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President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud Meets Farmers on Market Access; ADC Presents AgriLift

> **Hosted by Agriculture Minister Mohamed Abdi Hayir (Maareeye), the meeting brought farmers' concerns before the President as ADC outlined a proposed programme connecting inputs, finance and markets.**



President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud meets farmers and agribusiness representatives at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Mogadishu, 25 November 2026. Photo: Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

Mogadishu, 25 November 2026 — President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud met farmers, traders and agribusiness representatives at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation to discuss agricultural production and the challenges farmers face in bringing their produce to market.

The meeting was hosted by H.E. Mohamed Abdi Hayir (Maareeye), Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation. Agro Development Company (ADC) participated through its Chairperson, Abdirahim Macaani Muuse; Chief Executive Officer, Mohamed Dahir Abukar; and members of its Board.

Presidential attention to farmers' concerns

Participants raised concerns about checkpoints, transport costs, damaged roads, irrigation, flooding and access to markets. These issues affect both the cost of producing a crop and the income farmers retain from its sale.

According to the Somali National News Agency (SONNA), President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud reaffirmed the Federal Government's commitment to supporting business, protecting private investment and creating conditions in which businesses can operate securely. He also emphasised the need to balance national security measures with the movement of goods and commercial activity.

The meeting provided an opportunity for farmers and agribusinesses to bring practical concerns directly to the President and the Ministry. For ADC, the discussion highlighted the importance of connecting production support with a workable route to market.

AgriLift: connecting production with demand



Farmers, traders and agribusiness representatives at the meeting in Mogadishu, 25 November 2026. Photo: Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

During his presentation, Mohamed Dahir Abukar outlined ADC's work in fertilizer supply, input distribution and farmer organisation. He introduced AgriLift, a proposed programme designed to connect farmers with quality inputs, access to finance and opportunities in local and international markets.

The approach starts with a practical question: who will buy the crop, in what quantity, at what quality and when? Answering these questions before planting can help farmers and partners plan production around demand.

A successful harvest must also lead to a worthwhile sale. Inputs need to arrive on time, produce must meet buyers' requirements, and transport and production costs must leave farmers with a return.

Starting with 500 hectares of maize

AgriLift is planned to begin with a 500-hectare maize pilot across South West and Hirshabelle States during Gu 2027, within a broader ambition to reach 3,000 hectares.

Maize is the programme's starting crop. Expansion to other crops and locations would depend on market demand, pilot results and confirmed partner commitments. Local and international opportunities would be assessed against buyer requirements and commercial viability.

ADC is the proposed implementing company. The programme remains in design, with financing arrangements, farmer eligibility and purchasing terms to be agreed before implementation.

An opportunity for practical partnerships

ADC welcomes discussions with buyers, processors, financial institutions, input suppliers and development partners interested in shaping the pilot.

Prospective buyers can help define crop specifications, quantities and delivery schedules before planting. Suppliers, financiers and technical partners can explore how to coordinate inputs, appropriate financing and production support within a defined initial scope.

The pilot should be assessed through practical outcomes: timely input delivery, produce meeting agreed requirements, completed sales, payment times and farmers' returns after costs. These results would inform expansion.

Farmers also called for regular engagement with government, a call ADC supports. Clear responsibilities and sustained follow-up can help translate the presidential discussion into improvements along the route from farm to market.

To explore an AgriLift partnership, contact info@agrodev.so and indicate your area of interest.

About ADC

Agro Development Company is a Somali agribusiness working in agricultural inputs, farmer organisation and programme delivery. ADC develops partnerships to connect input supply, production support and market access.

ABOUT ADC

Agro Development Company (ADC) is a private Somali company working in agricultural inputs, farmer organisation and programme delivery. ADC supplies certified fertilizer, works with 3,000 registered farmers in South West and Hirshabelle States, and is a Strategic Implementation Partner of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. ADC is ISO 9001:2015 certified and registered on the UN Global Marketplace (No. 1221175).

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