



Islamic Relief Somalia

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OUR VISION

Inspired by our Islamic faith and guided by our values, we envisage a caring world where communities are empowered, social obligations are fulfilled and people respond as one to the suffering of the others.

OUR MISSION

Exemplifying our Islamic values, we will mobilize resources, build partnerships, and develop local capacity as we work to:

- Enable communities to mitigate the effect of disasters prepare for their occurrence and respond by providing relief, protection and recovery.
- Promote integrated development and environmental custodianship with a focus on sustainable livelihoods
- Support the marginalized and vulnerable to voice their needs and address root causes of poverty.

OUR CORE VALUES

We are guided by the teachings provided by the revelations contained within the Qur'an and prophetic example (Sunnah), most specifically: ikhlas (sincerity) ihsan (excellence), rahma (compassion), adl (justice) and amana (custodianship). In our work and individual conduct, we shall not cease to:

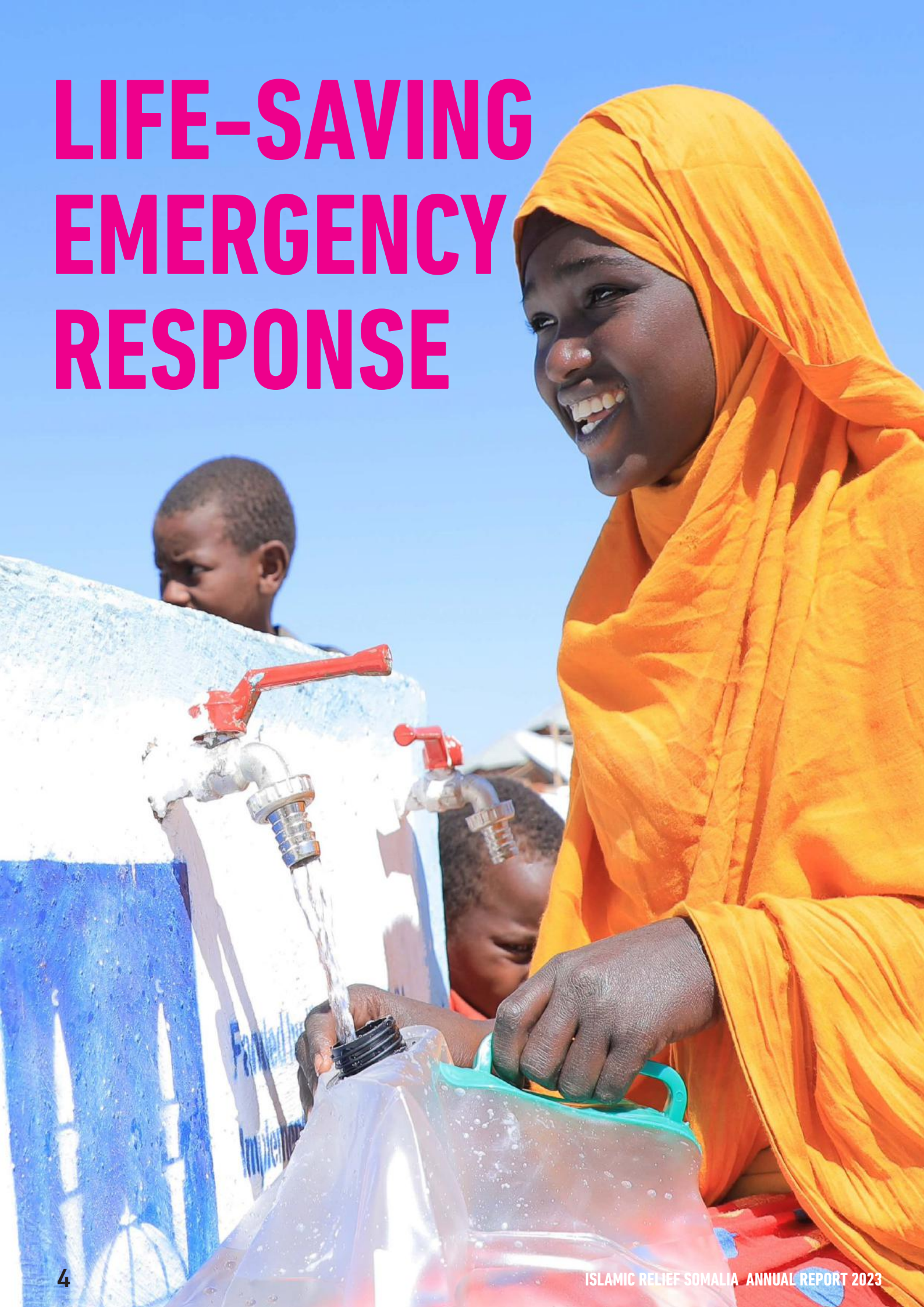
- Prize sincerity and honesty.
- Strive for excellence.
- Be compassionate.
- Promote, campaign for and deliver justice.
- Prove worthy custodians of the trust placed in us to care for people and the planet.

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LIFE-SAVING EMERGENCY RESPONSE



MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

Assalamu alaykum

Peace be with you

I am glad to share with you our 2023 annual report of Islamic Relief Somalia. The report describes our programmes, efforts and commitment in providing an integrated life saving response in Somalia's challenging operating environment, yet on schedule. We strive our best to deliver on our commitment while adhering to the strict Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) responsibility framework.

In major regions of Somalia, the year was marked with mixed of natural and man-made hazards. This includes, prolonged drought, conflicts, Elnino floods, and multiple stresses. Families across various location remained in severe shock, with many struggling to obtain crucial services and supplies needed to meet life's basic requirements.

The effects of the Elnino floods and intense drought, along with climate change-induced displacements and a string of conflicts, culminated in a serious humanitarian disaster throughout most of southern Somalia and the Sool region. If it hadn't been for a concerted effort by governments, the UN, and international organizations, including Islamic Relief Somalia, this situation would have resulted in catastrophe.

Over 8.2 million people were in need across the country, with over 1 million being displaced by the drought and other forms of violence. Islamic Relief Somalia enhanced its financing portfolio and carried out unified area-based programming to meet numerous needs. Our intervention reached out to a total of 946,227 rights holders across different areas.

We continued to prioritize life-saving humanitarian response, with a focus on those who are left out and hard to reach areas and regions, while highlighting the significance of protection and accountability to affected people, with a special emphasis on women, girls, and persons with disabilities.

I would like to thank Islamic Relief Somalia's partners and sponsors for their constant trust and support. Increased contributions in 2023 demonstrated this, with our income reaching \$16.9 million.

This support and financing allowed us to identify the most needy and vulnerable locations for immediate assistance.

Similarly, I want to recognize and thank the Islamic Relief Somalia staff members for their determination, dedication, and initiative in taking care of the most vulnerable families in a timely manner for 2023 and the past years.

Despite the challenges we faced, we have come together to overcome and emerge stronger than ever before.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering support and generosity of our partners and donors throughout the year. Your contributions have been instrumental in helping us achieve our goals and make a positive impact on the lives of so many people.

Finally, we request our partners and donors to beef up their dedication in providing extra funding. Additional support in terms of monetary, technical expertise will enable us serve more people in need with life saving intervention, build community resilience and restore community livelihoods.

Islamic Relief Somalia will continue to be a champion for the vulnerable, needy, marginalized and minority groups and their families by collaborating closely with the UN, NGOs, INGOs, local authorities, and Somali stakeholders to make a positive impact in their lives.

Thank you always for standing with Islamic Relief Somalia.



Aliow Mohamed

IR Somalia Country Director



ISLAMIC RELIEF SOMALIA

Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) is an international relief and development charity which envisages a caring world where people unite to respond to the suffering of others, empowering them to fulfill their potential.

We are an independent humanitarian organization founded in UK in 1984 with a presence in over 40 countries around the globe. We provide help where it is needed most and whenever we are best placed to assist. Responding to disasters and emergencies, Islamic Relief promotes sustainable economic and social development by working with local communities, regardless of race, religion or gender.

Islamic Relief currently has development programmes in more than 32 countries in Africa, Asia, Middle East and Eastern Europe.

Islamic Relief works in six main sectors: sustainable livelihoods, education, health and nutrition, child welfare, water and sanitation, emergency relief and disaster preparedness.

Islamic Relief has a consultative status (special category) with economic and social council of the United Nations, is a full member of British NGOs for Overseas Development (BOND) and has framework of Partnership with various donors and partners, and is a signatory of the Code of Conduct for the international Red Crescent Movements, NGOs in Disaster Relief.

