Minorities in Somalia/Somaliland

MARGINALISED  ≠ MINORITY

Cluster is working towards a common definition

Members of major clans who are outside their stronghold area are marginalised but are not minority

No access to Xeer (customary justice - elders)

Worse and more frequent discrimination
### Main minorities in Somalia/Somaliland

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What can agencies do?

- **Be aware**, expect and actively counter social discrimination.
- **Work with minority led NGOs** (but they need funding).
- **Meet** with minority communities without major clan members present.
- **Push back** if you are told it is "too sensitive".
- **Don't exclusively rely** on local political leaders (e.g. to provide lists or references).
- **Read** the Minority Inclusion Learning Review and share with colleagues.
- **Ask staff the difficult questions** about their clans and clan relationships with local powerholders.
- **Don't expect anyone to report aid diversion** by someone in one clan to a person who shares a clan background.
- **Identify beneficiaries** by random sampling and not via gatekeepers or from existing lists.
FSC & Minority Inclusion

- MRG representatives from the LRDO incorporated in the regional/state coordination hubs.
- FSC represented at the Cluster Inclusion Focal Points Working Group.
- Community-based Targeting Guidelines includes Minority inclusion as responsibility for agency staff and the Community Selection Committee.
- FSC continues to support staff during coordination meeting on information sharing, all-inclusion consultations with the affected people and strengthening of Community Feedback Mechanisms.
**Minority-led NGOs**

**DYDO**  
Daami Youth Development Organisation  
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- Daami IDP camp Hargeisa  
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**LRDO**  
Livelihood Relief and Development Organisation  
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**MCAN**  
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**MRDO**  
Midnimo Relief and Development Organisation  
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**PMWDO**  
Puntland Minority Women’s Development Organisation  
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- Hiraan
- Garowe
- Puntland

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