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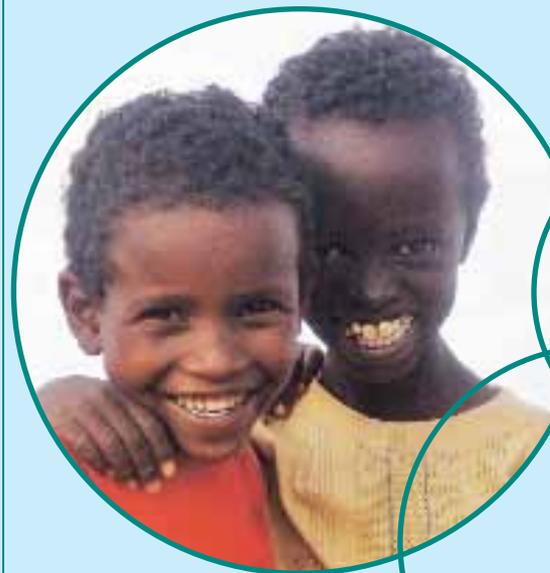
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Identity Statement

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency is a global humanitarian organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church that demonstrates God's love and compassion.

Mission Statement

ADRA works with people in poverty and distress to create just and positive change through empowering partnerships and responsible action.

Vision Statement

ADRA is a professional, learning and efficient network that embodies integrity and transparency. ADRA reaches across boundaries empowering and speaking out for the at-risk and forgotten to achieve measurable, documented and durable changes in lives and society.



Principles and Values

ADRA believes...

- i. That through humanitarian acts we make known the just, merciful and loving character of God.
- ii. That to work with those in need is an expression of our love for God.
- iii. That the compassionate ministry of Jesus is its own abundant motive and reward.
- iv. That we are an agency of change and an instrument of grace and providence.
- v. In expressing concern, compassion and empathy through our work.
- vi. That equitable partnership with those in need will result in sustainable change.
- vii. That age, gender, race, culture and families enrich the communities with whom we work, and are assets to be respected and affirmed.
- viii. In non-discrimination and respect for differences, accepting people as equals regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, political or religious affiliation.
- ix. In participatory development which utilizes both men and women's capabilities and provides equal opportunity to individuals of differing ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds.
- x. That all people have the fundamental right to care, basic goods and services.
- xi. That all persons, especially children, have the right to a life of opportunity and the freedom to choose their own future.
- xii. In enabling partners to create participatory and sustainable community structures for information sharing and civil engagement.
- xiii. That all resources, opportunities, and advantages are gifts, which must be managed responsibly.
- xiv. That all people, in particular women and children, have the right to protection and a life free from violence, sexual exploitation and all other forms of abuse.

Operating Principles



- i. ADRA decisions and strategies are consistent with its beliefs, mission and vision.
- ii. ADRA demonstrates respect for diversity treating people with equality regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, economic, political or religious differences.
- iii. ADRA engages in appropriate and empowering partnerships to identify, facilitate and effect durable solutions to human needs.
- iv. ADRA conducts its operations and delivers its programs with environmental sensitivity.
- v. ADRA documents and applies operational learning to enhance individual and organizational effectiveness and innovation.
- vi. ADRA maintains a work environment and systems that enable staff to achieve professional, personal, and spiritual growth.
- vii. ADRA practices the highest principles of transparency and integrity; adheres to professional standards and requirements, and demonstrates fiscal and legal responsibility by implementing rigorous controls and compliance systems.
- viii. ADRA enlarges its resource base to meet humanitarian needs, in accordance with managerial, technical, and organizational capacities.
- ix. ADRA shares plans, information, resources and learning within the network, enhancing efficiency, effectiveness, and flexibility.
- x. ADRA advocates for the basic rights of the people with whom it works, empowering them to speak for themselves.
- xi. ADRA actively participates in Civil Society and promotes, strengthens and partners with other CSOs to create durable solutions to human needs/meaningful change/transformation in communities.

From the Board Chairman...

On behalf of the ADRA Somalia Board of Directors, I would like to sincerely thank you for the immeasurable support that you have accorded ADRA's Programs. 2009 was a fruitful year for the Agency as several projects in the sectors of water and sanitation, education, energy, food security and emergency response were successfully implemented while others are still ongoing. A detailed analysis of these projects is contained in the latter pages of this annual report.

