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Humanitarian Highlight In Somalia

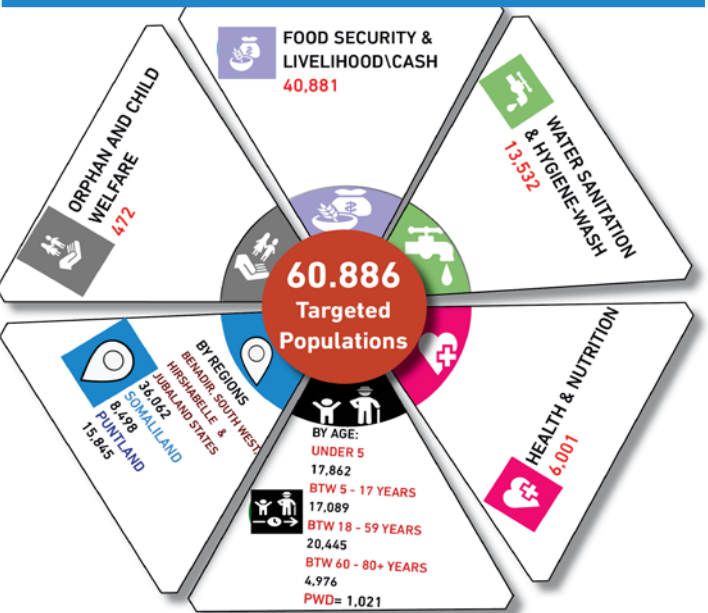
- The heavy rains, fueled by an El Nino, have intensified in Puntland, Galmudug, South West and Hirshabelle states and in areas along the Juba River in Jubaland State. South West and Jubaland states are the worst affected, with an estimated 268,243 and 268,365 people affected, respectively.
- Displaced households are gradually returning to their homes owing to dry conditions that have prevailed across most parts of the country. The number of people affected by floods is estimated to be 2.48M, including 1.2M displaced from their homes & about 118 deaths, according to the Somalia Disaster Management Agency.
- Food prices have stabilized, which is attributed to the restoration of supply chains facilitated by improved roads, enabling transportation of goods that were hampered by floods.
- The 2023 HRP which requires US\$2.6B to respond to the needs of 7.6M, is just 42.7% funded (\$1.1B). Additional funds are required to urgently meet the needs of the affected people.
- In December 2023, Islamic Relief Somalia provided humanitarian aid to the most vulnerable households in the community. The benchmarks below have been successfully archived.

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOOD

- Islamic Relief distributed milk equipment to 150 women milk sellers in Kala-baydh and Dila in Awdal region, Somaliland. The milk equipment consists of: stoves, umbrellas, steel pots, stainless steel milk cans with spigots, lids, handles, stainless steel cups, cooking spoons, wooden tables, and plastic chairs.
- Two refrigerators with solar systems for milk preservation were also provided to the milk cooperatives in Dila and Kalabaydh. The main objective was to support improving milk hygiene and increase income for households from sales. This was completed under SHEEP project.
- Islamic Relief successfully accomplished VSAL groups training for three groups from Dila, Magalo-ad, and Borama. The training is aimed to equip and enhance the VSLA group's knowledge and skills on Village Savings & Loans Associations (VSLAs) to increase their access and control over resources and use collective power to overcome social and financial barriers.
- Islamic Relief launched 5 TVET classes training of about 50 youth rights-holders for 6 - 8 months. 50% of the trainees are women. The TVET classes are electricity, plumbing, Aluminum (for men), beauty salons, and tailoring for women.

- Islamic Relief conducted the third phase of the livestock treatment campaign, 4,662 animals were treated for 212 HHs in Codanle, Shanshacade, and Talabur villages.
- IR Somalia distributed in-kind food assistance to 590 families in Balcad, Middle Shabelle region to improve food accessibility for the vulnerable communities in Balad district.
- Islamic Relief Somalia provided unconditional cash transfer to 933 rights-holders in Jowhar
- The first round of unconditional cash transfer was released to 1,430 rights-holders in 6 villages (Bacaa, Leebow, Wadajir, Shiniile, Dharkeynta and Nimcaan) under Beledweyne. This was to improve the lives of the affected people by Elnino floods.
- Islamic Relief Somalia released first round of unconditional cash transfer to 410 rights-holders in Hawotako, Bundaweyn, Howl-wadaag and Koshin villages under Beledweyne district.
- Islamic Relief Somalia provided 6th round of unconditional cash transfer to 293 rights-holders of Yemeni refugees in Qardho, each household received \$60.
- IR Somalia released the first round of multipurpose cash to 700 rights-holders in Las'anod, where each family received \$130.

IN SUMMARY



- Islamic Relief launched Cash for Work (CFW) activities; 36 rights-holders were employed to construct the gabions. The construction of the gabion baskets helps them control the highly escalating gully erosion in their farms and protects their livelihood.



