

## Somalia Launches Construction of Dhusamareb–Qaridhi (60km) Road under EU-AfDB-Financed Road Infrastructure Programme

Dhusamareb, Galmudug State of Somalia

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The Ministry of Public Works, Reconstruction and Housing of the Federal Government of Somalia has officially launched construction works for the 60-kilometre Dhusamareb–Qaridhi Road in Galmudug State. The groundbreaking ceremony marks a major milestone in Somalia’s ongoing efforts to restore strategic transport corridors and strengthen national connectivity.

The project is financed by the European Union (EU) and African Development Bank (AfDB) under the Road Infrastructure Programme, which aims to improve access, enhance economic integration, and build resilience across key regions of the country.

The ceremony, held in Dhusamareb, was attended by **H.E. Ahmed Abdi Kariye (QoorQoor)**, President of Galmudug State, The minister of Public Works Reconstruction and Housing, Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) **H.E. Ayub Ismail Yusuf**, European Union (EU) Ambassador to Somalia **Francesca Di Mauro** (FGS) senior government officials, representatives of development partners, community leaders, and local stakeholders. The event underscored the Federal Government’s commitment to delivering high-quality infrastructure through strengthened institutional capacity and adherence to international standards.

The Dhusamareb–Qaridhi corridor is a critical link within Galmudug State, serving communities engaged in livestock, trade, and small-scale agriculture. Once completed, the upgraded all-weather road will significantly reduce travel time and vehicle operating costs, facilitate year-round mobility, and improve access to markets, healthcare facilities, schools, and administrative services.

The works will include road upgrading, drainage structures, embankment improvements, and the integration of road safety measures. The project is expected to generate employment opportunities during the construction phase while delivering long-term socio-economic benefits to thousands of residents along the corridor.

The initiative aligns with Somalia’s National Development Plan and supports the AfDB’s strategic priorities on infrastructure development, regional integration, and inclusive growth. By improving connectivity and reducing transport bottlenecks, the project contributes to strengthening economic activity and social cohesion in Galmudug State.

The groundbreaking ceremony symbolizes renewed momentum in Somalia’s infrastructure recovery and highlights the continued partnership between the Federal Government of Somalia and the African Development Bank in advancing sustainable development outcomes.

## PHOTO CAPTION SHEET

**Project:** Dhusamareb–Qaridhi Road (60 km)  
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**Programme:** Road Infrastructure Programme  
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### Photo 1:

Groundbreaking ceremony for the Dhusamareb–Qaridhi Road (60 km) in Dhusamareb, Galmudug State, officially launching EU and AfDB-financed construction works under the Road Infrastructure Programme.



**Photo 2:**

H.E. Ahmed Abdi Kariye (QoorQoor), President of Galmudug State, Minister of Public Works FGS and EU Ambassador addressed the attendees during the groundbreaking ceremony of the Dhusamareb–Qaridhi Road project.



**Photo 3:**

Representatives of the Federal Government of Somalia and development partners participate in the ceremonial launch of the 60-kilometre Dhusamareb–Qaridhi Road.



**Photo 4:**

Community members and local leaders attend the groundbreaking event marking the start of road construction works in Galmudug State.



**Photo 5:**

Project site view along the Dhusamareb–Qaridhi corridor prior to commencement of upgrading works

