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 **SHF** Somalia Humanitarian Fund 

PROJECT NAME: EMERGENCY PROVISION OF WASH SERVICES TO THE FLOOD AFFECTED POPULATIONS IN JOWHAR

WATER TRUCKING ACTIVITIES TO 4,000 BENEFICIARIES

JOWHAR, HIRSHABELLE STATE OF SOMALIA

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Provision of clean water to Jowhar IDP camps of Middle, Shabelle Region, Somalia.

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Message From The Country Director

2021 was full of ups and down as the Covid-19 disease and its many variants roared its ugly head. **This impacted and affected our operations, our staff, the livelihood of the communities we serve and our partner's support.** Despite these challenges, our gallant staff were always in frontline ensuring that the most needy of our society was attended to and provided with the critical services they needed.

We ensured that **Covid-19 containment measures are put in place as a safeguard to both our staff and right holders.** We continuously updated and implemented our Business Continuity Plans (BCP, 2020) which was developed in the year 2020 during the initial waves of Covid-19. The BCP provided platform for us to deliver our work, but also safeguarding our staff's health, safety, security and dignity.

I also wish to appreciate the continuous support of our fundraising partners and donors for their flexibility and accommodation. Through this flexibility, we continuously received funding to establish, and **strengthened Risk Communication and Community Engagement Strategy on Covid-19 prevention,** while implementing and delivering on our traditional Humanitarian and integrated Livelihood and Economic Empowerment programmes.

Overall, **we raised a total \$9.6M, reaching 1,153,781 persons** across Somalia and I appreciate every member of our team both local and international for this achievement.

As part of our improved quality assurance, I want to also thank our Country Management Team who despite the very challenges of Covid-19, the existing safety and insecurity environment in Somalia, **took their mandate of leadership seriously and visited all our 13 out of the 15 IRS field offices and various projects.**

“We achieved a lot in 2021. Insha’Allah, together with all your support, we look forward to 2022 with confidence to deliver on our esteemed values and mission.”

The objective of the mission which was carried out in the last quarter of the 2021 was to meet with the staff, communities we are serving, government and local authorities and hear their testimonies, inspecting the quality of work delivered and interacting on real time with our stakeholders. We were able to draw lessons learned for continuous improvement and appreciate the contribution we are making to the vulnerable population in our society.

I led the monitoring trip of the CMT and it indeed created a sense of appreciation and commitment on what our staff were doing in the very remote villages ensuring that we deliver our commitment, our promise and our IR values. **We will continue with this type of monitoring in the year 2022 and beyond** to further bolster and motivate our field team and get closer to the community.

Just to mention our STAR deliverables for the year 2021 based on its impact.

- IR installed a lifesaving two Oxygen plants for both Covid-19 patients support and other Hospital needs in (i) Qardho District Hospital in Puntland and (ii) Medina General Hospital in Mogadishu.
- IR constructed a market sheds and financed women (VSLA) groups association in Baidoa and Qardho in Puntland for women economic empowerment.

- IR provided oxygen cylinders and concentrators to Hargeisa Group Hospital with a view to fight covid-19 pandemic
- We provided **Emergency Borehole maintenance kits of a complete rig machines, Altoscope compressor rigs,** and built capacity of the government water technicians for the Ministry of water and Natural Resources in Somaliland and Puntland Water Development Agency in Puntland.
- In partnership with WFP and SIDA, we implemented a **Shock Responsive Safety Nets for Human Capital Project and Desert locust prevention,** in Middle Shabelle and Sanaag region; targeted and provided intergrated responses in hard to reach areas of Birdale and Dinsor in South West State regions.

Success of our projects and programmes is indeed a hallmark of team work and with this, I also want to appreciate IRW Programme quality and our East Africa Regional Office in Kenya **for identifying Somalia office for global CHS audit.** IRW confidence with IR Somalia was emphasized by the result of the audit exercise which, I dare say, was exemplary. **IRW was finally recertified** following the audit exercise where Somalia was one of the full audit countries.

Last but not least, as our 5-year strategy (2017 to 2021) has come to an end in the year 2021, we are now waiting for the IRW Board approval of New Global strategy (2022 and beyond.) so that we start our country level strategic plan for the next 5 years.

During this transition, our Country Business Plans for the year 2022 is well stipulated with clear targets and milestone and will hold in place until new strategy is finalized and adopted for 2022.