Islamic Relief Somalia (IRS) has been working in Somalia since 2006, and committed to achieving the core vision of a caring world where the basic requirements of the needy are met.

IRS's goal is to provide vulnerable communities and IDPs in Somalia with access to basic needs including water, sanitation, education, and health. IRS programs promote sustainable livelihood, food security and recovery through increased productivity for farmers, Business development skills, orphan welfare, and providing cash grants and training for women and youth to increase income generation and employment opportunities.

IRS programs target to promote access to services for the most vulnerable populations such as women, girls, people with disabilities and older people. IRS is the most effective humanitarian organization in reaching the most vulnerable people in hard-to-reach areas in Somalia with the support of the country's management team and generous donors.



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Ramadan Food Distribution 2023

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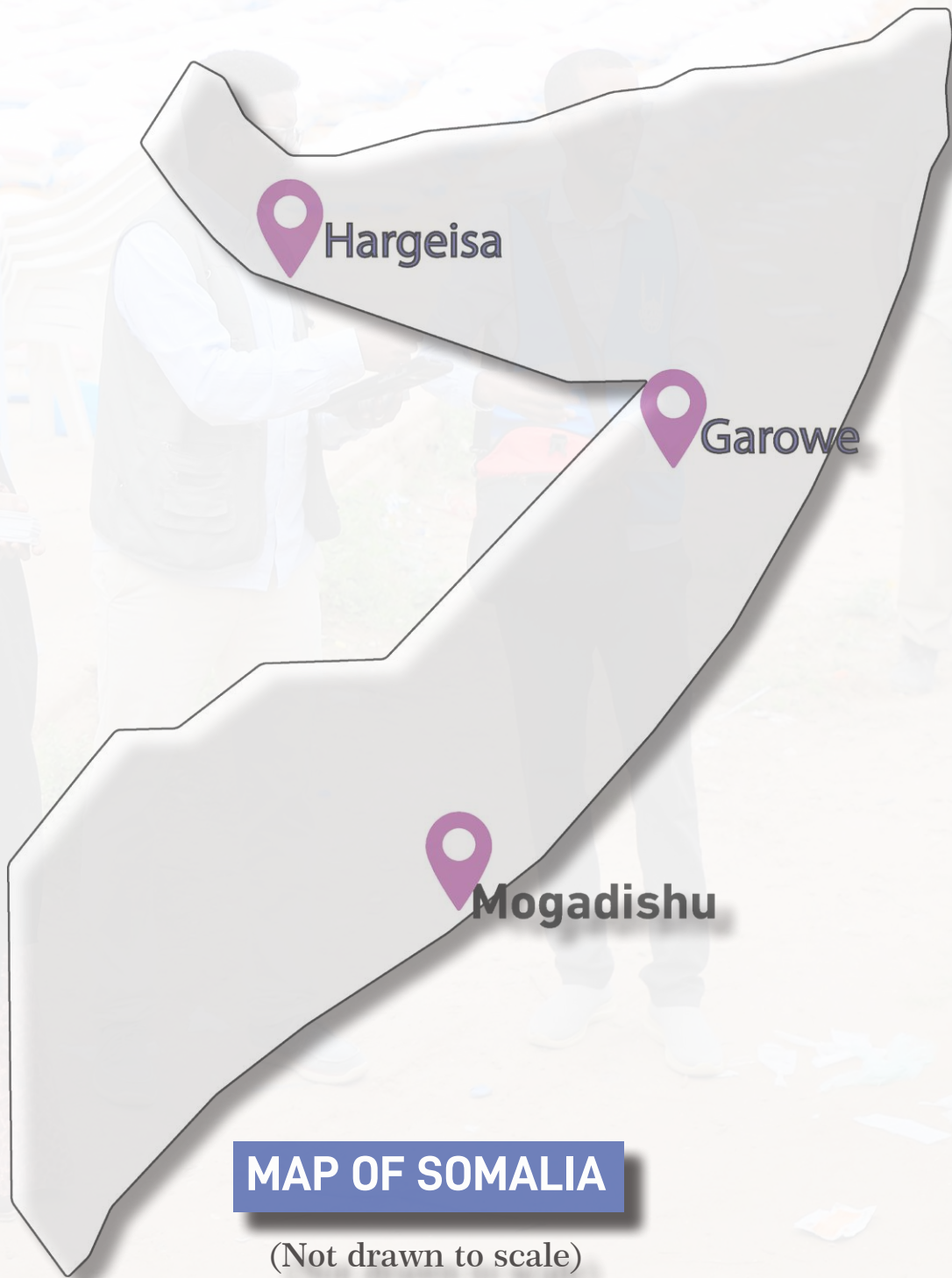
- 1. Bariis/Rice, 25kg
- 2. Bur/Wheat flour, 25kg
- 3. Sonkor/Sugar

ISLAMIC RELIEF SOMALIA-OPERATIONAL AREAS

Islamic Relief Somalia operations are currently managed from seven main towns within four states in Somalia: Mogadishu, the country office; Hargeisa, Somaliland, Baidoa and Afgoye of South West State of Somalia, Beledweyne, Balcad and Jowhar of Hirshabelle State of Somalia, Bardhere of Gedo region of Jubaland State, and Garowe, of Puntland State of Somalia.

To ensure effective delivery and active engagement of the local stakeholders, IRS has 13 staffed and fully operational satellite field offices namely: Borama, Burco, Badhan, Qardho, Burtinle, Beledweyne, Jowhar, Balcad, Afgoye, Berdale, Dinsor, Bardhere and Baidao.

The field offices receive strategic support and oversight from three regional sub offices in



Mogadishu - country office. Hargeisa and Garowe - area offices

OUR CORE OBJECTIVES & GOALS

Islamic Relief Somalia core mandate is derived from the objectives and goals outlined in Islamic Relief Worldwide's Global Strategy. Based on the Global Strategy, Islamic Relief Somalia's goals are:

REDUCING THE HUMANITARIAN IMPACT OF CONFLICTS AND NATURAL DISASTERS

- Reduce the suffering and losses resulting from conflict or natural disasters.
- Provide timely, adequate, and relevant emergency assistance for people affected by conflict or natural disasters.
- Support households and communities affected by disasters to rebuild their livelihoods..

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES TO EMERGE FROM POVERTY AND VULNERABILITY.

- Increase assets, income, food security and access to employment opportunities for poor households.
- Improve the quality of life for vulnerable groups, particularly women and children, through investments in Education, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), and health services.

THEMATIC PRIORITIES/SECTORS

In 2023, IRS responded to the needs of a conflict and drought-affected population using an integrated approach that combines life-saving assistance and long-term sustainable programs to build the resilience of the target communities.

Using this innovative approach and in collaboration with local communities and leaders, IRS was able to reach the most vulnerable groups living in remote underserved areas, IDP camps, and hard-to-reach areas of Berdale, Dinsoor and Bardhere. Our community-led participatory approaches enabled us to identify the needs and solutions to ease the burden and improve livelihoods.

The generous financial support of our donors, including institutional donors and Islamic Relief partners; and the integrated community-led programming were the reason of our success in 2023. The key thematic areas driven by need analysis were; Food Security and Economic Empowerment, Health and Nutrition, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, and Humanitarian Emergency Response.

The following cross-cutting activities complemented our key thematic areas: This include Child Welfare and orphan Sponsorship, Education in Emergencies, Seasonal Programs (Ramadan and Qurbani), Safeguarding, protection, Gender inclusion, and climate change adaptation.

IRS (2023 to 2026) Country strategy, We aim to focus more on further cementing the portfolio, strengthen operational mandate and will stretch out to new development and humanitarian areas and through an innovative models. Higher emphasis will be placed on climate-smart programming, Durable solution, Disaster Risk Management, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation, Market systems development programming, conflict resolution and Peace-buildings to strengthen the humanitarian- development- peace nexus.



IWAFS PROJECT
ACTIVITY (IES)
Distribution of Emergency
Water Training to
Affected Communities
Ugadhan District
UGADHAN DISTRICT
SOMALILAND, SOMALIA
PROJECT OWNER: ISLAMIC RELIEF CANADA
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THE YEAR 2023

The year 2023 was not any better than the previous years as far as humanitarian crisis in Somalia is concerned. However, it is unique in terms of the new hazard/disaster that has impacted the already vulnerable population. El-Nino flash floods caused more havoc and resulted to the several casualties.

