

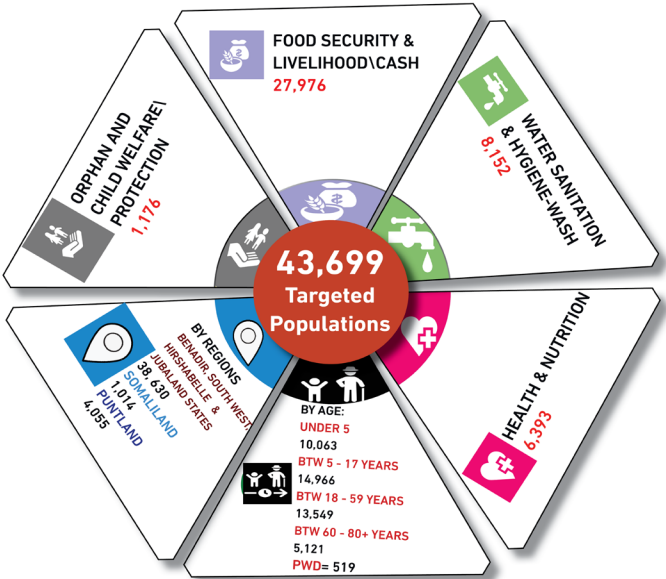


43,699 IS OUR MAGIC NUMBER FOR DECEMBER 2024

Humanitarian Highlight In Somalia

- A total of \$1.59 Billion was required for humanitarian assistance.
- As of now, \$689.9 Million has been received, representing only 43.5% of the total fund required for humanitarian assistance.
- Around 3.6 million people are currently facing a crisis and worse food security issues.
- Nearly 2.9 million people are currently facing crisis conditions or are classified in Phase 3 of the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification
- 724,000 people, representing 4% of the population, are experiencing Emergency levels of food insecurity.
- A further deterioration of the food security situation is anticipated due to below-normal Deyr season rains.
- The number of people facing Crisis or worse levels of food insecurity is expected to rise to 4.4 million, accounting for 23% of the population, by 2025.

IN SUMMARY



FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOOD

- Islamic Relief provided VSLA cash grants to 60 households in Qardho district, Bari region.
- Islamic Relief conducted four days of capacity-building training for 60 VSLA members, focusing on starting and improving small businesses in Qardho district, Bari region.
- 500 households in the Dinsoor district received unconditional cash transfers from Islamic Relief Somalia. This was the final cycle of three cycles that households were receiving.
- Islamic Relief provided three hours of land ploughing for 135 farmers in Qoydo and Harcadey villages in Beledweyne district.
- Islamic Relief distributed in-kind food relief, including 72 kg of sorghum, 7.2 kg of split peas (yellow), and 7.92 litres of vegetable oil in Adale and Raga-Celle District.
- Islamic Relief distributed family sleeping mats to 500 households in Baidoa district.
- 791 households in Balcad received cash vouchers amounting to \$80 per household.
- 58 members of VSLA groups from the Yemen refugee communities in Qardho, Puntland, Somalia, received training.

- Islamic Relief distributed in-kind food to 735 households, with each household receiving 72 kg of sorghum, 7.2 kg of split peas (yellow), and 7.92 litres of vegetable oil in Balcad district.
- Islamic Relief distributed livestock restocking support to 100 drought-affected households in Balcad district.
- Islamic Relief distributed animal medical kits for use by ten Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs) who received basic training over 14 days. The participants were selected from the Arabsiyo, Boodhlay, and Beenyo-Qalocan villages.



Distribution of animal medical kits in Arabsiyo, Boodhlay, and Beenyo-Qalocan villages, Somaliland



Training for 60 Members of VSLA Groups from Yemen Refugee Communities in Qardho, Puntland, Somalia



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Islamic Relief distributed family sleeping mats to 250 households in Berdale District, Somalia

HEALTH

- Islamic Relief provided primary health care services for consultations for non-communicable diseases such as pneumonia, malaria, diarrhoea, skin conditions, injury care, urinary tract infections, and sexually transmitted infections among women, men, boys, and girls.
- A total of 4,392 consultations were conducted in Daynile & Shibis of Banadir region and Balcad district.
- Islamic Relief provided maternal health services and Antenatal care services at health facilities for 1,072 individuals in Daynile & Shibis of Banadir region and Balcad district.
- Islamic Relief provided maternal health services and postnatal care at health facilities for 208 individuals in Daynile & Shibis of Banadir region and Balcad district.
- 422 children under five received vaccination of (BCG, Polio, Penta, Measles, etc.) in Daynile & Shibis of Banadir region and Balcad district.
- Islamic Relief conducted 24-hour health facility deliveries. This was conducted with the assistance of skilled birth attendants at the facility, totalling 44 individuals in Daynile & Shibis of Banadir region and Balcad district.



