of seed grant to scale up initiated livelihood activities
- The project seeks to provide women with **income generation opportunities, create inclusive digital financial capability and strengthen the existing lending and savings groups**





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