IR Somalia team remain committed to our global values of Ikhlas, Ihsan, Rahma, Adl, Amana in all our work. We are aware of the generosity of our partners and donors and appreciate their roles in shaping and guiding our work with the right holders. Without them, we would not have reached where we are today.

On behalf of the Management, I would like to thank everyone who supported IR Somalia in the year 2021, and to our committed frontline staff and to our right holders, I thank you sincerely and salute you.

Despite all the challenges, from climate related crisis such as protracted drought emergencies, to desert locust invasion, to economic hardship experienced by the displaced vulnerable groups, to conflict and insecurity and Covid-19 pandemic, **We achieved a lot in 2021. Insha’Allah, together with all your support, we look forward to 2022 with confidence to deliver on our esteemed values and mission.**

Thank you for reading our stories and supporting us.

Aliow Mohamed,
Country Director, Islamic Relief Somalia

IRW Background

Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) is an international relief and development charity which envisages a caring world where people unite to respond to the suffering of others, empowering them to fulfill their potential.

We are an independent humanitarian organization founded in UK in 1984 with a presence in over 40 countries around the globe. We provide help where it is needed most and whenever we are best placed to assist. Responding to disasters and emergencies, Islamic Relief promotes sustainable economic and social development by working with local communities—regardless of race, religion or gender.

Islamic Relief currently has development programmes in more than 32 countries in Africa, Asia, Middle East and Eastern Europe.

Islamic Relief works in six main sectors: sustainable livelihoods, education, health and nutrition, child welfare, water and sanitation, emergency relief and disaster preparedness.

Islamic Relief has a consultative status (special category) with economic and social council of the United Nations, is a full member of British NGOs for Overseas Development (BOND) and has framework of Partnership with various donors and partners, and is a signatory of the Code of Conduct for the international Red Crescent Movements, NGOs in Disaster Relief.

Farming using irrigation in Kubbo Village, Puntland, Somalia



Our Vision

Inspired by our Islamic faith and guided by our values we envisage "a caring world where communities are empowered, social obligations are fulfilled and people respond as one to the suffering of the others"

Our Values

Following Prophetic Guidance We remain guided by the timeless values and teachings provided by the revelations contained within the Qur'an and the prophetic example, most specifically:

- Social Justice
- Sincerity
- Excellence
- Compassion
- Custodianship

Our Mission

Exemplifying our Islamic values, we will mobilize resources, build partnerships, and develop local capacity as we work to:

- Enable communities to mitigate the effect of disasters prepare for their occurrence and respond by providing relief, protection and recovery.
- Promote integrated development and environmental custodianship with a focus on sustainable livelihoods
- Support the marginalized and vulnerable to voice their needs and address root causes of poverty

Somaliland
IR provided Emergency Borehole maintenance kits of rig machines, compressor rigs, and built capacity of the government water technicians for the Ministry of water and Natural Resources in Somaliland and Puntland Water Development Agency in Puntland

IR provided Oxygen Cylinders and concentrators to Hargeisa Group Hospital with a view to fight Covid-19 pandemic.

Puntland
IR installed a lifesaving Oxygen plants for both Covid-19 patients support and other Hospital needs in Qardho District Hospital in Puntland. This will contribute to Puntland government and global war in fighting Covid-19

Southern Region
IR provided housing facilities for IDPs in Baidoa through its CCCM and shelter programming, reaching the most vulnerable displaced groups.