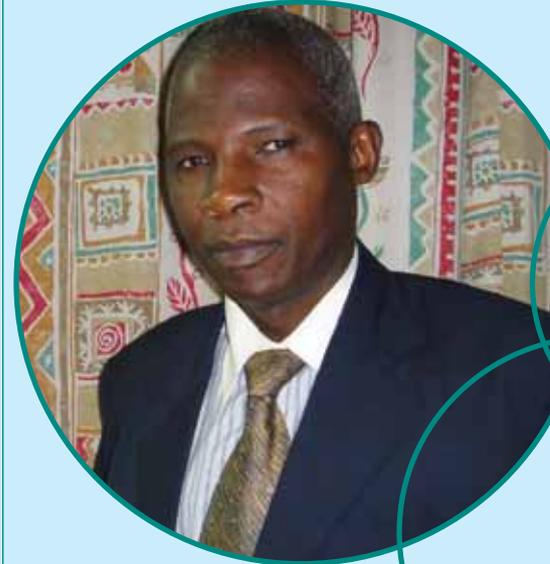
2009 was a year of strategic reflection for the Agency. During the year, a Strategic Plan for 2009 – 2012 was developed and it identified new vision, identity and mission statements as well as values and operating principles for ADRA Somalia/Somaliland. This Strategic Plan was modeled to that of ADRA International and in this regard, I would like to acknowledge the immense efforts of all ADRA Somalia/Somaliland Staff who played a key role in the development of the Agency's 2009 – 2012 Strategic Plan. The active role played by the ADRA Africa Regional Office is also greatly appreciated. During the year, the Agency also shifted from a Project to Program based approach for all its interventions.

The ADRA Somalia Board of Directors is also greatly indebted to the dedicated support that donors have accorded to the Agency and this has enabled the effective delivery of services to the beneficiary population in our areas of operation. We look forward to continued collaboration and cooperation in the years ahead.

As the Board Chair, I am satisfied with the immense progress that ADRA Somalia has made in responding to the humanitarian crisis in Somalia/Somaliland over the past seventeen years. Despite the numerous challenges that exist, I am glad that the Agency has been able to surmount these challenges and continue with delivery of much needed assistance to the Somali people – the commitment, sacrifice and selflessness is greatly appreciated.

Join us in our noble journey as we continue striving to change one life at a time in Somalia/Somaliland.

Thank you and best regards.



Pastor Paul Muasya
Board Chairman

From the Country Director...



I would like to take this opportunity to humbly and sincerely thank all individuals, donors, stakeholders, Governments, non-state actors and staff that made 2009 a successful year for ADRA Somalia/Somaliland. Despite challenges of insecurity throughout the year, the Agency was able to successfully implement several projects in the fields of water, sanitation, health, agriculture, education and energy in Somaliland, South Central Somalia and Puntland State of Somalia. With your continued immense support, ADRA Somalia/Somaliland will continually endeavor to implement projects that go a long way in improving the lives of our Somali brothers and sisters. The Somali are a people with a proud history as well as a rich, artistic culture and have also been very supportive to ADRA's activities and I am therefore very grateful for the massive support and participation of local authorities, communities and elders in all our interventions.

Insecurity in Somalia continues to be a major impediment to achieving the goals and objectives of the Agency. As earlier mentioned, the year 2009 saw the deterioration of the security situation in several regions of Somalia and, as a result, ADRA had to resort to 'remote management' of Projects in areas that were adversely affected. Nevertheless, activities in these areas were successfully completed while others are still on track despite these challenges and for this we are grateful to God for giving us protection, leadership and perseverance to continue working in these harsh areas.

This annual report provides a candid description of all programmatic activities that were undertaken by the Agency in 2009 and the impact of these activities on the beneficiary population. By touching one life at a time, ADRA is proud to be part of reconstruction efforts taking place in Somalia alongside other international agencies.

Once again, I take this opportunity to thank all our development partners for the support and cooperation that they have provided ADRA. We look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Joel Echevarria
Country Director

ADRA Somalia's Programs

From Projects to Programs Approach...

ADRA Somalia has been transforming its operations from a project to a program based approach. This change in strategy is geared towards efficient delivery of services to Somalis from a new perspective. These programmatic changes have seen ADRA Somalia incorporate new realignments in the daily and overall operations of the organization both at Nairobi and field levels with excellent results.