Ongoing conflicts, recurrent climatic shocks, diseases outbreaks and continued displacements of the vulnerable population remain significant challenges people are exposed. This situation impacted community livelihood and food security, access to health, shelter and thereby making them live in undignified manner.

The humanitarian emergency in Somalia remains extremely concerning and needs are on the rise. While Somalia managed to walk back from the brink of famine in early 2023, more than four million people remain food insecure and in need of assistance. In October, the country faced a further shock as torrential deyr (October to December) rains, due to the confirmed influence of the El Niño conditions and a positive Indian Ocean Dipole in the region, caused widespread flooding in the country. Over 1.2 million people were affected.

Ongoing military operations and conflict continue to displace thousands of people every month, and millions remain hungry. In addition, about 4.3 million people face high levels of acute food insecurity between October and December, compared to 4.7 million people at the same time last year.

In 2023, Islamic Relief Somalia (IRS) increased assistance and reached more crises affected population in Somaliland, Puntland and South Central Somalia, reaching a total of 946,227 rights-holders with integrated multi-sector interventions. This is an increase of 16% higher than that of 2022.

Islamic Relief Somalia keeps targeting the newly displaced, female and child-headed households, persons with disability, the elderly, extremely poor and minorities with life-saving and rural resilience building programmes.

Through our FSL sector, a total of 629,917 individuals, representing 66% of the total rights-holders were supported and reached mainly through provision of livelihood interventions and out of which 54% are female and 6% are people living with a disability.

Islamic Relief Somalia (IRS) constructed and rehabilitated more than 20 boreholes, a total of 100 shallow wells, 100 more additional Berkads, water pans and small ponds with a view to improve community access to water and sanitation. These water sources were fitted with systems that was aimed at improving access of water by all including the disable ones.

Similarly, IRS constructed Berkads, provided water treatment kits, distributed hygiene kits, Non food items (NFI), conducted hygiene promotion campaigns, constructed latrines with hand washing facilities and promoted hygiene standards and behaviour change.

With regard to WASH sector, a total of 232,510 individuals were supported and additionally 59,578 were also provided with health care services. Islamic Relief operates health centers in Balcad of Middle Shabelle, Shibis and Daynile of Benadir region.



Elnino flash floods in Baidoa, South West State of Somalia



Elnino flash floods in Baidoa, South West State of Somalia

OUR KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR 2023

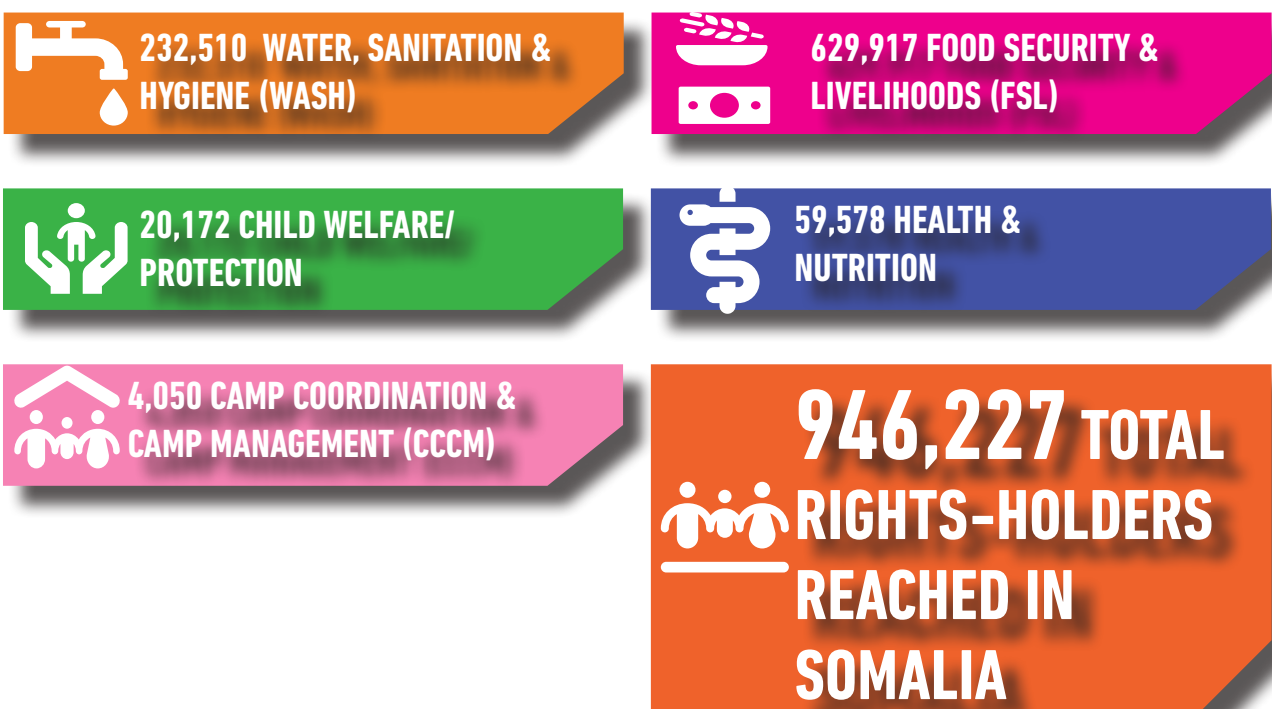
Islamic Relief Somalia deliver its country programmes both directly and in some instances working through local partners. In the year 2023, through these models, IRS reached 946,227 rights-holders. IRS has strict measures in place to avoid double counting given the integrated nature of IRS programs, where a rights-holder is a recipient of benefits from multiple sectors.

The MEAL team play a significant role to ensure no double counting occurs using the IRS IT platform, Electronic Beneficiary Management System (EBMS).

MEAL team also ensure the programs address the priorities and needs of the target communities. The programs was guided by the humanitarian principles and standards in implementation, including documenting lessons learnt.

The infographic below shows the breakdown of the rights-holders reached by Islamic Relief Somalia programs in 2023.

2023 IN NUMBERS





HUMANITARIAN OUTLOOK IN 2023

The Horn of Africa is experiencing its most severe and protracted drought in decades. In Somalia, over 3.8 million livestock have died since the beginning of the drought eroding the primary source of livelihood, income, and nutrition for pastoralist communities. Hunger and food insecurity are of particular concern and about 8.25 million people require lifesaving assistance.

The recent heavy rainfall and the heavy downpour resulted in flash floods, and loss of homes and livestock in areas already impacted by the drought. Water insecurity is leading to a rise in diseases and protection risks, further compounding the situation., with ongoing outbreak of cholera and measles particularly among children.

The recurring climatic shocks, widespread food insecurity, and reduced livelihood access are exacerbated by persistent conflict and resultant displacement, contributing to sustained humanitarian needs and ongoing complex emergencies. There is a critical need to invest in livelihoods, resilience, infrastructure development, climate adaptation and durable solutions to ensure those affected can recover from the ongoing crisis, adapt, and thrive in the future.

Despite of those turbulences, the humanitarian crises are deteriorating year by year and from between April-June,2023 approximately 8.3 million people which half of the country population faced crisis or worse (IPC phase 3 or above) and due to 4 consecutive rains failure caused large losses of livestock and agricultural assets, resulting in destitution and the increase human migration and formed large IDP camps.

This has increased the needs for humanitarian support, which may be difficult to cover due to limited resources. Climate change and land degradation caused a shortage of water and degradation of agricultural land, which requires large-scale programming and financial resources to address, 6.6 million Somalis faced acute level of food insecurity between Apr-Jun 2023 in this year and another additional 1.7 million displacements due to drought and conflict from January 2021 to March 2023.

Despite of the bigger impacts of the expected El Nino- induced flooding during Deyr rainy season (October – December), and so far 500,000 families have affected their livelihood asset, agricultural production, livestock, damage of infrastructure like bridges, market, health and schools which make difficult for accessorily, and the weather forecast is predicting Elnino will continues up to first quarter of coming year 2024, and if this happens, the situation will be worsen and a round 6.9 M people will be in need.

Due to the effects of the predicted unfavorable climatic conditions, the government of Somalia appealed to humanitarian NGOs and private sector to provide immediate assistance to these communities but still the actual support is low due to the existing gaps in funding to the emergency responses.







