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Humanitarian Highlight In Somalia

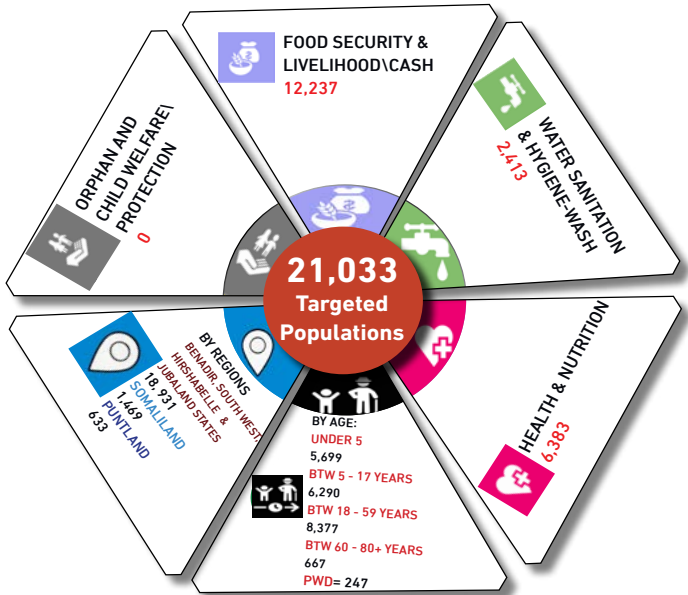
- Nearly 6 million people in Somalia require humanitarian assistance, with a funding gap of \$1.42 billion.
- A severe drought is anticipated, particularly in central and southern Somalia, including Puntland. The La Niña weather pattern is likely to exacerbate these conditions.
- Violent clashes in Erigabo, Sanaag region (Somaliland), since December 14, 2024, have caused significant casualties and displaced approximately 43,000 people. The most affected areas are in southern Erigabo and surrounding localities.
- Displaced populations from Erigabo have sought refuge in neighboring towns, including Ceel Afweyn, Badhan, Fiqifuliye, Laasqoray, Xingalool, Bossaso, and Burco.
- A January 2025 executive order, suspending U.S. foreign assistance programs for 90 days, has affected USAID-funded organizations operating in Somalia.
- The upcoming Gu 2025 rainy season is predicted to have below-average rainfall, a delayed start, and higher-than-average temperatures. This forecast suggests a worsening of the existing drought and a corresponding increase in humanitarian needs.

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOOD

- Distribution of essential equipment to 50 women milk vendors in Garowe, Puntland, consisting of 20-liter stainless steel cans, umbrellas, chairs, and cups.
- Construction of three greenhouses, each measuring 16x8 meters, in the villages of Xubeera and Dhanaha, Badhan district, Sanag region.
- Provision of food and cash vouchers to 1,757 families residing in Kurshale, Xanlay, Ceel Gelle, Bohi, Samad, Qarbox, and Horseed in the Middle Shabelle region.
- Distribution of cash assistance to 2,169 families in Kurshale, Xanlay, Ceel Gelle, Bohi, Samad, Qarbox, and Horseed in the Middle Shabelle region.
- Distribution of 150 solar-powered torches to 150 lactating mothers in Balcad district, Middle Shabelle region.
- Provision of seeds and agricultural tools to 150 farmers in Balcad district, Middle Shabelle region.
- Distribution of 72kg of sorghum, 9.56kg of yellow split peas, and 1.7 liters of vegetable oil to 878 families in Haji Ali, Garasweyne, Cadowul, Adale, and Ragacelle, Middle Shabelle region, with the distribution taking place in Adale town.

- Distribution of relief food vouchers to 809 families in Warsheikh district, Middle Shabelle region.
- Distribution of sleeping mats to 250 families in Dinsor district of Bay region.
- Support for 50 milk vendors through the establishment of cooperatives in Dhubato and Dheenta villages, Somaliland.
- Distribution of first-month food packs to 450 households in Oog district, Somaliland

IN SUMMARY



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450 households in Oog IDP camp, Somaliland, received food assistance.