ADRA Somalia endeavors to ensure perfect delivery of quality services to the Somali population and increase its portfolio of operations and funding for interventions in Somaliland, Puntland and South Central Somalia. This will entail an increase in networking with existing donors, the identification of new donors to diversify its funding base as well as conduct capacity building campaigns to enhance the implementing capacities of its local partners (local NGOs).

ADRA Somalia's portfolio is divided into four major sectors where cross cutting components are incorporated in each sector of intervention. Projects undertaken in each sector are administered professionally to ensure maximum benefit is achieved, sustainability is developed, gender equality, women empowerment, and ownership by the community is enhanced despite the various challenges faced during each project's implementation.

The following pages document projects that ran during 2009 and a breakdown of each project's achievements in the sector-specific objectives. Information and data contained in the analysis is based on ADRA records as at 31st December 2009.

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Water And Sanitation Sector



Program Goal: To provide immediate relief from drought and strengthen livelihood capabilities through improved water access to vulnerable people in South Central Somalia, Puntland and Somaliland.

Objective 1: Strengthen and diversify livelihoods of households and communities.

Objective 2: Build the capacity of communities to manage water systems, mitigate conflict and improve hygiene and sanitation.

The Emergency Water and Sanitation Assistance Programme (EWLSP III) that was funded by United States Agency for International Development Office for Foreign Direct Assistance (USAID/OFDA) successfully implemented Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) activities in Bay and Bakol Regions of South Central Somalia. 3 new WASH Committees were established while 18 existing ones were revitalized and trained on water points management, chlorination and general sanitation. Sanitation and hygiene campaigns were also carried out and a total of 22,500 people from 24 villages were reached by these campaigns.

Through the Project, 35 demonstration household latrines were constructed as well as 70 household hand washing facilities. Moreover, 3 boreholes/water yards were rehabilitated, 6 water catchments were constructed, 19 shallow wells were rehabilitated and 6 berkads (underground water tanks) were constructed.

In order to encourage beneficiary communities to be responsible for their surroundings, 5 communal waste management pits were constructed and 4 debris clean-up exercises were conducted. In addition, 375 tree seedlings were planted in public places and streets.

A number of capacity building trainings were also carried out. 120 people were trained to chlorinate water in wells while 30 others were trained on pump operation. Moreover, 42 village health promoters (VHPs) were also trained while for women groups, a total of 1,395 women were trained on kitchen gardening, leadership, cookery, nutrition, entrepreneurship and conflict mitigation.





Through the Hiran-Bay Emergency Water and Sanitation Assistance (HEWASA 1) Project that was funded by the European Commission Humanitarian Office (ECHO), ADRA revitalized WASH Committees to collaborate in implementing project activities. These committees were adequately trained and were responsible for managing all the implementation of activities relevant to the village in consultation with the village council. The main objective of the project was to provide the affected population within the designated project area with safe and equitable access to a sufficient quantity of water for domestic applications (including drinking, cooking and personal hygiene) and through the project, a total of 14 wells, 3 boreholes, 13 berkads (underground water tanks) and 9 catchments were rehabilitated and regularly chlorinated to produce safe water.

In order to improve the knowledge possessed by the community on water related disease transmission and their understanding of issues of water treatment in a cost effective and sustainable way, ADRA introduced bio-sand filtration (BSF) method to the community to ensure that the required minimum standards for water quality are met. To this end, 12 technicians were trained on constructing and installing BSF filters in their respective villages. In total, about 100 filters were assembled and installed.

Through the Project, several capacity building trainings were conducted in six different areas including: training of WASH committees and other community leaders on water management, leadership, health & hygiene, sanitation and conflict mitigation, operation and maintenance training for operators, village health promoters (VHP) training, training of women groups on kitchen gardening, nutrition, cookery and small scale business. In total, ADRA carried out at least 60 training sessions.

A second modification of this intervention (HEWASA 2) was approved in late 2009 and is currently being implemented in the same regions.



Education Sector



Sector Goal: To enhance the social status and improve the livelihood of children and adults in targeted regions of Somalia/Somaliland.

Objective 1: To increase present opportunities for children, with emphasis on girls, to access quality primary education, and for adult women, who are also parents of school children, to access functional literacy education.

