

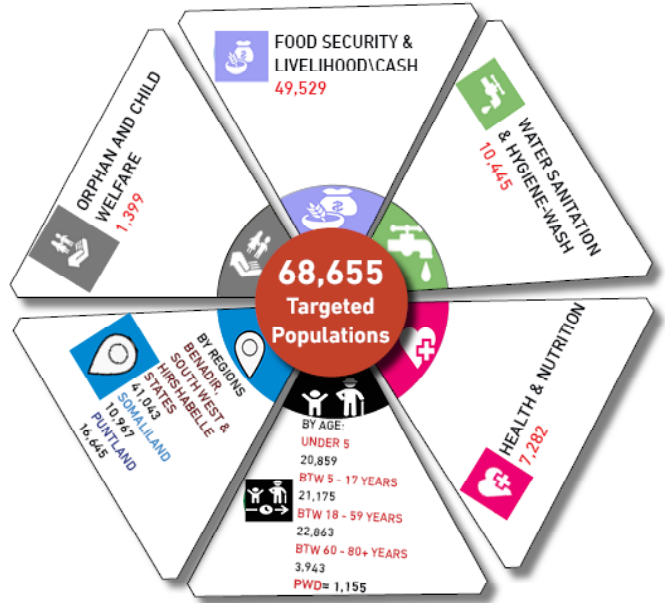


## 68,655 IS OUR MAGIC NUMBER FOR NOVEMBER 2023

### Humanitarian Highlight In Somalia

- In November 2023, Southern and Central Somalia was hit by severe flooding and thousands of people fled their homes and relocated to higher ground areas. Living in makeshift camps or worse in the open, many of the displaced are in dire need of clean water, sanitation and hygiene services. The floods have also destroyed schools and interrupted learning for thousands of children.
- The floods that triggered by the unrepresented heavy rainfall recorded during October and November have further destroyed properties, damaged infrastructures, destroying farmland and isolating entire cities and villages. Floods came at a time when over 8 million people in Somalia were in already in a desperate situation and still recovering from the effects of a drought that has been lingering since 2020.
- Widespread flooding has directly affected an estimated 2.4 million people in Jubaland, Hirshabelle, Galmudug, Puntland and South-West States. However, the floods are affecting the south of the country worst of all, with the number of people urgently needing humanitarian assistance continuing to rise in Gedo, Bay, Lower Juba, Hiraan, Middle Shabelle, and Middle Juba. Access to the affected population is very difficult, as many roads and bridges are impassable. However, All Clusters are working closely with local authorities and partners to determine and meet the most urgent needs of people.

### IN SUMMARY



### FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOOD

- IRS distributed food packs composing of 25kg of Wheat Flour, 25kg of Sugar, 25kg of Rice & 3 Liters of Cooking Oil to 300 vulnerable households in Eyle1 & Doonlawe IDPs & Dhagaxtur & If iyo Akhiro Villages under Afgoye District.
- IRS Distributed nutritious supplementary food for 1,000 HHs in Deynile under SMACs Project, and each HH's received Milk powder = 0.9kg, Porridge = 2.5 kg, Beans = 5kg and Cooking Oil = 1.5 kg
- IRS Provided a total of \$135,000 third round Unconditional Cash Transfer [UCT] to 1500 HHs in Baidoa 22 IDP camps under SIDA project and each household received \$90.
- IRS facilitated a total \$45,000 as fourth and final round cash transfer to 500 vulnerable HHS in Diinsor District under SIDA project and each household received \$90.
- Under SIDA Project, IRS distributed a total of \$ 45,000 unconditional cash to 500 vulnerable IDP & Host community HHs in Berdale District. This was the second-round Unconditional Cash Transfer and each Household received \$90.

- In response to the effects of the Elnino floods in Beledweyne, IRS Distributed unconditional cash to 1,430 HHs in 6 villages under Beledweyne and each HH's 90\$
- IRS supported 410 HHs in Beledweyne with unconditional cash and each HH's 90
- A total of 172 HHs in Beledweyne were registered for unconditional cash transfer under FREB Project
- IRS conducted Start and Improve Your Business capacity building training for 60 HHs from the Yemeni Refugees in Qardho District.
- IRS released the first cycle of the UCT to 822 HHs in Butrinle District, where each household received \$100



Distribution nutritious supplementary food for 1000 HHs in Daynile IDP Camp, Muggidhso, Somalia

- A total of 10 VSLAs (20 participants per group) from Ruqi and Borama were trained on VSLA methodology training. The training was aimed at equipping the VSLAs with the knowledge and skills on Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLA) methodological best practices, which will later empower the participants to increase access and control over resources and use collective power to overcome social and financial barriers.
- Under SOLD Project, A total of 600 HHs in Erigavo IDPs of Sanag Region were mobilized, verified and registered for UCT & NFIS Kits. (200 HHs for UCT & 400 NFISkits).
- IRS Conducted the second phase of livestock treatment in Qabrihulul, Murayda, and Karta Habled villages under Togdheer region to protect livestock from the drought-related diseases.