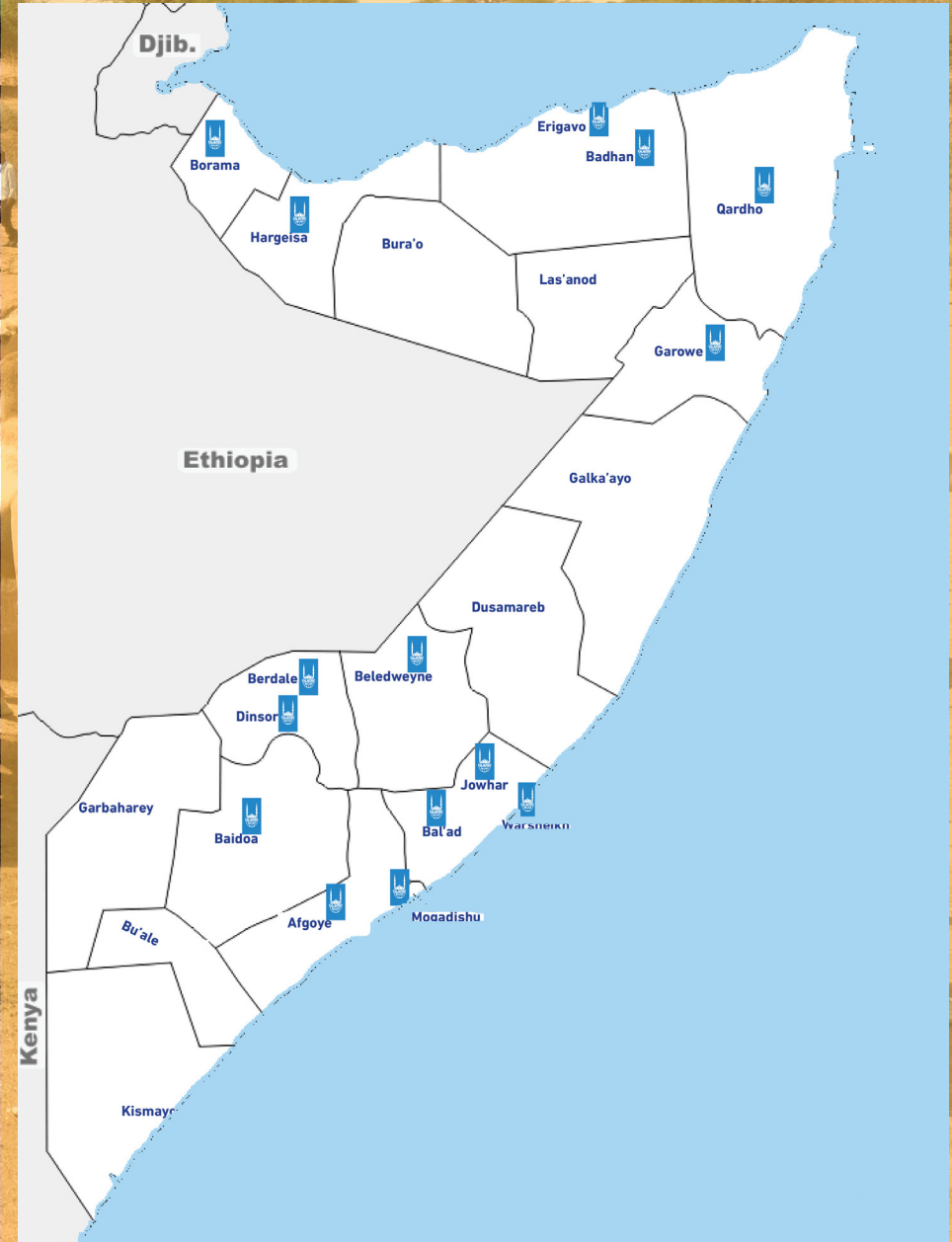
A mother and her son fetches water at Nugal.



Camels at Odwayne Village borehole water point, Somaliland.



Our Operational Areas/Project Sites





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Oodi	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
1	Abashiro Dhigo	Ag Libaan Dabaka Dhalo	Gobadin Heed Shurburo	
2	Siim jama Gobadin Heed Shurburo	Abashiro Dhigo	Ag Libaan Dabaka Dhalo	Gobadin Heed Shurburo
3	Ag Libaan Dabaka Dhalo	Abashiro Dhigo	Siim jama Gobadin Heed Shurburo	
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Provision of training to farmers in Magalo-Ad, Somaliland.

Islamic Relief has continued to contribute to the wellbeing of people in need in Somalia since 2006. Islamic Relief responded to the needs of conflict and drought affected population through provision of life saving assistance. We work to provide immediate humanitarian relief and long-term sustainable development. We work in 4 (four) main programmatic sectors in Somalia targeting vulnerable communities mostly in rural and remote underserved areas, and IDP camps.

Islamic Relief Somali key thematic areas:

1. Food Security Livelihood and Economic Empowerment
2. Health
3. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
4. Humanitarian Relief & Recovery

The following cross-cutting themes/sub-sectors also being implemented across IRS programmes in supplementing the above main sectors.

- » Child Welfare and Sponsorship
- » Education in Emergencies
- » Seasonal Programmes (Ramadhan and Qurbani)
- » Safeguarding, protection and Gender inclusion

IR Somalia Strategic Goals

Goal 1: Reduced humanitarian impact of conflicts and natural disasters

- **Strategic Objective 1.1:** Reduce the suffering and losses resulting from conflict or natural disasters
- **Strategic Objective 1.2:** Provide timely, adequate and relevant emergency assistance for people affected by conflict or natural disasters.
- **Strategic Objective 1.3:** Households and communities affected by disasters are supported to rebuild their livelihoods.

