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ADC leads emergency response to restore Shabelle River crossings

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A collapsed bridge section is lifted out of the Shabelle River during the emergency response led by ADC, Sabiib–Caanoole, near Afgooye, Lower Shabelle, April 2026.

Mogadishu, 22 April 2026 — Collapsed bridge structures on the Shabelle River in Lower and Middle Shabelle had blocked river flow, disrupted irrigation and cut farmers off from markets. After field teams documented the damage, Agro Development Company (ADC) wrote on 14 April 2026 to the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Defence of the Federal Government of Somalia, setting out the evidence and four recommendations for an emergency response.



Debris and a fallen bridge structure blocking the Shabelle River before clearance, Lower Shabelle, April 2026.

On 22 April 2026, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation convened a consultation of federal ministries, the Somali Disaster Management Agency, the private sector and community representatives, chaired by H.E. Mohamed Abdi Hayir (Maareeye), Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation. Five institutions each contributed USD 10,000, a total of USD 50,000: the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Somali Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Hormuud Salaam Foundation, Hass Petroleum Somalia and ADC. All five contributions were paid in full. ADC was designated to collect the funds and lead the implementation.



The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation convenes ministries, the private sector and community representatives on the Shabelle River emergency, Mogadishu, 22 April 2026.



The Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Minister of Defence at the consultation on the Shabelle River emergency, Mogadishu, 22 April 2026.

The work focused on removing iron debris from collapsed bridge structures and restoring river flow at priority crossings. In June 2026, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation acknowledged in writing the clearance of the Sabiib–Caanoole channel (ref. WB&W/XAG/402/2026).

The response shows how farmers' problems can move quickly from the field to coordinated action by government, the private sector and communities.

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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