

Press Release

Somalia Commemorates World Food Day and Somali Farmers' Day 2025

Mogadishu, Somalia – October 16, 2025: The Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (MoAI), in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP), commemorated World Food Day and Somali Farmers' Day in Mogadishu under the global theme *“Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future.”*

The event was officially opened by the Director General of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Mr. Mohamed Hassan Abdulle, and brought together senior government officials, representatives from UN agencies, development partners, private sector actors, cooperatives, and farmer associations. The commemoration served as a platform to highlight the resilience of Somali farmers, the progress made in strengthening national food systems, and the collective commitment to eradicating hunger and malnutrition across the country.

In his opening statement, the Director General of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Mr. Mohamed Hassan Abdulle, emphasized the critical role of farmers in driving Somalia's food systems transformation, stating:

“Today, we honor the hard work and determination of Somali farmers who continue to feed our nation under challenging conditions. As we commemorate World Food Day, we reaffirm our collective responsibility to build stronger, more inclusive, and sustainable food systems that leave no one behind.”

Representing the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Mr. Ezana Kassa, Head of Programme, reflected on FAO's longstanding partnership with Somalia, stating:

“This year marks 80 years of FAO's global service and 45 years of partnership with Somalia — a journey of solidarity, innovation, and progress towards a hunger-free future.”

The World Food Programme (WFP), through Ms. Michele Kiermeier, Deputy Head of Programme, reaffirmed its continued collaboration with national institutions and partners to advance food security and nutrition, noting:

“WFP is committed to ensure that no one is left behind. We are investing in nutrition-sensitive approaches, implementing school feeding programs, and leveraging digital tools to empower communities. These efforts are designed to help individuals make informed choices and to strengthen local food systems.”

The Ministry expressed its deep appreciation to all development and humanitarian partners for their unwavering collaboration in advancing Somalia's food security and agricultural transformation agenda. The joint commemoration of World Food Day and Somali Farmers' Day reaffirmed Somalia's collective vision of achieving a food-secure and prosperous future — where farmers are at the center of national development.

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