SHEEP PROJECT

ACTIVITY (IES)

Provision of Plastic Geo-membrane to 50 vulnerable household in Magalo-cad village

**AWDAL REGION
SOMALILAND**

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NUMBER OF RIGHTS-HOLDERS SERVED IN 2023

In 2023, a total of 946,227 beneficiaries across all IRS intervention areas of Somalia were reached. Islamic Relief Somalia targeted the most vulnerable communities of all age groups but more specifically, through our vulnerability criteria, IR targeted women, girls, boys, PLWD and both in and outside IPDs.

In 2023, an estimated 55% (522,450 individuals) supported and reached rights-holders were women while the total number of people having disabilities and at the same supported 6% (53,509 individuals).

The FSL, Food Security & Livelihood sector, supported were a total of 629,917 individuals, representing 66% of the total rights-holders, out of which about 54% are female and 6% are people living with a disability.

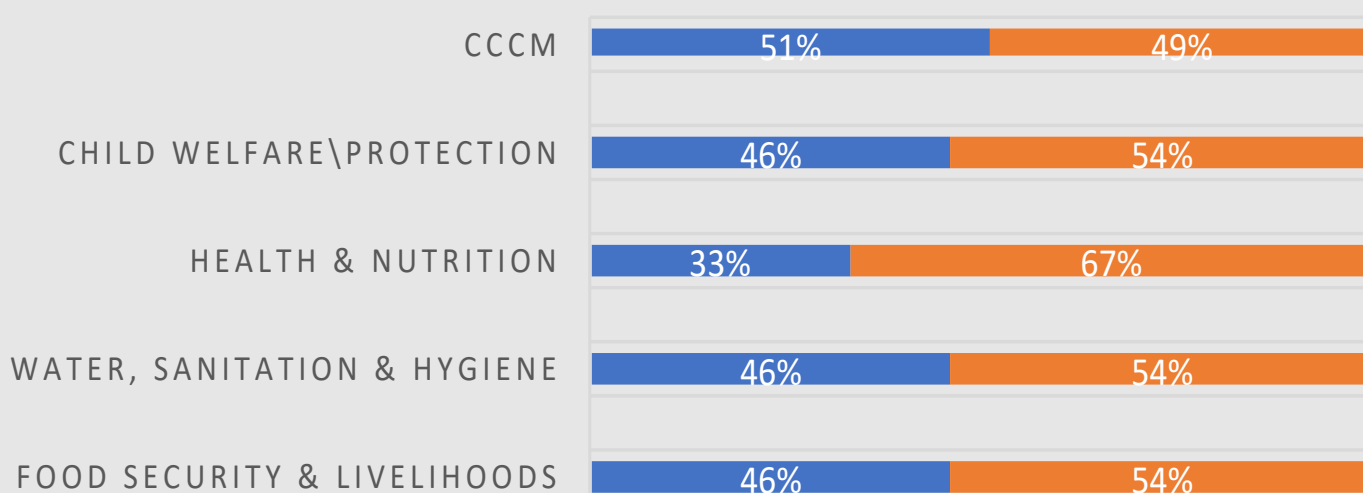
In the WASH sector, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene sector, a total of 232,510 individuals were supported representing 25% of the total rights-holders, out of which 54% are female and 6% are people living with disabilities.

The Health and Nutrition sector reached a total of 59,578 individuals, representing 6% of the total rights-holders, out of which 67% are girls and women of childbearing age.

The Child Welfare & Protection program benefited a total of 20,172 individuals during the year representing 2% of the total rights-holders, out of which of about 54% were women with orphans and single mothers. The chart below is an analysis of beneficiaries reached during the year by gender and sector:

2023 TOTAL RIGHTS-HOLDERS BY GENDER AND SECTORS

■ MALE ■ FEMALE



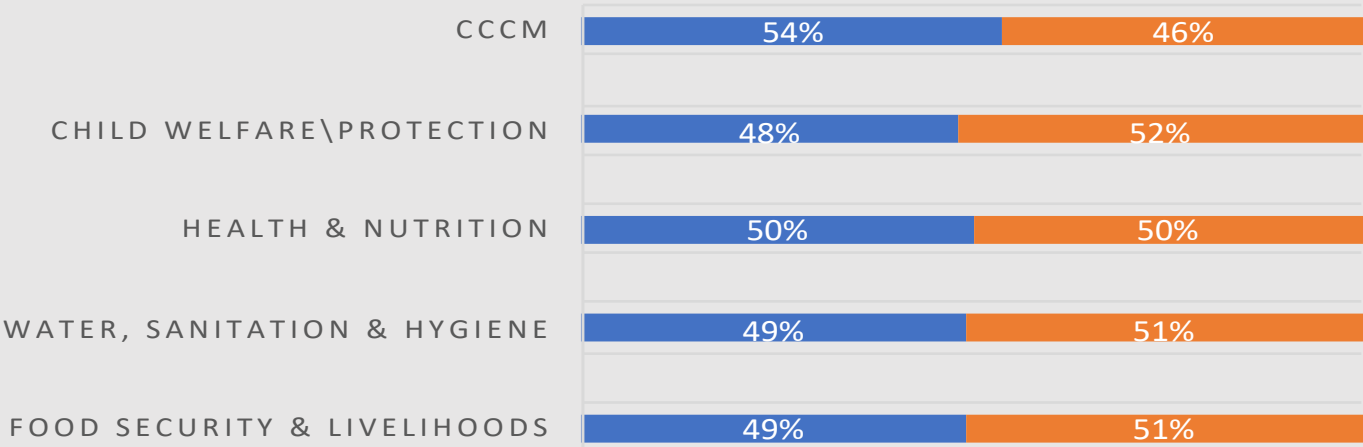
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: BY GENDER & SECTORS

Islamic Relief Somalia’s integrated programs supported a total number of persons living with disabilities of about 6% (53,509 individuals). Most of the reached persons having disabilities were from the female headed households at 49%.



2023 TOTAL PWD RIGHTS- HOLDERS BY GENDER AND SECTORS

■ MALE ■ FEMALE







OVERVIEW AND ACHIEVEMENTS (BY REGIONS)

SOMALILAND

In 2023, our Somaliland Programs supported a total of 86,681 individuals or 9% of the total rights-holders reached in 2023. About 57% of the total rights-holders were women and about 0.3% were persons living with a disability.

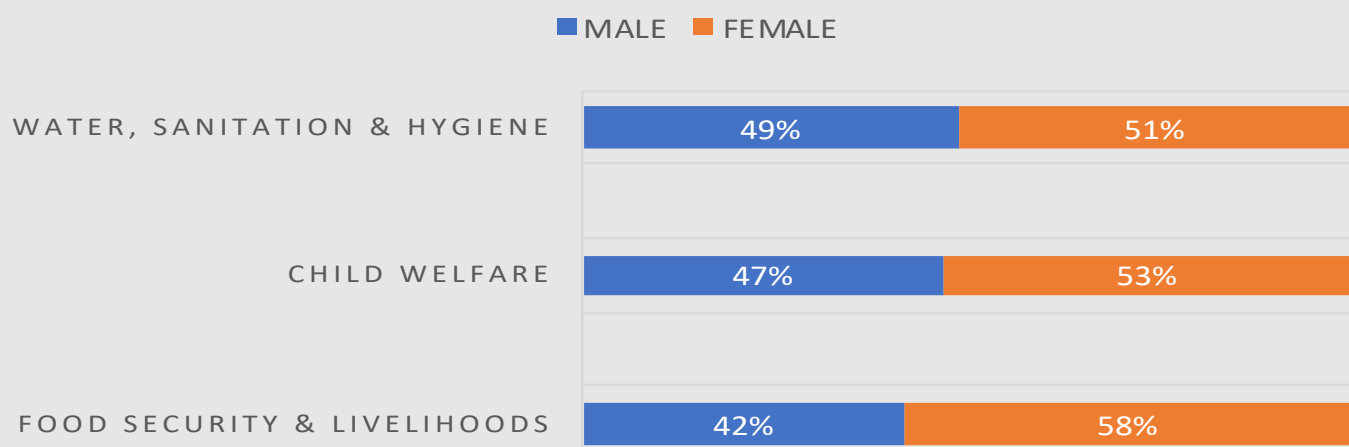
In the FSL sector, Food Security & Livelihood program activities supported 69,231 individuals or 80% of the total rights-holders. About 58% of the total rights-holders were female and about 0.3% were persons living with disabilities. The FSL sector provided multipurpose cash grants, in-kind food distribution, and crop and livestock support to improve livelihood and nutritional status at household and community at all levels. Orphan and other vulnerable women households were supported with cash grants, and business skills development.