Goal 2: Communities are empowered to emerge from poverty and vulnerability

- **Strategic Objective 2.1:** Increase assets, income, food security and access to employment opportunities for poor households
- **Strategic Objective 2.2:** Improve quality of life for vulnerable groups, particularly women and children, through investments in education, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), and health services



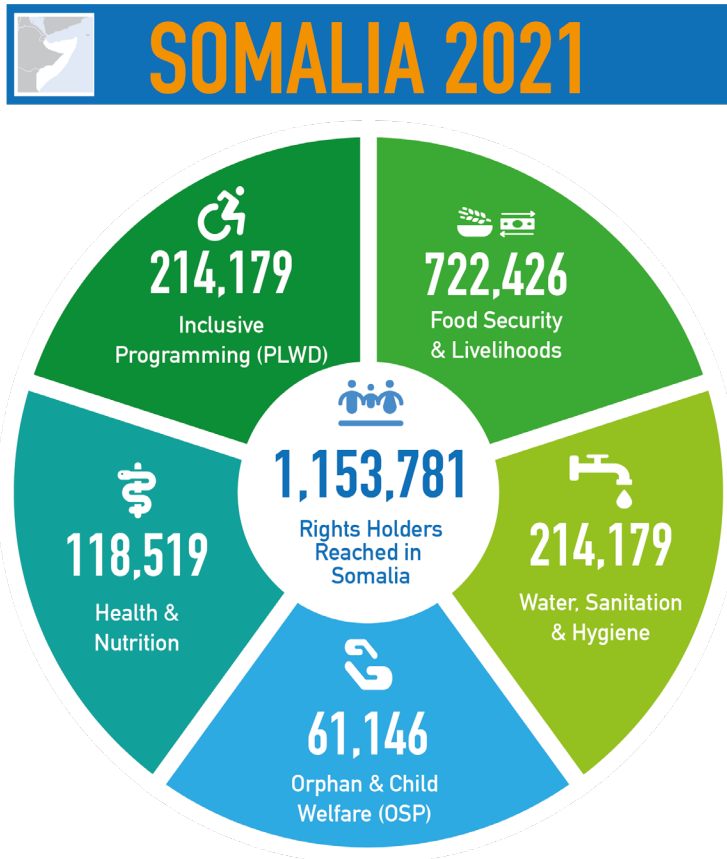
Residents fetch clean water at Jowhar IDP camps of Middle, Shabelle Region, Somalia



Supply of clean water to Beledweyne IDP camps of Hirán region - Somalia

Programme Achievements

In the year 2021, we were able to reach a cumulative targeted population of **1,153,781** persons through our integrated humanitarian, relief and development interventions.



Orphan and Child Welfare Sponsorship



Islamic Relief initiated the Orphan Sponsorship Programme to support orphan families most in need. It is one of Islamic Relief's oldest running programmes since its initiation in 1986. IRW facilitates the sponsorship of tens of thousands of orphans globally, linking individual donors around the world to orphan families in developing countries.

Orphans are considered the most vulnerable groups in society. Having lost their father, the main source of income and protection, orphan families become marginalized and exposed to all types of risks and safeguarding issues.

In Somalia, the orphan sponsorship under Child welfare programmes started in 2006. The programme focused on improving the lives and livelihood of Orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVC), is delivered through the Orphan Sponsorship Project (OSP). The project targets the poorest of poor families with an aim of improving their livelihoods and social status in the community.

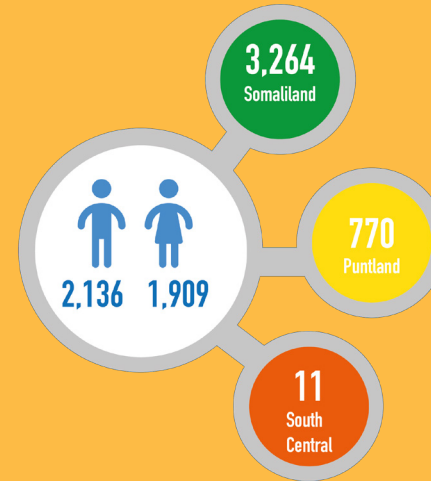
A total of 4,045 orphan children are currently benefiting from this project. They receive financial support paid through their bank account on a quarterly basis.

