



## Annual report SME 2025

### **Introduction**

The year 2025 was characterized by two challenging components:

1. Finalizing the project plan of Somaliland foundation Farsamada Qodaalka (FQ) for the coming ten years in such a way that it was realistic within the Somaliland context and good enough for finding funds. FQ has a board of 6 members, for women and two men. They bring in different kinds of knowledge and experience concerning fields like farm management, farm technology and finances.
2. Improving the organization of Arabsiyo Farmer Training Centre in such a way that the needed competencies will be realized. AFTC is the working organization of FQ and responsible for the management, business case, innovation, human resources and communication.

### **Situation of FQ and AFTC**

FQ owns about 10 ha of land, about three ha have been cultivated. AFTC grows crops like salad, tomatoes, spinach and peppers. The products are sold on the local markets. Diseases continuously threaten the crops. Crop protection products are rare and there is less experience with the use of these (organic) resources.

Enough good water is available out of the deep well for the growing of vegetables, but also for drinking water for animals and inhabitants.

AFTC, like the local farmers, works in an old-fashioned way with hand tools. The work is partly done by volunteers.

The plan of AFTC is to innovate, to have better understanding of what the market asks and to cooperate with knowledge institutions and companies with relevant experience.

More photos of the present situation can be seen at the website: <https://sme-holland.org>.

### **The board of FQ**

The board consists of 6 persons, 4 women and two men. The board members have different competences in fields like agriculture, management and finances.

AFTC has a 'director', a young and high educated man. He brings in a lot of knowledge and experience.

### **The board of SME**

The board consists of 4 men, one of these is a Dutchman of Somalian background.

One of the board members, a former inhabitants of Somaliland, visited his homeland two times. He visited in 2025 two times Somaliland and monitored the development. His point of view was positive. The people of FQ and AFTC work hard to realizes better conditions for the local environment.

The board had several meeting, partly physically, partly by digital media.

SME had consultations with the Stichting Somaliërs Haarlem en Omgeving (SSHO). SSHO has a project in Puntland. The chairman visited Arabsiyo to see if and what kind of cooperation could be possible.

### **The framework of the project plan**

The framework for the ten year project plan was realized with the long term goals and perspectives. The plan distinguishes three phases of each three years and one year for unforeseen circumstances. The first three years are important for the success of the other phases. It must create a strong foundation as a cooperative organization, competent staff and contracts with (knowledge) organizations, companies and experienced farms.

The second three years the transition of a vegetable oriented centre it will make a step towards a centre of mixed farming with cattle and chicken. Sustainability is in this phase an important topic like it is in the total project.

The third phase represents a strong community based orientation on sectors like health and hygiene, awareness and education and commitment of young people.

To realize this ambition AFTC needs to scale up from a basic centre to a modern centre with enough quality and cultural land to meet the quality and quantity demands of the market for the longer term.

### **First phase of three years**

In these three years the cooperative organization incorporates many local farmers. Farmers will be organized in cooperative groups of about 20 farmers. Each group has a coordinator, who is trained by AFTC in a train-the-trainer approach.

Experiments and pilots will be done to find out which crops are the best, concerning the quality of the ground and resistance against climate change.

Green houses and drip lines will be constructed during the year 2026.

### **Cooperation and funds**

The application form of Wilde Ganzen has been fulfilled. Consultation with Wilde Ganzen shows that this foundation is prepared to contribute to the development of the Arabsiyo Farmer Training Centre for a maximum of three years. At the end of each year an evaluation has to be done. A positive outcome gives continuation of the financial support. Website Wilde Ganzen: <https://www.wildeganzen.nl/>.

SME has concluded an agreement with the organization Bureau Inzicht. This organization will try to find funds for the AFTC project in their network. Bureau Inzicht has a lot of experience with projects in developing countries and with projects in The Netherlands for refugees.

Website Bureau Inzicht: <https://bureau-inzicht.com/>.

### **Next steps**

1. Supporting FQ to fulfill the application of Wilde Ganzen.
2. Implementation of the cooperation with Bureau Inzicht
3. Participation in the Wilde Week of Wilde Ganzen
4. First steps in execution of the project plan of FQ in the second half of 2026.

**Addendum**

Project plan of FQ for the first three years