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Executive Summary

The 2026 Deyr season is forecast to be exceptionally wet. The ICPAC-led Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF-74) gives up to a 90% probability of above-normal October–December rainfall across large parts of central and southern Somalia (FAO Somalia, September 2026), and FAO's lead meteorologist described this as an exceptionally strong wet signal (FAO Somalia, September 2026). Both NAPAD districts were among the worst affected in the last comparable season: during the 2023 Deyr floods the Juba River overtopped its banks at Doolow and Luuq, about 30,000 people were displaced in Luuq and 24,000 in Doolow, and some 2,400 people were trapped by floodwater in Luuq district (OCHA Flash Update No. 6, 8 November 2023; OCHA Situation Report, 26 December 2023). These shocks would fall on a population already under strain: 5.1 million people nationally were in IPC Phase 3 or above in July–September 2026, projected to rise to 5.4 million by December (IPC Somalia, 2026). he operational priorities are: (i) monitor official warnings and river conditions; (ii) map flood-prone settlements, Tvulnerable households, relocation sites and access constraints;

(iii) pre-position essential WASH, shelter/NFI and other emergency supplies subject to resources; (iv) disseminate accessible early warnings with actionable messages; (v) implement anticipatory measures where credible triggers are reached; and (vi) undertake rapid, coordinated needs assessment and life-saving response where flooding occurs. The proposed rapid assessment objective is within 72 hours of activation, where access and security permit.

What we are Doing

1. **Prepare:** We are mapping flood-prone villages, safe routes and relocation sites, pre-positioning hygiene, water-treatment and shelter supplies, and training community volunteers.
2. **Warn and act early:** We watch official forecasts and Juba River levels daily. When risk rises, we send warnings in Somali through SMS, WhatsApp, mosques, community leaders and public-address systems. We reach households without phones through house-to-house outreach.
3. **Respond –** If flooding happens, we aim to complete a rapid needs assessment within 72 hours, where access and security allow. We will deliver safe water, hygiene support, emergency shelter items, cash and health referrals together.
4. **Recover and learn** – From January 2027 we will restore water and livelihood assets, review what worked with communities and authorities, and improve the plan.

Anticipatory action: readiness and activation actions

Early actions are implemented in two phases. Phase 1 readiness actions begin when the readiness trigger is reached and use NAPAD's existing programme resources and systems, without additional cost. Phase 2 activation actions are delivered within the lead time of up to 15 days once activation trigger is reached.

Phase	Early action	Delivery
1 – Readiness	Disseminate forecast and flood-risk information through DRR committees, using Food Security Cluster joint messages in local dialect: expected timing, high-risk areas and household actions (early harvest of mature crops, clearing drainage, repairing canal intakes)	Ongoing through NAPAD DRR programming

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1 – Readiness	Map riverbank breach points, low-bank sections and damaged irrigation canals	ABC data, joint assessments, FRRIMS breakage updates, field verification
1 – Readiness	Assess community water infrastructure along the river at high flood risk and define flood-proofing works	Rapid field verification
1 – Readiness	Initiate arrangements with the regional WASH Cluster and UNICEF for hygiene kits and mosquito nets; request quotations from pre-qualified suppliers	NAPAD emergency procurement procedures
1 – Readiness	Identify high-risk households in exposed riverine settlements, low-lying areas and poorly drained IDP sites, and inform them of the risk.	Pre-season review; final registration after trigger
2 – Activation	Actionable warnings through SMS, WhatsApp, Mosques, community leaders, public-address systems and household outreach, in Somali and accessible formats: help-center contacts, timing, areas at risk, evacuation routes and relocation sites.	40 community volunteers (DRR committee members and community health volunteers)
2 – Activation	Clear drainage canals; cash-for-work to reinforce riverbanks and build flood barriers at high-risk breach points, with sandbags requested from line ministries where feasible	120 community members; NAPAD WASH engineer supervision
2 – Activation	Flood-proof community water infrastructure identified as high risk	Contractor supervised by NAPAD WASH engineer; community in-kind materials.

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2 – Activation	Time-bound multipurpose cash before displacement, so households can move to safety and meet food, water, hygiene and shelter needs	650 households; mobile money; value per cash working group guidance and MEB
2 – Activation	Hygiene kits and mosquito nets requested from the UNICEF supply hub in Luuq; NAPAD covers transport, temporary storage and distribution	650 households
2 – Activation	Hygiene promotion on safe sanitation during floods, handwashing, household water treatment, safe faeces disposal and early referral of suspected AWD/cholera	DRR committees and community health volunteers, 1 month
2 – Activation	Protection monitoring during warnings, evacuation and delivery (family separation, exclusion, GBV, accessibility); information on entitlements and the 1777 toll-free hotline	Throughout activation