



## Islamic Relief conducts staff training on conflict sensitivity and “Do No Harm” principles

Islamic Relief enhances staff capacity on conflict sensitivity and “Do No Harm” training in Mogadishu.

Islamic Relief, with Global King Project Management, conducted an 8-day training on Conflict Sensitivity and “Do No Harm” (DNH) principles at the Transit Hotel in Mogadishu, Somalia. This session aimed to enhance staff understanding and application of these principles in humanitarian work, ensuring programs do not worsen conflict but promote peace among communities.

The training equipped participants in identifying and addressing potential conflicts, mitigate risks, and design interventions that improve the well-being of affected populations without creating divisions. IHUP project in the Bay region (Baidoa, Berdale, and Dinsoor), with funding from Islamic Relief UK, facilitated training for staff from various departments conducted in Mogadishu. It aimed to deepen their understanding on DNH and conflict sensitivity for effective programming.

Adan Shariff, representing the country management team, thanked the facilitator for imparting valuable knowledge to frontline staff, in enhancing their understanding of integrating DNH and conflict sensitivity in project lifecycles.



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## MESSAGE FROM COUNTRY DIRECTOR



I am pleased to share our fourth edition of the 2024 Newsletter. As the year ends, we reflect on our achievements. Despite challenges from droughts, floods, and conflict, we remain committed to reaching those in hard-to-access areas facing severe living conditions.

I extend heartfelt thanks to our donors and partners for their tireless support, which enables us to assist our rights-holders. Their contributions are pivotal in our mission to alleviate suffering and poverty.

I also express gratitude to our dedicated staff; their commitment is crucial to our success. I encourage them to continue with their excellent work across the country.

Thank you to our partners and stakeholders for your invaluable collaboration. Your efforts are key to uplifting suffering from those we serve. As we approach 2025, we remain dedicated to advocating for vulnerable communities. Let's move forward together with renewed determination to create a lasting impact.

*Aliow Mohamed*

# Snapshot and overview update about 2024: achievements and highlights



In 2024, Somalia faced severe droughts, devastating floods, and ongoing conflict. The Humanitarian Need and Response Plan (HNRP) estimated that 6.9 million people needed humanitarian assistance, with 5.2 million targeted, requiring \$1.6 billion in aid.

Islamic Relief Somalia, operating nationwide, reached 790,674 individuals, a 25% decrease from 2023. Of those supported, 465,243 (65%) benefited from the Food Security and Livelihood (FSL) sector. In the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) sector, 124,677 individuals (17.5%) received support.

In health care and nutrition, Islamic Relief aided 140,636 individuals by operating health facilities, supplying medical equipment, and training health staff. The child welfare sector supported 21,057 individuals, primarily through education assistance. Additionally, 24,943 people (4%) benefited from protection and safeguarding sector.

Country Director Aliow Mohamed emphasized the challenges faced by Somali communities, stating, **"In 2024, Somalia endured prolonged droughts, floods, and conflict, leaving many struggling to meet basic needs."** He expressed gratitude to donors and partners, adding, **"Despite the challenges, we overcame obstacles and strengthened our impact."**

Islamic Relief's support across the country focused particularly on vulnerable groups such as women, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Over 71,000 individuals, representing 10% of the total reached, are persons living with disabilities, demonstrating Islamic Relief Somalia's commitment to those in the most dire situations.

The confluence challenges and setbacks of 2024 never hindered Islamic Relief's ability to reach those living in remote and hard-to-access areas. Instead, they motivated its staff led by the Country Director Aliow Mohamed to go beyond the surface and transform the lives of hundreds of thousands of people across the country.



## Achievements



**6,828**

orphan children and people were given support



**47,475**

rights-holders were given Water, Sanitation & Hygiene support



**17,652**

rights-holders were given free health care support



**87,978**

rights-holders were given Food Security & Livelihood support



**159,933**

rights-holders were given support from July to September 2024

## Case study - Lul Osman, Kalabaydh, Somaliland



### Turning worries into opportunities: Lul Osman's story with Islamic Relief

Droughts in Somaliland have severely impacted small business owners, particularly those in the milk trade, disrupting livelihoods and decimating livestock. In Kalabaydh village, 56-year-old Lul Osman represents resilience amidst these challenges.

"During droughts, production decreased, and we faced food shortages and financial losses," Lul explained, highlighting the struggles of her business due to declining milk supply and inadequate storage.

Islamic Relief's Strengthening Community Resilience and Economic Empowerment Programme (SHEEP) seek to support families like Lul by establishing milk cooperatives. Islamic Relief provided these cooperatives with essential tools such as durable metal milk cans and freezing equipment, transforming the way Lul sells her milk.

"Now, with the proper storage and freezing tools, our milk stays fresh longer," Lul noted, emphasizing the reduction in spoilage and increase in her income.

The support from Islamic Relief has not only improved her business but also enhanced her confidence. Lul's earnings now cover her grand children's education and daily needs, striving for stability in rural life. However, she stresses the need for continued support to expand production, stating, "Islamic Relief has done so much for us, but continued investment would even make greater impact."

By equipping entrepreneurs with tools and resources, the SHEEP project fostered resilience and economic empowerment in vulnerable communities, showcasing the transformative power of community support.

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