On WASH sector, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene sector, our intervention assisted 946 individuals or about 1% of the total rights-holders. The program was to improve the accessibility of water and sanitation and promote hygiene standards and behavior changes. About 51% of the total rights-holders were female and 1.3% were persons living with disability.

The WASH sector rehabilitated five (5) boreholes, four (4) shallow wells, and five (5) barkededs in 2023. The program also provided fifty-seven (57) plastic geo-membranes to fifty-seven (57) households for storing and harvesting rainwater tools.

The child welfare and protection program supported 17,680 individuals or 20% of the total rights-holders. An estimated 53% of the rights-holders were female-headed households and 0.27% were persons living with a disabilities. The OSP, Orphan Sponsorship Program, sponsored 208 orphans including 175 new sponsorships and 33 re-sponsorships with the new 175 sponsored orphans were opened for bank accounts.

2023 TOTAL RIGHTS-HOLDERS BY GENDER AND SECTORS IN SOMALILAND





CASE STUDY 1

Cash assistance offers hope to Somalia's needy, vulnerable households

Droughts in Somalia have been ongoing since the summer of 2020, wreaking havoc on the Somali communities that live there. Approximately 648 thousand people have been affected by a variety of disasters, including a shortage of seasonal rainfall, the long-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, an increase in desert locusts, and numerous other communal difficulties that have shaped the humanitarian aid situation since 2020.

Following those disasters, Islamic Relief stepped in to provide aid through an initiative dubbed -lifesaving assistance to drought-affected people in Somaliland (LADAC) Project. The project's goal was to help the most impacted communities in Sallahley, Bali-Calanle, Ina Guuha, Gunbaraha, and surrounding villages.

It was also to improve access and availability of income and nutritious food for the most vulnerable communities in the area, assist communities in livestock recovery, increase water availability by building water reservoirs, and provide unconditional cash transfers to families affected by seasonal droughts.

Milgo Ahmed Abdillahi is a widow mother of ten (10) children, five girls and five boys, who live in the Hawd area's Bali-Calanle hamlet.

She was a recipient of the project, which provided her with three months of unconditional cash transfers to help her family cope with food insecurity.

She is the breadwinner for her family and owns a little business in the hamlet as well as some animals and goats.

"The three-month support of unconditional cash transfers has greatly aided my family at a time when we were struggling with food insecurity, a lack of safe drinking water, and school dropouts for my children."

“We used to eat once a day for the entire day”

"The cash grants improved our food accessibility because I am able to buy food packs from the market to support my family, pay debts, and pay my children's school fees in the village." If we were worried about what we would eat, the monetary assistance opened a window for my family, and in the months, we received the cash assistance, we became worry-free concerning food and water," Milgo Ahmed says.



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PUNTLAND

In 2023, the Puntland programs supported a total of 388,121 individuals which is about 41% of the total reached. About 57% of the total beneficiaries were women and about 2% of the total beneficiaries assisted were persons living with disabilities.

Under the FSL sector, our intervention supported 296,403 individuals or 76% of the total beneficiaries reached in 2023. About 65% (192,662 individuals) of the total rights-holders were from the female headed households.

Two percent of the (5,928 individuals) beneficiaries reached were from persons living with disabilities. The FSL program provided cash-based assistance, in-kind food distribution, provision of agricultural seeds and farm inputs to 4,344 farmers. There has been construction of nine greenhouses with solar power installations, land ploughings for 60 farmers as well as construction of two harvesting storages.

Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs) were also established across Puntland intervention and Islamic Relief Somalia supported the groups with start-up capitals. From those supported, about 2,970 people were provided with food in kind from the Ramadan food packages support

The Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) sector assisted 89,892 individuals or about 23% of the total rights-holders. This sector was to improve accessibility of clean and potable water and promotion of sanitation, hygiene standards and behavior changes. About 57% (50,962 individuals) of the total rights-holders were female and 2% of that total beneficiaries represent persons living with disabilities helped through this intervention.

The WASH program drilled five (5) deep water boreholes as they were well all equipped and installed with good solar power system. In addition, thirteen (13) water facilities including ten (10) boreholes and three (3) shallow wells were rehabilitated and installed with solar power.

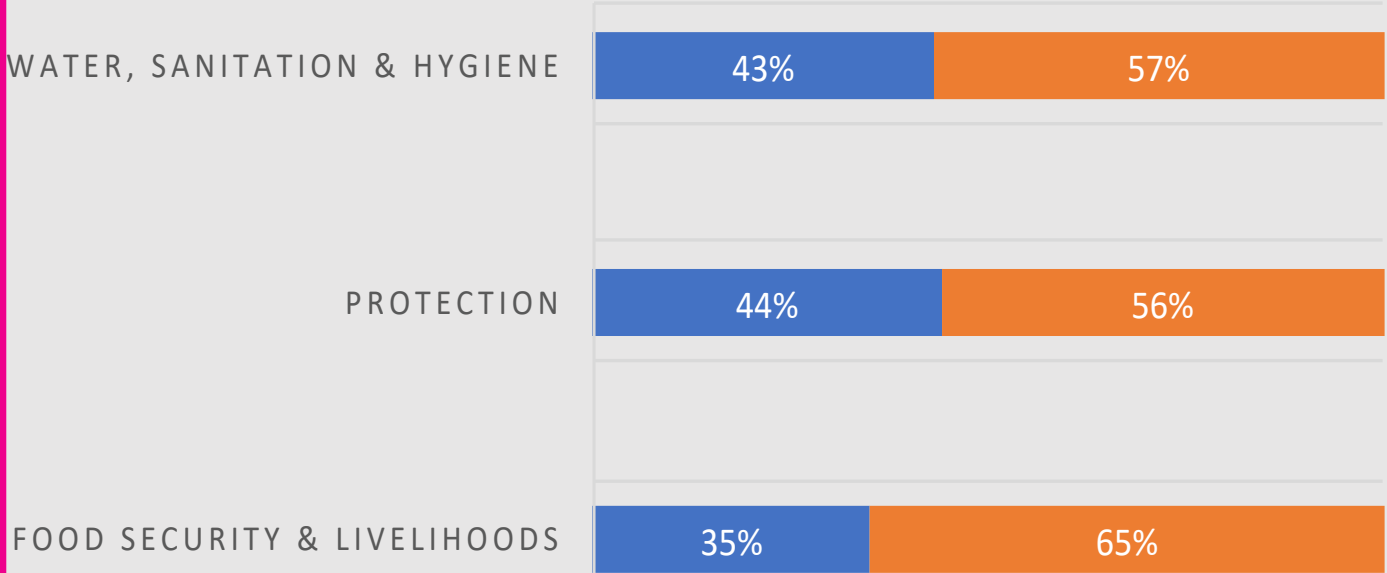
In 2023, the WASH program supported 36,250 people in Badhan and Isku-shuban districts with emergency water trucking as well as distribution of hygiene kits and Non-food items (NFIs). Additionally, several hygiene promotion campaigns were conducted under the WASH sector.

The protection program supported 1,826 individuals or 1% of the total rights-holders were reached in our operational areas of Puntland. A total of 56% of the rights-holders were female-headed households while male-headed households were 44%. Finally, only 2% of the total supported rights-holders were persons living with disabilities. Overall, the number of people reached for the protection increased compared to those in 2022.

As per the data from our 2023, in the protection sector, 1,826 individuals were reached in 2022. This number was increased by (789 individuals) meaning that there was an increase by 76% from previous year. Our protection program supported 21 internally displaced peoples' camps (IDPs)

2023 TOTAL RIGHTS-HOLDERS BY GENDER AND SECTORS IN PUNTLAND

■ MALE ■ FEMALE





CASE STUDY 2

Rehabilitation of irrigation shallow wells is helping farmers fight food insecurity

Mohamed Said Warsame, 60, lives in Dhanaha village, Puntland, in north-eastern Somalia, with his wife and 13 children.

Mohamed and his family are farmers, but like so many in Puntland and across Somalia, they have suffered from severe water shortages as a result of the prolonged periods of drought. They used to dig their own wells for water, but due to the ever-greater impacts of climate change, these wells have run dry.