How did our Child Protection and Sponsorship help? Did it make a difference to our right holders? - YES

- The program has a huge impact on the lives of the right holders as they have been receiving cash support on a monthly basis paid quarterly. The families use the financial support received for the educational costs of their school aged children, their day-to-day livelihoods, health and clothing. IRS has worked with community members and the widow mothers, trained them on Islamic micro-finance which has enabled them make savings from their sponsorship fund, and improved their housing conditions and other small business ventures as well.
- All our right holders have cash entitlement and other support services and information/awareness about their rights, child protection and complaint response mechanisms for channelling their grievances and feedback.
- An estimated 85% of orphan families have received a comprehensive orientation about importance of education and awareness on good parenting behaviours as part of our safeguarding commitment.



Beneficiaries Location & Gender Distribution



Orphan's home visit and assessment in Hargeisa, Somaliland.



Registration of new Orphans in Garowe.



Orphan's home visit and assessment in Hargeisa, Somaliland.

Farhiya's Story

During our visit to Daynile health Clinic, a clinic that is operated by Islamic Relief since 2011 and serving 77 Camps, we met several patients who are waiting to receive health care services.

The Health Centre has 13 staff providing health services including immunization.

The health centre provides medical services to more than 200 patients in a day. On this specific day of our visit, we met with FARHIYA who was in an emergency care section of IRS health centre.

She was at the facility to get treatment and intensive care support for her young daughter, Asha who got a SECOND-degree skin burn. Asha was in a deep pain caused by the burns and crying profusely, while her mother trying to calm her.

Her family is residing in the expansive Dynille IDP camp in the outskirts of Mogadishu when the accident happened.

"I was really perturbed when my daughter got burnt. I cried and knowing my economic state, I was worried that my daughter could not find a better help and treatment. As you know, Health services in Mogadishu is very expensive and difficult to find."

"People like us who have no money to feed, where can we get money for treatment? That gave me depression, until my neighbours and some of my relatives directed me to the Islamic Relief Health center", she says.

“I was not asked a single shilling and my daughter got the best treatment and after 3 weeks, the wound is healed...”

"I was not asked a single shilling and my daughter got the best treatment and after 3 weeks, the wound is healed and Alhamdulillah for IR and her donors"

"Now, my daughter, Asha, convalesced from the wounds sustained and I am really grateful to Islamic Relief and the health workers for their tireless support. This is really unforgettable assistance."

"We live in the IDP of Daynile and I cannot afford the hospital costs but thanks to IRS and the donor for such timely and invaluable support", says Mrs. Farhiya.

FACTS ABOUT DAYNILE HEALTH CENTRE

- Started as mobile clinic in 2011 Supporting a total 77 IDPs camps.
- Fully fledged health centre as from 2013.

Services provided in the Health Centre

1. Immunisation services.
2. Post natal and pre-natal care.
3. General OPD services.
4. Health education and awareness. Laboratory services including biochemistry.
5. A total of between 10 to 15 dedicated staff running and managing the Centre, which include a Doctor, Nurses, mid wives, security, laboratory technician, community health workers and cleaner.
6. The Centre is mainly funded by IR partners such as IR USA/Canada/IR Swiss/IR UK.



Islamic Relief Somali has a fully-fledged gender inclusion, safeguarding and protection department whose role is to ensure that all our interventions are designed and implemented through safeguarding lens. In the year 2021, IR safeguarding and inclusion team conducted various gender gap assessment, trained staff, on SGBV and protection issues.

Community Action groups were established in each area, trained and sensitized on SGBV and the importance of women in leadership. For example, following the handing over of shelter to cyclone affected population in Adayo, Puntland, IR conducted GBV/Protection training which enables the community to identify, prevent and address SGBV and related impacts.

Some selected achievements from our safeguarding and gender inclusion work in 2021

- In total, **540 community members** were trained on SGBV and PSEA in different locations where IR is operational.
- The training and support programmes were done in all IR Somalia **15 offices** countrywide.
- IR also work with community action group, supported women groups, water management committee, Community Education Committees with focus on leadership, management, on parenting skills without violence, knowledge on positive parenting, how to report on SGBV and child centered upbringing among others.
- Through this achievements, the community members can accommodate women leadership & engage them in decision making which was not the tradition. As a result, there are no SGBV cases reported by women committee perpetrated by fellow men or any related incidents while women are now able to make important decision in matters related to water management.

- Elders are now voluntarily holding session in the community to sensitize against SGBV. Through this approach, the communities formed GBV committee to report cases of SGBV to organization and the local administration. As a result, communities are able to understand the basic principles of PSEA and organization reporting channel including referral mechanism.
- On issues of child protection, women groups who undertook training are able to relate to basic child protection principles and what their role as parent is in preventing child abuse.