Objective 2: To assist in the establishment and capacity building of educational support institutions that will enable delivery of quality education and improve school management.

Objective 3: To empower vulnerable population groups with life income generation skills.

Through the Support to Integrated Basic Education Services (SIBES) Project funded by the European Union, ADRA in 2009 successfully completed the construction of 16 new classrooms in Nugal and Mudug regions of Puntland State of Somalia. The classrooms facilitate 6 adult centres, 5 Adult Basic Education (ABE) centres, 3 formal schools, 1 flexible school and 1 mobile school.

The community contribution was integral especially in providing labour and local materials to successfully complete construction of these facilities. In addition, 100 desks were provided to the rehabilitated classrooms as well as construction of concrete sanitation facilities in selected schools. Moreover, several Child Rights Campaigns in Nugal and Mudug were conducted. Also during the year, ADRA and Save the Children UK jointly engaged the services of an external consultant who worked with a team of competent writers selected by the Puntland Ministry of Education to develop level 3 Adult Basic Education (ABE) curriculum materials. Throughout the year, ADRA continued to provide technical and financial support to the Ministry of Education.



Two additional EU-funded Projects also commenced implementation in late 2009. These are Expanded Participation in Basic Education (EPIBE) which aims to develop a sustainable, cohesive education system providing relevant formal and non-formal education to all children and adults in Somalia and Strengthening Capacity of Teacher Training in Primary and Secondary Education (SCOTTPS) Project which aims to contribute towards the development of a sustainable, cohesive education system providing relevant primary and secondary education to all children and youth in Somalia and specifically to improve quality of primary and secondary education in Somalia through improved quality of teacher training.

EPIBE is being implemented by a consortium of ADRA Somalia and Relief International led by ADRA Germany while SCOTTPS is being implemented by a consortium of ADRA Somalia, Save the Children, Diakonia Sweden, Garowe Teacher Education College (GTEC) and East Africa University (EAU).

Through the 2009 ADRA International Gift Catalogue, Women Empowerment for Growth (WEFG) Project targeting 650 IDP girls and 650 women for self improvement and vocational skills training was successfully implemented in Puntland. The trainings carried out include: tailoring, dressmaking, screen printing, tie and die, embroidery, batik, shoe making and handicrafts.



Sustainable Energy Sector



Energy plays an integral role in development and poverty reduction and is central to sustainable development as well as poverty reduction efforts. It affects all aspects of development - social, economic, and environmental, including livelihoods, access to water, agricultural productivity, health, population levels, education and gender-related issues. ADRA Somalia/Somaliland has been promoting access to energy services in Somaliland and Puntland since the year 2001 through demonstrating and raising awareness on the efficacy of renewable energy in powering economic diversification.

Goal: To improve the quality of life (reduce poverty and improve livelihoods) of beneficiaries through provision of affordable, safe, accessible, cost effective and environmentally safe energy services for households and institutional use.

Objective 1: To increase awareness and use of environmentally safe energy services.

Objective 2: To enhance development and incorporation of sound energy options for use in households, institutions and overall national development.

2009 was quite a productive year for the Agency with regards to provision of energy services to the Somali population. Through the Somalia Energy and Livelihoods Project (SELP) that is funded by the European Union, installation of solar photovoltaics (PVs) in schools, maternal health care clinics and community water points in Somaliland and Puntland was successfully incepted and is still ongoing. Fabrication and installation of mechanical and electrical wind pumps at community water points also began during the year; these fabrication works are being carried out by a local company – Xareed Engineering Limited based in Hargeisa, Somaliland.

In an effort to further stimulate the use and adoption of solar PV systems, ADRA Somalia organized a one week training workshop to thirty electrical technicians in Puntland. The training workshop was carried out at Garowe Vocational Training Centre and trainees were drawn from Bossaso, Galckayo, Sool and Garowe towns. The Training covered solar PV design, installation, commissioning, operation and maintenance and was aimed at building the capacity of trainees to promote solar energy technology and entrepreneurship in Puntland. This training followed a similar one that was carried out in Somaliland in late 2008.