“As the drought caused our wells to dry up, we had to travel a long way to find water,” Mohamed explains. “It was extremely difficult because the terrain was hilly and rough. My wife was injured and lost a tooth when she fell down a mountain while carrying water on her back.”

In response to the growing number of farmers in Puntland suffering from severe water shortages, Islamic Relief launched the Community Resilience Enhancement for Drought Integrated Preparedness (CREDIT) project with funding from IR USA. The project seeks to help farmers build resilience in the face of climate change. It incorporates both livelihood and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) measures, targeting the most vulnerable people in the Bari and Sanaag regions. More than 45,000 people have benefitted so far.

The project’s overall purpose is to improve rural food security and access to water. In Mohamed’s village of Dhanaha, Islamic Relief helped to construct a solar-powered shallow well and build a pipeline extension. Mohamed is now able to access enough clean water to irrigate his farm and produce healthy crops.

“Islamic Relief Somalia has been a huge help with this shallow well. It has hugely enhanced our living situation. We now have enough clean water to cook, drink and irrigate our farms,” Mohamed says.



As a result of the CREDIT project, Mohamed’s family’s lives have improved. Mohamed now sells crops from his farm to other cities in Puntland’s Sanaag district, earning him enough money to feed his family.

“The project has had a positive impact on my life. I was suffering from a drought that had decimated my land and livelihood. I had no water, crops, income or hope. I was desperate and helpless.

“Now, thanks to Islamic Relief, I have a well-equipped shallow well with solar power that provides enough clean water to grow crops. I have a productive and diverse farm where I plant maize, potatoes, onions, peppers, watermelons and I have enough food now.

“I am able to support my family and raise their standard of living. I am grateful and I now have hope for the future”



BENADIR REGION, HIRSHABELLE, SOUTH WEST AND JUBALAND STATES OF SOMALIA

In 2023, our intervention reached an estimated 471,425 individuals. This number is half of all rights-holders in Somalia. Similarly, a total of 256,516 persons (54%) are female and 3% of persons living with disability(s)

Through our Food Security Livelihoods & Economic Empowerment sector, a total of 264,283 individuals (constitute a 56%) of the total rights-holders reached in 2023 provided with various support were from southern Somalia. A total of 142,712 female individuals (54%), and 2% of PLWD WERE targeted and supported.

The FSL program provided multi-purpose cash assistance to meet the basic needs 337,385 individuals mainly IDPs, to secure food, clothes and other essential items. In addition, IR Somalia provided 36,220 people with emergency in-kind food supports whereas 450 people of 75 Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs) and Self-Help Groups, SHGs, were supported to recover economically through provision of business grants.

IR supported a total of 114,232 individuals or 24% of the total people supported in 2023 with WASH & shelter intervention. About 52% of the total rights-holders were female while 2% of the rights-holders are persons living with disabilities. The increase in proportions of the female rights-holders indicate that there are significant number of female-headed households targeted through our intervention. Overall, the WASH program benefited a total of 6,800 people access clean water through rehabilitated water infrastructure system.

Islamic Relief Somalia, through this program, assisted 83,483 people access water trucking services where distributions of hygiene kits and Non-food items (NFI kits) were made targeting 40,396 people during crisis period. The health and nutrition program improved community access to health and nutrition reaching to 59,578 individuals. This is an estimated of 11% of the total beneficiaries reached by IRS program in South-central regions in 2023.

Similarly, 68% of the total people served are girls and women of child-bearing age while (1%) reached are people living with disability. The health program provided essential services for maternal, reproductive and neonatal health, treatment, surveillance and control of highly infectious diseases and promotion of hygienic standards as a prevention method.

Assistance to seriously ill patients, treatment of common diseases, prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases were also provided to the patients through our health services in Shibis & Daynile health services.

A total of 59,578 people benefited from the health and nutrition services provided by Islamic Relief Somalia whereas 1,000 children received supplementary food through the nutrition program.

The safeguarding and protection sector supported total of 666 individuals or less than 1% of the total people supported by Islamic Relief Somalia in the south-central regions in 2022. About 63% of the total rights-holders were female headed households and 3% of those rights-holders are persons living with disabilities.

With regards to protection and safeguarding, A total of 50 person from IDPs in Baidoa were trained on GBV, protection, safeguarding and inclusion services.



**INTEGRATED HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE FOR
IDPs AND HOST COMMUNITIES IN BERDALE,
DINSOR AND BAIDOA DISTRICTS
IN BAY REGION**

**Registration of 1,500 Drought
Affected Communities for
Unconditional Cash Transfers
in Baidoa District**

**Funded by: Swedish International Development
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**Implemented by Islamic Relief Somalia
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BAIDOA DISTRICT

2023-2024

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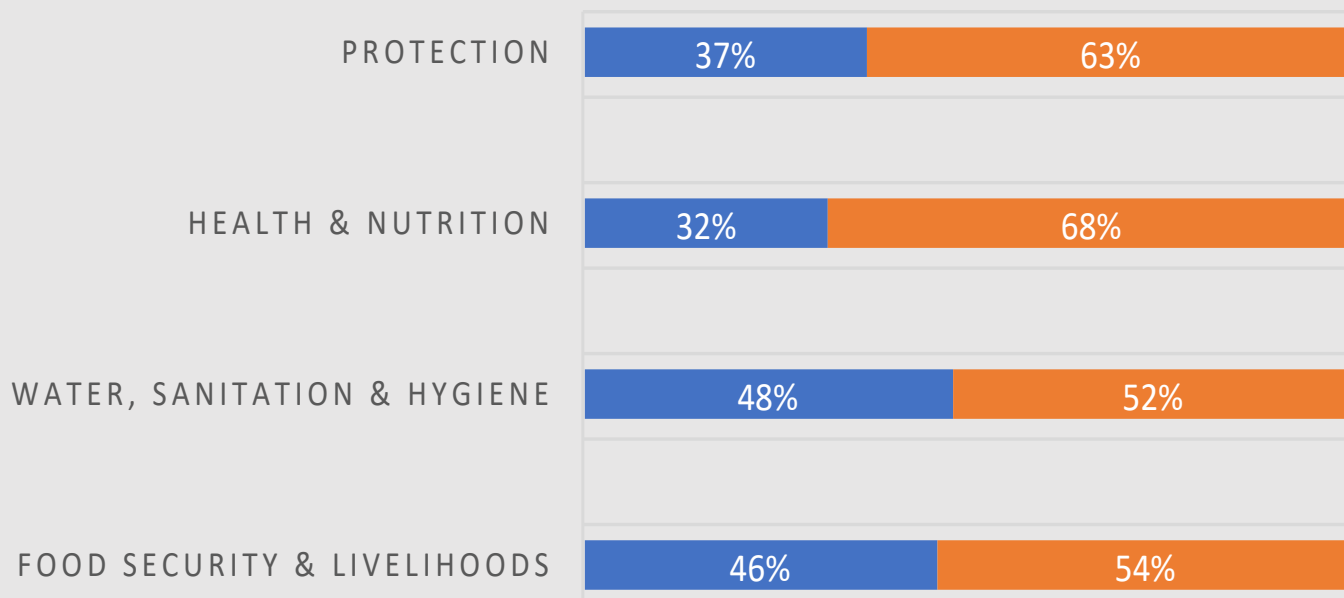


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2023 TOTAL RIGHTS-HOLDERS BY GENDER AND SECTORS IN SOUTH CENTRAL ZONE

■ MALE ■ FEMALE





CASE STUDY 3

Financial empowerment restores hope to displaced women entrepreneurs in Somalia

“Now, you can see that I am making a mat to sell at the market. Through these crafts, I can provide food for my children. Without your help, it would be very hard for us to survive.”

Prolonged periodic droughts have reduced access to safe and potable water in many areas of Somalia and led to an increase in suspected instances of diarrhoea, cholera and measles. This is particularly true in camps in Baidoa and Dinsor, situated in the Bay area of southern Somalia, where internally displaced people (IDPs) routinely face hunger and lack of suitable shelter.

More than 4.3 million people – 1 in 4 – are now internally displaced within Somalia, the highest figure ever recorded in the country. In response to the growing needs of these IDPs, Islamic Relief established the Drought Response for Somalia Project (DROPS). The project is primarily aimed at communities who have fled hostilities and drought and are living in desperate circumstances in the camps of the Baidoa district. It has already improved the lives of more than 50,000 people in Somalia's southern cities.