As a result, they are able to:

1. Differentiate gender from sex.
 2. Differentiate **safeguarding from protection.**
 3. Understand **gender mainstreaming tools** and able to integrate in their daily activity.
 4. Staff understand basic **PSEA principles** & ways of reporting incident during disclosure.
 5. Staff are able to understand **gender mainstreaming** throughout the phases of the projects and checklist in every phase.
- The trained Community Education Committees (CEC) are now able to understand common types of abuses in temporary learning facilities. This is achieved through an established working relations with teachers thereby mitigating the risk. Understanding who poses the risk to children, when and how to report cases. finally, CECs do a routine visits in schools to monitor any safeguarding incidents that needs to be intervened.



Highlighted Challenges of 2021

The ever-recurrent drought & displacements

Drought impact is continuously making it difficult for a meaningful resilience Programme to be implemented in Somalia. The recurrent shocks and stress associated with drought compounded by other hazards is causing mass displacements, making an effective and proper targeting and support difficult to achieve and sustain. This situation has compounded existing vulnerabilities such as protection, and safeguarding of these groups. With no rain as projected until April 2022 or after, the number of people in need will continue to soar and displaced centers continue increasing.



Newly displaced people in Baidoa\Bardhere, Somalia



Desert Locust Crisis

Somalia suffered yet from its worst desert locust invasion again in 2021 which has massively impacted food security, animal production and entire livelihood system for both farmers and pastoralist. The impact of this situation has forced many into a destitute home. Coupled with other hazards, this will continue to impact recovery measures of the many households who depends on farming and livestock keeping.



Farm fumigation against Desert Locust in Fuguxo village, Somaliland



Highlighted Challenges of 2021

Covid-19 Pandemic

While Covid -19 diseases is global pandemic, Somalia with more than half of its population in a state of food insecurity and close to 2 million people in displaced IDP camps, the impact of covid to both economic and health aspect of the society was severe. This will continue to impact any responses and recovery. With no food, water, and other livelihood for their families, the lockdown, trade restrictions only mean one thing, the vulnerable population will continue to suffer more. Therefore, more wholistic responses is required.



Daynile Health Center Mogadishu, Somalia

2022 Humanitarian Outlook

2022
HUMANITARIAN
OUTLOOK

7.7 million
people will require
humanitarian
assistance

May 2022
food insecurity
expected to worsen
until this time

Drought
to compound
precarious
humanitarian
situation

Project name	PIN	Audit Type	Period
Project (Various)	Project Audit	Project	1-1-2020 to 31-12-2020
Islamic Relief Somalia 2020 Annual Satutory Audit	Country Audit	Annual Audit	

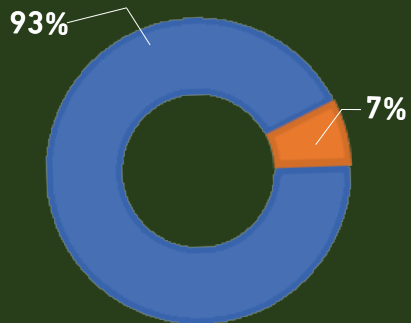


Newly constructed shelters for Cyclone Gati affected populations in Adayo village, Puntland - Somalia



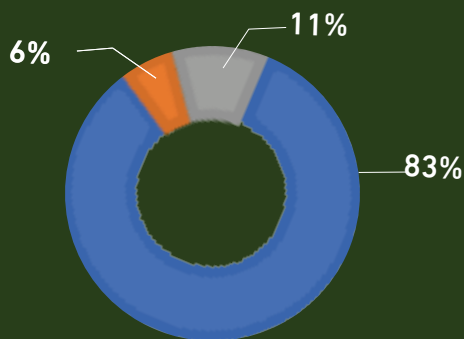
Animals at water point in Magalo-cad Borehole, Somaliland.

1. How we use our funds



Cost Category	Total USD
Direct Program Costs	9,002,211.526
Administration Costs	677,585.8138
Total	9,679,797.3398

2. Source of funding



Source	Total USD
IRW Partners	8,081,833.25
UN Agencies	573,349.23
Institutional donors	1,024,614.86
Total	9,679,797.3398

3. Program Costs



Response Areas	Total USD
Southern regions	5,767,035.43
Somaliland	3,250,716
Puntland	662,045.91
Total	9,679,797.3398

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