In order to improve the skills of existing cookstove producers to create good quality and efficient cookstoves, ADRA in March 2009 organised a twelve day training to forty selected producers based in major towns of Puntland. This training followed a similar successful one that had been carried out in Somaliland in 2008. The training was held at the Garowe Vocational Technical Centre and was entirely practical and involved instructions on moulding, cladding, welding, brick making, firing, shaping and assembling; all of which are processes involved in producing an improved biomass efficient cookstove.

To further stimulate use and adoption of biomass technologies, ADRA worked with local organizations involved in cookstove production to organize 4 mini-trade fairs in four major towns of Somaliland and Puntland (Hargeisa, Burao, Bossaso and Garowe). The aim of the mini-trade fairs was to market and promote improved cookstoves and create awareness of their benefits among local communities.

A five day workshop on 'Community Energy Needs Assessment' was also conducted in Puntland. The workshop was aimed at equipping players in the energy sector of Puntland with requisite skills that are necessary when carrying out needs assessment of different communities vis a vis proposed projects. The five day workshop was carried out at Garowe Teachers Education Centre and saw a total of 26 participants drawn from relevant ministries, business associations, industry players, consultants, academia and NGOs being trained.

2009 also saw the establishment of an energy data documentation centre at the Somaliland Ministry of Industry and Energy offices to provide ministry staff with easily accessible publications on energy issues that are required during the course of the ministry's activities. A number of publications including energy reports, energy policies and journals were provided to the resource centre. Preparations are underway to set up a similar Centre at the Puntland line ministry.



Emergency Response Sector



Goal: To enhance the coping mechanisms of affected families through the provision of emergency relief interventions to develop their ability to deal with future emergencies and restore living standards to ease the effects of disaster.

Objective 1: To rehabilitate families and people affected by various natural and man-made disasters' ability to cope with the distress sustained.

Objective 2: To provide immediate relief from sustained disasters and mitigate the effects of the disasters on the affected communities.

Two emergency response projects were successfully implemented in 2009. Interventions in Displacement Affected Primary Schools (IDPS) Project whose main goal was to provide relief for emergency needs of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) within Hiran region targeted 10 schools in 10 villages of Buldo Burte and Beletweyne districts. The main beneficiaries of the Project were school going children both for the host communities and IDPs and Community Education Councils (CECs). Teachers also benefitted from the support with parents additionally benefitting from support offered to adult learners.

Project activities included School Feeding Programmes (SFPs) targeting 2,317 children, construction of 10 semi-permanent classrooms for five community schools - Kusow, Hiloba'ad, Shinile, Lebow and Tuloaho; renovation of 10 school kitchens as well as distribution of catering-scale equipment (pots, pans, ladles, plates, etc). In addition, teaching and learning materials (teaching aids, stationery and relevant tools) were equitably distributed to the schools on the basis of registration/enrolment figures. A total of 140 pupil benches and tables, 10 teachers' tables and 40 plastic chairs for the teachers were distributed amongst the 10 schools. 10 book shelves were also procured and delivered to the schools with each school getting one shelf. 2 wells located in Kusow and Tawakal were also rehabilitated.

To promote hygiene and sanitation in the schools, 21 blocks of twin VIP latrines were constructed in the 11 schools. Each school was allocated two blocks of VIP latrines one for girls and one for boys, except at one additional school where only a single 2-door block was constructed. 8 water tanks were also constructed to provide school children with clean and safe drinking water.

To promote school children's knowledge of good personal health and hygiene practices, Child Hygiene and Sanitation Education/Transformation (CHASE) Trainings were conducted at each of the 10 targeted schools, and additionally in 5 others that had previously not been targeted. Adults and members of CECs were also trained on proper health, hygiene and good sanitation practices by applying the PHAST methodology. Sanitation campaigns were also carried out at the schools through "school cleanliness days" where school children, CEC members and parents were mobilized to participate in a joint school cleaning exercises. ADRA provided equipment to aid these cleaning and sanitation exercises as well as soaps and detergents to wash classrooms and latrines. In all the target schools, these campaigns were a great success. Through the Project, at least 2,856 persons were reached by the PHAST, CHASE and hygiene and sanitation campaigns.

In 2009, another emergency intervention Hiran Emergency Project (HEP), benefitted 8,655 people located in Beletweyne and Matabaan districts of Hiran Region. Of these, 5,820 people benefited from water trucking in Mataaban district, whilst 2,520 people from various camps and villages in Beletweyne were supported with Non Food Items (NFIs). Health and hygiene awareness, and sanitation campaigns also drew 150 school children and 165 adults who were sensitized and also participated in clean-up campaigns.