Baidoa is the interim capital of Somalia's South West State, located approximately 280 kilometers south west of Mogadishu. It is one of the main nodes in central Somalia, connecting various cities and situated close to the centre of what is normally the country's breadbasket. Baidoa is home to the largest number of drought-related displaced people in the country, with estimates that up to 600,000 IDPs are currently residing in the city.

As part of the DROPS project, Islamic Relief built 50 shelters, constructed a market shed and drilled a borehole with kiosks and water troughs. As a result, 3,000 homes in the camps and surrounding areas are now able to access clean and safe water, enabling a large number of drought-affected families to build homes in Dinsor and Baidoa. Islamic Relief also distributed 70 dollars in cash over a period of four months to more than 1,602 vulnerable people in the camps.

Among those gathered at the market shed was Hawa Mohamed Nur, a 50-year-old widowed mother of 4 children. She was knitting mats and making baskets to sell at the market to earn enough to buy her family a daily meal.

Hawa and her family were from Moragabey village in the north of Baidoa. They were forced to leave their home due to the persistent droughts and conflict. She and her children walked for 8 days from their village and are now living in 1 of the shelters constructed by Islamic Relief.

Hawa explained that she had previously owned goats but that she lost her livestock and all means of generating an income due to the droughts. Islamic Relief supported Hawa and her children in the camp by providing food, shelter, water and cash, enabling her to start a small business at the camp.

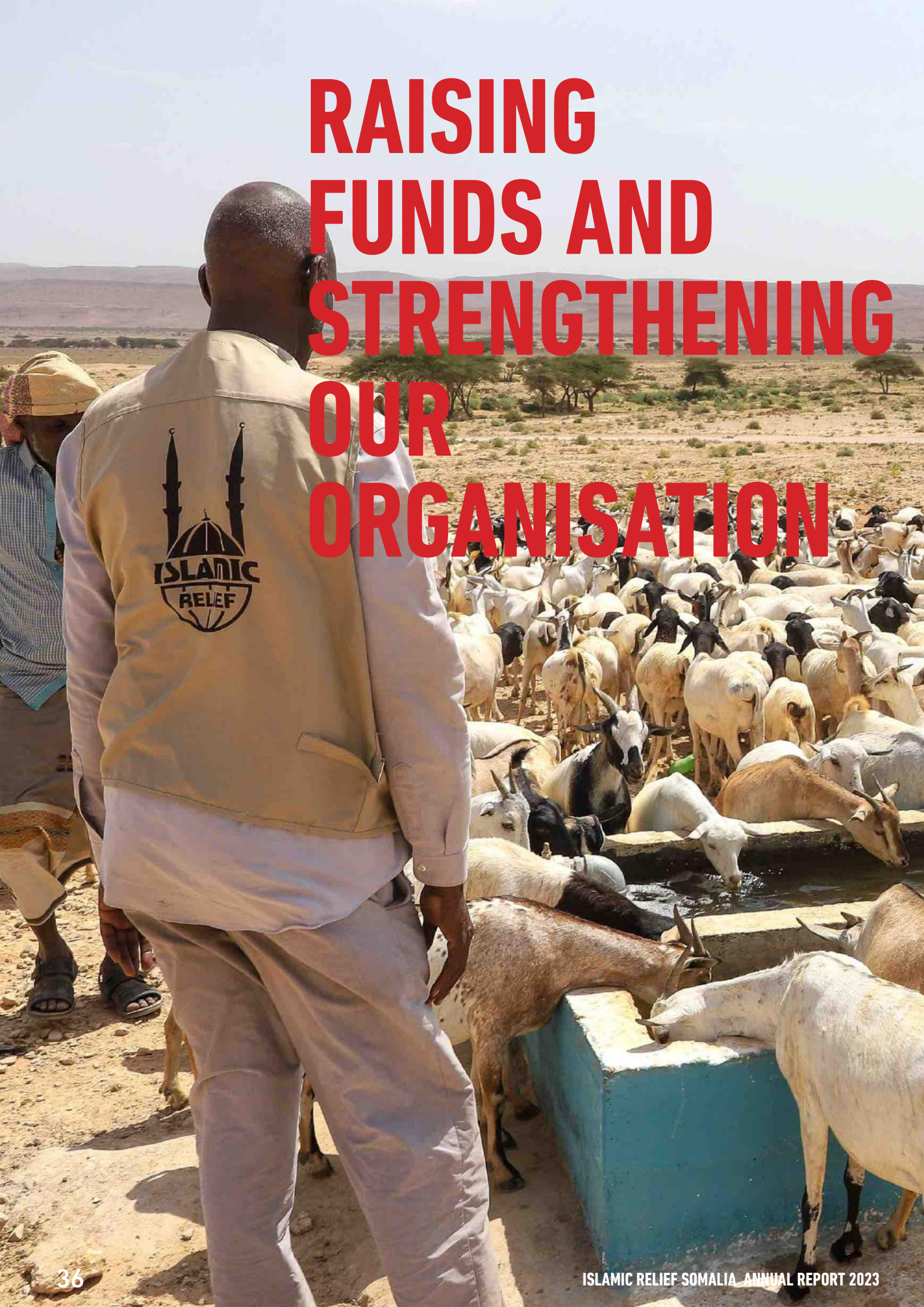
"I am 1 of the women whom Islamic Relief supported with business start-up money. They provided each of us with \$500 and constructed the market shed. I am the only breadwinner for my family as my husband Mohamed Mursal died 10 years ago. Now I sell mats, baskets and make tie dye clothes for other women," says Hawa.

With the support of Islamic Relief, Hawa also became a member of the Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs). The VSLA is a collective which gives its members greater control over their resources, enabling them to continue their business activities to earn an income and build resilience.

"Islamic Relief was the first to support us upon our arrival at these camps. We settled in an open-air area with makeshift houses that did not protect us from the cold, the rain or the sun, or from robberies at night. We are thankful to the donors and Islamic Relief Somalia for the support they have given us," says Hawa.

Many families in Somalia, such as Hawa's, face daily challenges to secure food and shelter due to the frequent droughts, conflicts and water shortages. Somalia is among the countries bearing the brunt of climate change, and women like Hawa, often the sole provider for their families, are increasingly vulnerable. 7.1 million people in Somalia are currently facing food insecurity and it is expected that this number will grow further by the end of the year.

RAISING FUNDS AND STRENGTHENING OUR ORGANISATION





THREE YEARS RESOURCE PLAN - (2023 - 2026)

Theme/ objective	Year 1 *(\$)	Year 2 *(\$)	Year 3 *(\$)	Total (\$)
1. EMERGENCY LIVE-SAVING	1,205,000	2,205,000	3,205,000	6,615,000
Increasing the reach, speed and impact of our emergency response	100,000	100,000	100,000	300,00
Building the quality of core areas of the first phase response	5,000	5,000	5,000	15,000
Building community and partner capacity	1,100,000	2,100,000	3,100,00	6,300,00
2. EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES	12,000,000	13,000,000	14,000,000	39,000,000
Building the quality of our core programme thematic areas	10,000,000	11,000,00	12,000,00	33,000,000
Longer-term programme commitments to partners and associated funding	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	6,000,000
3. ADRESSING ROOT CAUSE	30,000	25,000	30,000	85,000
Liaising with the islamic relief family to secure sustainable development for the people we serve.	10,000	15,000	20,000	45,000
Working closely with the authorities to create synergies for sustainability and mpaact.	20,000	10,000	10,000	40,000
4. RAISING FUNDS	2,015,000	3,015,000	4,015,000	9,045,000
Securing funds from the institutions	2,000,000	3,000,000	4,000,000	9,000,000
Support Islamic Relief family/EARO with quality data to enable effective fundraising	10,000	10,000	10,000	30,000
Forming partnerships and using family-wide experience to raise funds localy	5,000	5,000	5,000	15,000
5. BUILDING CAPACITY	25,000	25,000	25,000	75,000
Skilled staff operating in an islamic valueed organisational culture	10,000	10,000	10,000	30,000
Build capacity of program staff in head & field offices	15,000	15,000	15,000	45,000
Reduced bureaucracy and decentralisation for effectiveness	0	0	0	0
Organisational governance and accountability commitments	0	0	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	15,275, 000	18,270,000	21,275,000	54,820,000



BUILDING THE QUALITY OF CORE AREAS OF THE FIRST PHASE RESPONSE



2023 SNAPSHOT OF OUR WORK

8.3 MILLION
Number of
people affected
and required
humanitarian
assistance

IRS CORE PROGRAMS

1. Food Security & Livelihoods
2. Health & Nutrition
3. Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)
4. Economic Empowerment



946,227 PEOPLE
 Number of people
 reached and supported

16,967,770.83 MILLION
 Amount of funds received



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BEST PRACTICES & LESSONS LEARNT

MULTI-TASKING FOR REDUCING PERSONNEL COSTS

Using staff for multi-tasking is the best approach to reduce personnel cost and other staff related expenses. It saves time and money by allowing the organization to combine separate tasks and use resources more efficiently. Islamic Relief Somalia (IRS) adopted this approach and enabled the organization to use staff for multi-tasking without impacting programme quality. This approach also strengthened the staff capacity and enabled staff to organize their tasks into a hierarchy of importance and urgency.

