## Final Evaluation Report On the Project Entitled

'Empowerment, Promotion of Rights and Improvements of the Socioeconomic Situation of Women in Two Areas of Somali Region Ethiopia'

## **Brief information of the Project**

The project is entitled "Empowerment, promotion of rights and improvement of the socioeconomical situation of women in two areas of the Somali Region, Ethiopia" the program is funded by AECID and the target location are Dollobay and Dhekasuftu that are situated in Afder and Liben zones respectively. The overall objective of the project is to provide supportive actions to reduce vulnerability, diversify livelihoods and improve livelihoods of pastoral and agro pastoralists, in particular women through enhancing and improving access to irrigation, entrepreneurship skills and diversified household income.

Project Code	2019-PRYC-000270
Geographical Coverage	Dollobay and Dheka districts of Afdher and Liban zones Somali regional state.
Project Duration	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020 – 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2022
Implementing Partner	Pastoralist Concern (PC)
Donor Partner	MMG-AECID
Abbreviation	AECID-19

The project had been implemented through the funding support from AECID in partnership with Medicus Mundi Gipuzkoa. The project is designed as a two years program with the intention to improve the economic situation of pastoralist women on the areas of small-scale irrigation-based cultivation, improved animal fattening that would enable to expand women's engagement in promising economic activities and lead to ensure diversified business alternatives reinforced with access to credit and seed capital. Strengthening the cooperatives management, enhancement of the market component, introduction of literacy service, reducing the negative impact of FGM and improving the capacity of partners and the implementing partners.

The project was implemented in 31 kebeles (17 in Dheka and 14 in Dollobay) through targeting 15,700 beneficiaries under the four thematic outcomes:

- Promoting alternative income sources for pastoralists and agropastoralist women;
- Promoting access and quality of social services for women and girls;
- Promoting sexual and reproductive rights & gender equality at community and government level;
- Strengthening institutional capacities of local authorities, cooperatives and PC

The purpose of the evaluation was to examine the extent to which the expected results are achieved and the level of changes observed on the life and livelihood of target beneficiaries. The evaluation focused on assessing the extent to which changes are realized at individual HH, group and community levels. The five evaluation criteria (relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability) are applied in in the process of the evaluation through collecting quantitative and qualitative data and information. The quantitative assessment employed HH questionnaires on systematically sampled 120 direct beneficiaries (60 per target woreda).

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