Success Stories



Reaping the Benefits of Diligence and Discipline

Staring deep into the interviewer's eyes, Shobta Dhurr Borow nostalgically narrates how ADRA helped her start a business that would go on to sustain herself and her family. Shobta is forty five years old and has six children. She divorced her husband over ten years ago and has been the sole breadwinner of her family ever since. "After my divorce, I went back to Yakbaraway Village- where I was born - with my children. I was expecting my parents to support me in raising my children but much to my surprise, that was not to be. They told me that the children were my own responsibility and I should not expect handouts."

Shobta was almost at the point of desperation until a childhood friend – Khadija – lent her 350,000 Somali Shillings (US\$ 12) and advised her to start a small business of selling tea and scones for a living. Incidentally, Khadija had previously been trained by ADRA on business management skills and was now running her own business of selling honey and sorghum. "Khadija even promised me that she would not ask me for her money until when my business had properly picked up and made sufficient profits", adds a glowing Shobta.

Some months later, Shobta was lucky to be one of the trainees selected to participate in a training workshop on business management and development that was organized by ADRA in Dinsor District of South Central Somalia.

Says Shobta: "the training I received has assisted me greatly as I did not know the importance of record keeping. I have now implemented it in my business and have learnt that you cannot do any worthwhile business without records."

With her newly acquired skills, Shobta was able to expand her business and also go into a partnership with Khadija where they started selling sorghum and honey. After one year, the business is now a great success with a monthly profit of around 16 million Somali Shillings (US\$ 530).

"Thank you ADRA for turning my life around. I have managed to construct a house in Yakbaraway and can now be able to support my children and ensure that they lead a good life. May ADRA long continue touching the lives of Somali women." she concludes.

Nurturing Seeds of Success through Promotion of Biomass Technologies

Biomass is the main source of energy for over 70% of the population in Northern Somalia. Somaliland and Puntland face serious environmental problems caused by removal of forest cover for lumber and charcoal production. To a large extent, this problem has been caused by heavy demand for charcoal by the urban population as well as export to the Middle East. Although there is some effort to control these exports and to reduce tree cutting, there has been little wide-scale success in addressing the problem.

There have been several efforts over the years to promote improved cookstoves in Northern Somalia. A number of small scale producers have continued to produce the stoves, but with minimal impact. In addition, there are several challenges to the growth of the sector, such as weak quality control, low production capacity, scarcity of capital for investment and low awareness among end users about the benefits of improved cookstoves. There is a need to support enterprises with simple tools and technologies to enhance their productivity and also support mechanisms for accessing funding. Creating Partnerships, Fostering Linkages & Building Capacity

ADRA Somalia/Somaliland is seeking to tap into the improved cookstove industry's potential to reduce biomass energy demand for households and institutions; provide employment opportunities for men, women and the youth; and as a means of gender integration in the supply chain. In doing this, ADRA has been working with cookstove producer groups in both countries. So far, ADRA has trained a total of 54 artisans on better cookstove production techniques and after the training, ADRA provided trainees with funds to assist them purchase materials for the production of quality stoves. ADRA is also providing support for construction of kilns and working sheds, especially for the small producers who are currently using their homes for production of the stoves.

Barely over a year into the partnership with cookstove producers, there are already some notable results. The support provided to the cookstove producers by ADRA was instrumental in reviving production which had stalled due to lack of financing, and this is evidenced by the renewed activity by all the groups.

The cookstove business has proven to be a viable means of livelihood, and majority of the groups have continued to re-invest funds received from the sale of stoves into the production of more stoves, which





is an indicator that the business can be self-sustaining. The stoves are sold at fairly good prices ranging from US\$5-US\$10.

Although there is still work to be done, awareness on the improved cookstove is now beginning to take root as a result of radio advertisements and word of mouth. Local retailers are willing to stock the stoves in their shops and market stalls, and have confirmed that the stoves are a good product which moves fast. In addition, ADRA in late 2009 partnered with local NGOs in Somaliland and Puntland to organise mini-trade fairs in 4 major towns in order to boost awareness among the general public. These mini-trade fairs were a great success not only in terms of awareness creation but also in sales volumes too and based on this success, it is envisaged that cookstove producers will continue holding similar events jointly in future.