VEHICLE POOL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR REDUCED FLEET COSTS

An organisation's fleet is often the second-largest expense, after staffing. With ever-increasing pressure to reduce fleet costs, pool vehicles and shared fleets are becoming more popular. Islamic Relief Somalia (IRS) adopted vehicle pool management system to improve utilisation, and reduce the costs for all projects.

ORGANIZATIONAL RESTRUCTURING FOR INCREASING EFFICIENCY

Restructuring helps organizations to eliminate redundant roles and processes, allowing them to become more efficient without having to reduce the number of employees. Islamic Relief Somalia (IRS) restructured itself to increase efficiency and reduce costs. A new department responsible for Program Quality and Innovations was created. The Program Quality and Innovation department ensures that program development and implementation is informed by relevant quality standards.

INTEGRATED PROGRAMMING FOR BETTER OUTCOMES

Integrated multisectoral programming is the best approach to address the multi-dimensional needs of the most vulnerable groups.

The multi-dimensional adversities faced by the most vulnerable groups cannot be effectively solved without addressing their underlying determinants, many of which lie beyond one particular sector and require interventions across multiple sectors (Multisectoral and intersectoral action).

This approach is gaining traction and shows livelihood improvement, and promotes self-reliance in disaster-affected communities. The approach optimizes resource allocation and budget complementation

The approach taps into the community and stakeholders' rich background knowledge, which when shared allows better solutions to identified problems existing in the context. This approach fosters coordination, collaboration and strengthens partnerships bringing about enhanced structures and capacities in solving community issues.

BRIDGING THE GAPS

The adoption of the Humanitarian, Development, Peace (HDP) Nexus is a critical approach in a conflict-affected environment and promote the transformation of crises and conflicts into sustainable peace.

Crises rarely have clear defined end dates when humanitarian actors can leave and development work begins.

The inclusion of the peace dimension in the nexus acknowledges the vital importance of conflict sensitivity in ending humanitarian needs, reducing poverty, and ensuring sustainable development.

The implementation of the nexus requires an adjustment to internal structures, processes and procedures. This makes implementing the HPD nexus a long-term task that requires substantial changes to the system and ways of working, which is the driver of the IRS structural and process reforms.

IRS programs aim to provide tailor-made contextual solutions, converging our actions to respond to protracted crises by preventing, preparing for, and responding to the immediate and long-term needs of crisis-affected populations.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Meaningful and ongoing community engagement is the foundation of a successful project. All IRS projects include AAP to ensure the community priorities and preferences are addressed satisfactorily in the design of projects.

Projects with consistent inclusion of the community at the different phases of the project align with the project's success and the community's acceptance. IRW CRM mechanism has successfully brought the concerns of our beneficiaries to the attention of the management.

The engagement and participation of the community groups, and inclusive approaches increased accountability and made our programs respond to critical needs.

BUILDING TRUST

Participatory approach of conducting open community meetings for the selection of assisted people at the village level with the participation of target and non-target households builds trust and reduces misunderstandings, and negative perceptions and improves collaboration with the community. IRS adopted this as good practice to ensure a transparent process in beneficiary selection.

It ensures the community understand the selection process and the project. It is the best way to make the community understand the discrepancy between the available resources and the crises, and the restriction to reaching more beneficiaries.

EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMMING:

Evidence-based programming supports the approach of tailoring the local and community needs and priorities based on evidence. The evidence informs the project interventions and hence has a greater impact. Funders increasingly demand that programming be based on solid evidence.

The use of evidence improves program management as it allows program managers pay more attention and efforts on program delivery rather than program development, allowing them to reach a larger population and have a greater impact.





2024

HUMANITARIAN OUTLOOK

6.9 MILLION
people will require
humanitarian assistance



JAN TO MAR 2024

many will be at risk of ELNINO flooding if humanitarian support is not sustained

DROUGHT

shocks still exist and can compound precarious humanitarian situation

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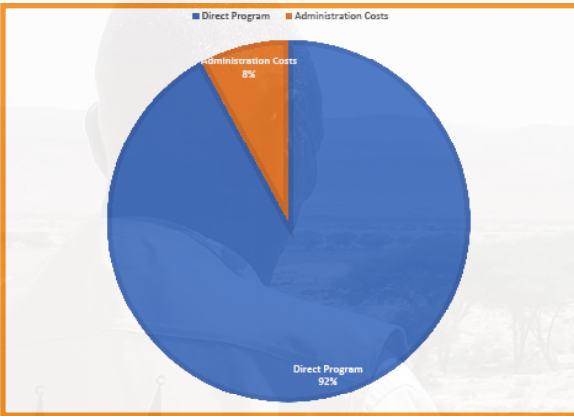
7. FINANCIALS AND SPENDINGS

During the year 2023, Islamic Relief Somalia received a total of \$16,967,770.83 for delivery of various services in our operational areas of Somalia across the country. An estimated 92% of the funding was utilized for project deliverables and 8% in project administration costs. A total of 83% of funding was received from IRW partners and 12% from Institutional donors and 5% from UN agencies.

Fifty percent of the funds were used to deliver projects in South Central (50%), Somaliland (22%), and Puntland (28%) respectively.

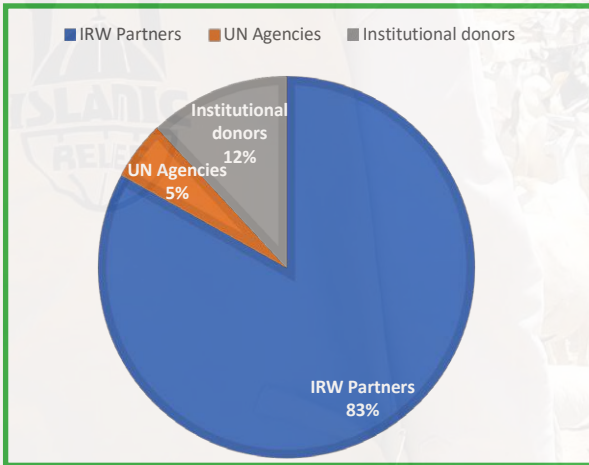
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HOW WE USE OUR FUNDS



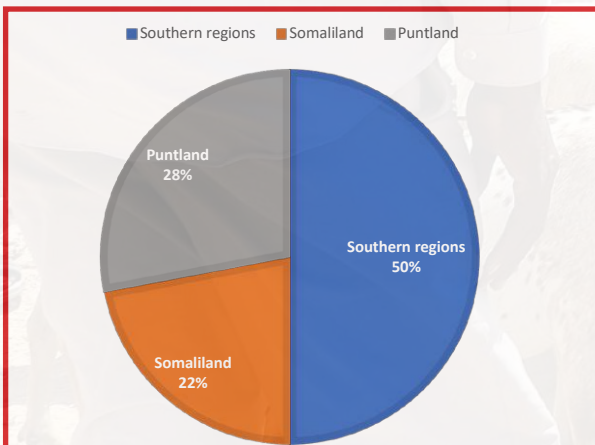
Cost Category	Total USD
Direct Program	15,610,349.16
Administration Costs	1,357,421.67
Total	16,967,770.83

SOURCE OF FUNDING



Source	Total USD
IRW Partners	14,080,413.40
UN Agencies	770,776.73
Institutional donors	2,116,580.70
Total	16,967,770.83

PROGRAM COSTS



Response Areas	Total USD
Southern regions	8,428,200.62
Somaliland	3,751,810.26
Puntland	4,787,759.95
Total	16,967,770.83



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