Drilling and completion of a new borehole in Burtinle district of Puntland



A man, from the residents of Burtinle, Puntland, collects water from newly constructed water kiosk in his village



Distribution of food packages to droughts affected families in Balcad, Middle Shabelle region



Technical Vocational Educational Training (TVET) to the students in Baroma, Somaliland



Tailoring skills training in Baroma, Somaliland.

WASH

- Islamic Relief field team carried out the construction of 500 Gabion boxes (1,000 meters) in old Baki and Ruqi villages under the Baki District of Awdal Region. A total of 36 people were employed to construct the gabions through Cash for Work (CFW). The community completed all 500 gabion boxes and they got their final entitlements by 20th December 2023.
- The construction of gabion baskets helps them control the highly escalating gully erosion in their farms and protect their livelihood activities.
- Islamic Relief distributed of hygiene kits and NFIs including soap, aqua tabs, jerry cans, buckets, and laundry soap in Las'anod and Taleex districts, Sool region.
- Islamic Relief successfully constructed 100 cubic meters of an elevated water tank, with guard and generator rooms, animal troughs, 6 water kiosks, solar system installation and 3,916 meters of pipeline extension in Burtinle district, Nugal region.
- Islamic Relief, in collaboration with Puntland Water Development Agency (PWDA), conducted 4 days training for the water management committees in Burtinle, The committees were trained on operation and maintenance of the borehole, water management, deposit management, conflict solving and social cohesion.

HEALTH

- Islamic Relief Health Centres, Daynile, Shibis and Balcad, provided consultations of non- communicable diseases such as pneumonia, malaria, diarrhoea, skin conditions, injury care and urinary tract infections, sexually transmitted infections to 1,727 male and 2,682 female patients among others in women, men, boys and girls.
- The health care centres provided routine ANC services to 799 pregnant mothers.
- The three centers rovided Postnatal Care and consultations to 170 vulnerable females.
- The health care centres provided vaccination against Measles, Polio, TB for a total of 351 under five years old children (191 boys & 160 girls).
- Daynile, Shibis and Balcad health care centers continue providing 24/7 free delivery services. A total of 42 mothers delivered and were attended by skilled midwifery nurses this



Provision of health support to the vulnerable patients in Balcad



Protection on Gender Based Violence and safeguarding training in Bal'ad Middle Shabelle region, Somalia



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SAFEGUARDING & PROTECTION

- The safeguarding and protection team conducted two days training on protection (GBV) and safeguarding in Berdale, Bay region, Southwest State. A total of 50 participants (21 Male, 29 female) attended the training.
- The safeguarding and protection department conducted two days training on protection (GBV) and safeguarding in Bal'ad, Middle Shabelle region, Hirshabelle State. A total of 50 participants (20 Male, 30 Female) attended the training.
- Islamic Relief conducted safeguarding and protection training of two days on (GBV) and safeguarding in Afgoye, lower Shabelle Region. A total of 50 participants (24 male, 26 female) attended the training.
- The safeguarding and protection team launched one day training on protection/ GBV awareness campaign for community and religious leaders, women groups, PWLD, in the IDPs, Host community on protection (GBV) in Baidoa, Bay region. A total of 15 participants attended (8 Male, 7 Female) attended the training.
- During 16 days of activism, Islamic Relief conducted awareness raising campaign in Daynile, Benadir region for community and religious leaders, women groups, PWLD, those living in the IDPS and host community on protection (GBV). The training was attended by 30 Male, 20 Female, about 50 participants.



Provision of milk equipment to 150 milk business women in Awdal region of Somaliland



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Capacity building training for Burtinle water management committee



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I am Ahmed Isak Nur, and I have proudly been part of the Islamic Relief family since January 2021. Joining this esteemed organization was a natural step for me, as I have been passionate about applying my financial expertise in the humanitarian sector since 2017 as an accountant officer.

This ignited my commitment of supporting vulnerable communities, and I subsequently worked with various organizations, helping them streamline financial operations to deliver vital assistance to those in need. Bringing this wealth of experience and unwavering dedication to Islamic Relief has been a privilege, and I am eager to contribute to the organization's impactful work.

Since joining Islamic Relief, my work has been driven by the profound satisfaction of applying my skills to a cause I deeply value. While financial tasks like ensuring the mission's financial soundness, financial report preparation, and compliance with Islamic Relief's policies form the core of my role. The true motivation behind these activities lies in the urgency of the organization's field operations. It is the knowledge that my work contributes to tangible relief for those in need that illuminates my day-to-day tasks.

Every day Islamic Relief sparks an ignition in my soul the light of knowing that our meticulous work and every report crafted, directly alleviates the suffering of our brothers and sisters on the ground. It's quiet heroism, invisible to many, but when we finish a task that empowers those in need, a wave of peace and profound joy washes over me. Here, contributing to these vital missions isn't just a job, it's a calling, a chance to leave a legacy of hope that echoes beyond this world.

Imagine a child's eyes brightening as they receive a warm meal. That's the vision that fuels my passion. I strive to be a part of missions that tear down walls of hardship and pave the way for dignity and sustenance.

Thank you



The photo of the successfully completed Burtinle borehole, Puntland, Somalia

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