A critical mass of improved cookstove technicians is beginning to take root in the region. Expertise is now locally available and those trained by ADRA are able to train others. The training of artisans locally is also likely to become a major source of income for the improved cookstove producers.

Challenges

Despite these notable achievements, there are several challenges that still exist. Majority of the groups expressed the need for working sheds, and all the groups are in need of improved kilns. ADRA is working with the producers on a cost-sharing formula for putting up the sheds.

Quality control is a challenge, as there is no proper system for certifying quality in goods produced locally. However, ADRA is working with the cookstove producers to encourage them to enforce quality control by benchmarking against each other and discouraging sub-standards stoves from being marketed. Some of the producers in Somaliland are in discussion to introduce branding, which will simply be a special mark on stoves that meet the basic quality.

The producers require further training in business and entrepreneurship in order to be able to engage in the business for the long term. Such training would enable them to develop production plans, set targets that would be appropriate for internal control and evaluation, begin saving scheme, keeping proper records and accounts.

Never too Late to Learn

Talking to Lul Dahir Warsame, one cannot help but admire the immense determination that lies beneath her quiet and reserved demeanor. At fifty one years of age, Lul – a married woman with three daughters – is one beneficiary of ADRA Somalia's Adult Literacy intervention that is funded by European Union and implemented in partnership with the Puntland Ministry of Education in Mudug and Nugaal regions. According to her, learning basic literacy and numeracy skills despite her advanced age was the greatest gift that she could ever ask for. Lul is a businesswoman based in Jalam Village – a village located between Garowe and Galkayo Town. She is a milk vendor and her daily task involves buying the milk from major vendors in Garowe Town and subsequently selling it in smaller jerricans to clients located in Jalam. Prior to ADRA's intervention, Lul explains that she used to have major difficulties in labeling the different jerricans which were meant for different clients. "Since I did not know how to read or write, I used to mark the jerricans with different colored marker pens to try and explain which jerrican is meant for which client. Needless to say, the confusion that used to reign as a result of this was immense and as a result I kept on losing valuable clients because of my illiteracy", she adds with a sad and forlorn expression on her erstwhile beaming face. And to add to her misery, she could not be able to read the currency notes that she used to receive from her clients and as a result was unable to know whether she was making a profit or not. "I was just doing businesses for the sake of it without necessarily knowing what to expect in future", she adds.

According to Lul, this was the least of her problems. "I was unable to assess the progress made by my daughters in school because of my illiteracy. In addition, I could not be able to understand circulars sent by the school's head to parents and I also could not be able to comprehend the school calendar let alone tell the time."

Lul's husband works in Bossaso – a town located over 550kms from Jalam - and comes to visit his family once every three months. Since both he and Lul do not own cellphones, he constantly communicates through letters. "I used to ask my daughters to translate the contents of the letters for me as well as to write for me replies for dispatch to their father, a very tasking activity for them." She observes. "

But now everything has changed since I began attending the Adult Literacy classes that have been introduced by ADRA. I can now be able to communicate with my husband and my clients. My milk business has as a result been growing in leaps and bounds since I can now be able to comprehend basic numeracy skills and operate a simple cash book. ", she quips. Lul recently bought herself a new watch which she proudly wears on her left wrist. "Look, I can even be able to tell the time as well as the date!" she excitedly adds.

"Thank you ADRA for introducing me to Adult Literacy classes, may your good deeds long continue to touch others", she concludes.





Water Tank Provides Quenching Relief to Aborey Village

Residents of Aborey Village in Buloburte District of South Central Somalia can now heave a collective sigh of relief ever since ADRA constructed an elevated water tank in the village.

Prior to ADRA's intervention, Aborey's only borehole had a generator that used to run night and day due to lack of a proper water storage tank. As a result, quite a substantial amount of money was spent on fuel used to run the generator which—owing to its old and decrepit state—used to break down often leading to many expensive 'quick fix' repairs.

The Aborey borehole is a major water source for many rural communities in Buloburte District who rely on it to provide water for their animals as well as for household use, and therefore it was a timely intervention by ADRA to provide the village with a water tank.