Provision of health support to the vulnerable patients in Mogadishu



Islamic Relief provided three hours of land ploughing for 135 farmers in Qoydo and Harcadey villages in Beledwayne district, Somalia



Distribution of in-kind food relief in Adale and Raga-Celle district, Somalia



A three-day training session for the learning workshop, concluding LYP project in Qardho, Puntland, Somalia

SAFEGUARDING & PROTECTION

- Islamic Relief protection team visited target locations such as Daynile, Shibis, and Balcad, providing counselling and support to those who have experienced various forms of abuse, helping them navigate their experiences and connect to available services, especially in our health facilities.
- Islamic Relief protection and safeguarding team conducted awareness campaigns emphasizing that violence against women and girls is never acceptable. We advocate for zero tolerance across society and aim to prevent violence by discouraging harmful social norms.
- The campaign also encourages the community to participate in initiatives that advocate for stronger laws, better enforcement, and more resources to end violence against women and girls.
- Islamic Relief conducted a campaign to encourage the community to speak out and use their voices to challenge harmful norms and support survivors in the Balcad district.
- Islamic Relief protection, Inclusion, and safeguarding team conducted community awareness sessions for sexual gender-based violence and gender-based violence prevention, reaching 150 households in Daynile, Shibis, and Balcad districts.
- Islamic Relief protection team provide counselling support services in Daynile and Shibis health facilities, reaching 10 individuals who experienced disturbing issues, primarily related to domestic violence.



Islamic Relief Protection team provides counselling support services in Daynile district, Somalia

WASH

- Islamic Relief distributed family sleeping mats to 250 households in Berdale district.
- Islamic Relief conducted water management committee training in Dinsoor district.
- Islamic Relief conducted a hygiene promotion campaign in Qardho IDPs using IEC materials. The campaign aimed to promote Cholera prevention, hygiene practices, and awareness about safe water use for 1,000 households.
- Islamic Relief provided hygiene kits and non-food items to 600 households In Qardho district.



Distribution to hygiene kits and NFI to 600 households in Qardho, Puntland, Somalia



Land ploughing for 135 farmers in Qoydo and Harcadey villages in Beledwayne district, Somalia



Shallow well construction in Bardale, Somalia



Water management committee training in Dinsoor District, Somalia



Distribution of animal medical kits in Arabsiyo, Boodhlay, and Beenyo-Qalocan villages, Somaliland



Training for 60 Members of VSLA Groups from Yemen Refugee Communities in Qardho, Puntland, Somalia

ORPHAN & CHILD WELFARE

- Islamic Relief orphan and child-welfare team have updated all guardians to attend SHG meetings, with six meetings attended by the SHG groups from both Somaliland and Puntland.
- Islamic Relief orphan and child-welfare team verified new orphan families in Hargeisa district.



Verifying new orphan families in the Hargeisa district, Somaliland



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STAFF CORNER



Name: Hassan Aided Madar
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IRW family: since Nov, 2023

Hassan Aided is a MEAL Assistant in Islamic Relief based in Hargeisa

My name is Hassan Aided Madar, I am proud to be part of Islamic Relief as a MEAL Assistant in Hargeisa. I joined Islamic Relief in November 2023, and throughout the year and a few months I have been in Islamic Relief, I gained extensive experience added to my personal and career work.

Despite the challenges presented by global issues that shifted the focus from the suffering of many brothers and sisters here, together with my colleagues in the Islamic Relief, we worked tirelessly to ensure the delivery of humanitarian assistance to the most people in need. I have a bachelor's degree in economics from International Horn University in Hargeisa, and currently, I am a candidate for a master's in food security and Livelihood at Netherland Business School in the Netherlands.

My identical working day presents all the activities carried out by the MEAL team, such as responding to the rightsholders seeking information through the call centre, preparing total beneficiaries and their social segments monthly, carrying out monitoring and evaluation tasks for all projects, preparing assessments and humanitarian needs of the people we support, and ensuring the quality of Islamic Relief's work toward the people we support.

It is truly challenging work, but Islamic Relief's working environment is enticing and motivating, which highly pushes me around the clock and helps me achieve all these tasks.

What always brings my attention and motivates me is the workplace and supportive environment that Islamic Relief prepared for its staff. Though the challenges and demands of reports are daily and intensify, particularly at the end of each year, the nature of the supportive staff and colleagues makes me forget about the challenge. Also, whenever I go to the field to ensure the quality and transparency of Islamic Relief's intervention, I see many people responding with gratefulness and thankfulness and that honestly pushes me to continue the noble work we do for our people.

Since my childhood, I used to have an amazing fondness for supporting those in need. My mother used to say, "Help the people, and Allah will help you achieve your dreams smoothly". I have been in this noble work for the past 8 years with different organizations. Thus, my passion is seeing my people break the cycle of poverty through our support and humanitarian interventions.



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