Community mobilization in Nugal, Sool and karkar Regions, Puntland, Somalia

HEALTH

- 4,224 women, men, boys, and girls received primary healthcare services and consultation on non-communicable diseases like pneumonia, malaria, diarrhea, skin conditions, injury care, urinary tract infections, and sexually transmitted infections from Islamic Relief health centers in Shibis, Daynile, and Balcad.
- 1,072 women got antenatal treatment in the three facilities of Shibis, Daynile in the Banadir region, and Balcad in Middle Shabelle, Somalia.
- 194 females received postnatal care at the health facilities in Daynile, Shibis, and Balcad districts.
- Support vaccinations targeting vaccine-preventable diseases provided to children under five (BCG, Polio, Penta, Measles, 507 people in Banadir, Daynile, and Shibis, and Balcad, Middle Shabelle).
- The three health centers conducted 24-hour health facility deliveries with the assistance of skilled birth attendants, and 68 women were supported through this service during January.



Provision of health support to the vulnerable patients in Mogadishu



Training of milk cooperatives in Dheenta and Dhubato villages, Somaliland



Distribution of seeds and tools in Kurshale, Celgelle and Bulo-jay, Somalia



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SAFEGUARDING & PROTECTION

- The Islamic Relief Somalia Protection and Safeguarding Sector conducted community awareness sessions on SGBV/GBV prevention in Daynile, Shibis, and Balcad districts, reaching 842 individuals, comprising approximately 505 females and 337 males. Additionally, the sector provided counseling support services within health facilities in Daynile, Shibis, and Balcad to 15 individuals experiencing distress, primarily related to domestic violence.



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WASH

- Islamic Relief conducted geophysical survey in Nugal, Sool and Karkaar regions of Puntland, Somalia.
- Islamic Relief rehabilitated six irrigation shallow wells in Lacdhere and Jibaxo. This involved deepening the wells, installing submersible pumps, raising pipes, constructing water tanks and installing solar systems. This improved and enhanced farmers' access to irrigation water without the need for diesel generators in Garowe district, Puntland.



Rehabilitation of six shallow wells for irrigation in Laacdhere and Jibaxo, Puntland, Somalia



Construction and installation of three greenhouses in Xubeera and Dhanha villages, Puntland, Somalia



Distribution of solar powered torches to 150 women in Balcad district, Somalia



Construction and installation of three greenhouses in Puntland, Somalia (Xubeera and Dhanha villages)



Geophysical Survey conducted in the Nugal, Sool, and Karkar Regions of Puntland, Somalia

ORPHAN & CHILD WELFARE

- Islamic Relief conducted Self Help Group meetings in Somaliland and Puntland under the IDASO project of the orphan sponsorship programme Department.
- The orphans and child welfare team submitted the annual progress report.
- The orphans and child welfare team collected human interest stories for the Zakat Fund project of IR Canada under the orphan sponsorship programme.



Orphan home visit assessment in Hargeisa, Somaliland



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OUR HERO for January 2025

Mukhtar Omar From Celbuh village, Sanaag region, Puntland, Somalia



“ Islamic Relief’s support transformed my life and my community ”

Transforming Lives in Rural Somalia

Mukhtar Omar, a 36-year-old father of five, farms in Celbuh village, Sanaag region, Puntland, Somalia. Farming is his sole source of income, but he faces immense challenges: difficult terrain, water scarcity, and lack of proper tools. His daily struggle to provide food and water for his family seemed insurmountable.

The arrival of the Islamic Relief Somalia’s Livelihood and Water Sources Enhancement (LIWASES) project, funded by Islamic Relief UK, brought a turning point. The project constructed four greenhouses (one in Dhanaha and three in Celbuh), complete with drip irrigation, water storage, and tools. These greenhouses became a lifeline for Mukhtar and 39 other families.

Within six months, the greenhouses yielded 15,868 kilograms of vegetables, generating over \$11,100. This allowed families to meet 60% of their food needs with their own produce, selling the remaining 40% for income. The project also provided crucial training in greenhouse management, equipping farmers to improve productivity and adapt to climate challenges.

Mukhtar’s life has been transformed. “I express my heartfelt gratitude to Islamic Relief and its donors,” he says. “Your support has truly transformed our lives... The assistance we have received, from training to essential farming tools and the repair of our water well, has made a world of difference. May Allah reward you greatly.”

The LIWASES project has reached 5,000 households, impacting 29,840 people. Mukhtar’s story exemplifies the power of targeted interventions to alleviate poverty and build resilience in Somalia. Islamic Relief’s work demonstrates the profound impact of sustained support for vulnerable communities.



Distribution of seeds and tools in Kurshale, Celgelle and Bulo-jay farmers Somalia

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