In addition to the water tank, ADRA also rehabilitated the animal watering troughs as well as replaced the borehole's previous pump with a new one that had a far greater pumping capacity.

Mr. Ahmed Adan Nor, the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Committee Chairman for Aborey Village was interviewed by Dahir Shire, ADRA Somalia's Project Officer for Hiran Region and he was very pleased with how the elevated water tank has changed the village's profile in the area, who described it as 'a great intervention whose time had come'.

The water tank in Aborey was constructed through funds provided by the European Union Humanitarian Office (ECHO) through a Project called Hiran-Bay Emergency Water and Sanitation Assistance (HEWASA) which had the main objective of assisting victims of continuing insecurity and climatic hazards in South Central Somalia specifically by increasing access to sustainable safe water and improved sanitation and hygiene conditions.

Financial Statement

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2009

	2009 Kshs	2008 Kshs
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating Balance for the year	(5,077,272)	13,387,703
Adjustments for:		
Purchase of Property & Equipment	(69,052)	(3,993,451)
Depreciation	1,668,809	1,371,960
Prior Year Adjustments	0	4,067,293
Provisions	0	(102,154)
Exchange Difference	1,260,983	0
Working Capital Changes :-		
(Increase) in Receivables & Prepayments	(2,107,927)	16,331,503
Decrease/(Increase) in Inter-Project Accounts	4,426,694	0
(Increase) in Payables and Accruals	(1,990,891)	(5,534,268)
Net Cash from Operating Activities	(1,888,655)	25,528,586
Cashflows from Investing Activities		
Net Fixed Assets Donations/Disposals	(630,490)	(3,401,648)
Sale of Motor Vehicles	0	136,199
Net Cash from Investing Activities	(630,490)	(3,265,449)
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	Kshs (2,519,146)	22,263,137
Movement in Cash and Cash Equivalents :-		
Balances as at 01-01-2009	44,757,306	22,494,169
Net Increase in Cash & Cash Equivalents	(2,519,146)	22,263,137
Cash and Cash Equivalents 31-12-2009	Kshs 42,238,160	44,757,306

Note:

These financial extracts for the year 2009 were audited by Erastus & Company, Certified Public Accountants (K) and received an unqualified opinion.

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BALANCE SHEET - 31 DECEMBER, 2009

	Note	2009 Kshs	2008 Kshs
Property & Equipment	23	6,412,173	8,642,421
Current Assets			
Cash and Bank Balances	7	42,238,160	44,757,307
Receivables and Prepayments	5 (a)	4,653,223	2,545,296
Inter Project Accounts	5 (b)	5,368,037	9,794,731
Total Current Assets		52,259,420	57,097,334
Current Liabilities			
Less: Payables and Accruals	6	5,675,279	7,666,170
Net Current Assets		46,584,140	49,431,164
Net Assets		Kshs 52,996,313	58,073,585
REPRESENTED BY :			
Restricted Funds (page 6)		34,536,132	48,546,205
General Funds (page 6)		12,048,008	9,527,379
Capital Fund (page 6)		6,412,173	0
Total Funds (Page 6)		Kshs 52,996,313	58,073,585

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OPERATING STATEMENT - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2009

	Note	2009 Kshs	2008 Kshs
INCOME			
Grants Received	3	262,557,935	228,571,427
Other Income			
Cost Recoveries	4(a)	27,764,663	34,994,229
Equipment/Vehicle Rentals	4(b)	3,475,097	3,964,314
ADRA Income Match	4(c)	7,702,440	13,854,686
Bank Interest	4(d)	80,639	60,254
Exchange Gain	4(e)	444,924	15,571
Total Income		Kshs 302,025,698	281,460,481
EXPENDITURE			
Education	3	39,735,513	23,892,436
Water	3	158,541,083	150,623,135
Relief	3	16,222,147	12,647,380
Other - Energy	3	68,801,669	44,134,065
Gender	3	88	4,584,100
Total Programme Expenditure		283,300,500	235,881,116
ADRA Somalia Administration Expenditure	3	23,802,474	32,191,662
Total Expenditure		Kshs 307,102,974	268,072,778
Operating Balance for the year		(5,077,272)	13,387,703
Balances 01-01-2009	b/f	58,073,585	44,685,882
Balances 31-12-2009	c/f	Kshs 52,996,313	58,073,585



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