**WASH**

- IRS has successfully drilled and equipped borehole with depth of 450m in Wardher village to improve water accessibility to the community
- IRS has successfully rehabilitated Cano-Yaskax BH and installed solar system with accessories & pipeline extension. IRS has also constructed three water kiosks and installed four street lights near to the kiosks which enhanced community accessibility to clean water, decreased queuing time and distance and improved the hygiene practices



Child Welfare team carrying out house assessment in Somaliland



Two days training for community leaders (in the IDPs) and Host community on protection (GBV) in Baido, Somalia



VSLA methodology training In Ruqi and Borama district, Somaliland

**HEALTH**

- IRS Health Centres in Banadir - Daynile & Shibis and Balcad - Middle Shabelle Provided consultations of non-communicable diseases such as pneumonia, malaria, diarrhoea, skin conditions, injury care and urinary tract infections, Sexually transmitted infections to 1537 male and 2529 female patients among others in women, men, boys and girls.
- IRS Health Centres in Banadir - Daynile & Shibis Provided Routine ANC services to 756 pregnant mothers.
- IRS Health Centres have also provided Postnatal Care and consultations to 156 vulnerable females.
- IRS Health Centres in Daynile, Shibis and Balcad Provided accination against Measles, Polio, TB for a total of 308 under five years old children (221 boys & 287 girls) etc
- IRS Health Centres in Daynile, Shibis and Balcad continue providing 24 Hrs delivery service. in this reporting month, a total of 51 mothers delivered and were attended by skilled midwifery nurses.



Provision of health support to the vulnerable patients in Mogadishu





Drilling and equipping of a new borehole in Wardher village of Puntland, Somalia



Start and Improve Your Business capacity building training for 60 HHs from the Yemeni Refugees in Qardho District



Registration of 172 HHs in Beledweyne District for unconditional cash transfer under FREB Project

## ORPHANS AND CHILD WELFARE

- Under Child Welfare 344 Annual Progress Reports (APRs) from Somaliland and Puntland were collected.
- total of 314 APRs were uploaded to the system.
- A total of 741 payment record books were distributed and updated to Help and transform the lives of orphans and vulnerable children by taking them out of extreme poverty.



Community mobilization, sensitization and registration in Erigavo IDPS of Sanag region, Somaliland



IRS Distributed unconditional cash to 1,430 HHs in 6 villages under Beledweyne, Somalia



IRS released the first cycle of the UCT to 822 HHs in Butrinle District of Puntland

## SAFEGUARDING & PROTECTION

- IRS Safeguarding and Protection team conducted two days training for community leaders (in the IDPs) and Host community on protection (GBV) in Baidoo, Southwest state and attended 50 participants (15 Male, 35 Female)
- IRS Safeguarding and Protection team established protection committees in three in Baidoo, Berdale and Diinsoor Districts under South West State and each committee composed seven members (4 women and 3) men in each district
- Identification and training the GBV victims/survivors to be supported in Baidoo, registered the victims with coordination and collaborating with GBV and protection working groups in Baidoo.
- IRS Safeguarding and Protection team conducted two days training on protection (GBV) in Berdale, Bay Region, Southwest State, and a total 50 Participants were trained (15 Male, 35 Female)
- IRS Safeguarding and Protection team conducted protection awareness especially child labour and child neglect awareness in Buulo Oman (42 F & 11M), Tasilow (25F) and Eyle (27 F & 17M) IDPS under Bay Region of South west state of Somalia





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## OUR HERIONE for November 2023

Istahil Quraish, 18, From Hargaysa Somaliland



“ Islamic Relief’s Orphan Program Empowers Me to Excel in Education and Life” ”

### How paired projects leave a positive impact on Istahil's Life.

Istahil Quraish is an 18-year-old orphan girl who lives with her mother and six siblings. Istahil’s father passed away in 2005 after a chronic disease that finally caused his death.

Islamic Relief enrolled Istahil Quraish into the Orphan Sponsorship Program to provide education opportunities for her and reduce her family’s educational burdens. Istahil’s mother also attended technical and vocational education training provided by Islamic Relief and learned to sew skilfully. Thus, Istahil’s mother established a small tailor market in her house and earned enough from sewing clothes for her neighbours and adjacent families.

When the COVID-19 pandemic damaged the flow of the market and forced people to go indoors, Istahil’s mother lost her customers and went bankrupt. This forced her eldest son to search for work in the market, and he eventually became a seller in a small business shop in the Hargeisa market. Again, the great fire that ravaged Hargeisa’s market in 2022 made Istahil’s family hopeless and closed their window to earning a living.

Islamic Relief registered Istahil’s family in the Hargeisa Disaster Response Project, which aimed to rebuild and help orphaned families inflicted with huge damage by the fire. Istahil’s family received start-up financial assistance to open a small business shop. The family is now enjoying excellent living conditions and is striving to build more sustainable living conditions.

“We are incredibly thankful to Islamic Relief, as their assistance over the years has been truly remarkable. And we are now on our best living status since my husband passed away thirteen years ago”. Said Istahil’s mother.

On the other hand, Istahil continues her education and strives to fulfil her lifelong dream of becoming an educated young girl.

“I was too young when Islamic Relief came to our life, But I vividly remember the many years that the team had been returning to us, asking about my school, subjects, grades, and environment.” Said Istahil and continued, “Islamic Relief’s Orphan Program hasn’t only opened up my education opportunity. but also instilled my confidence in becoming a strong person in the outside world. Their support made me feel resilient when I felt bad-tempered”.



Start and Improve Your Business capacity building training for 60 HHs from the Yemeni Refugees in Qardho District

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