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## Education Project Launched in Somalia

A three year Education Project was recently launched in Somalia. The Project—Expanded Participation in Basic Education (EPIBE) - is funded by the European Union and its main objective is to develop a sustainable and cohesive education system providing relevant formal and non-formal education to all children and adults in Somalia.

ADRA and Relief International are jointly implementing the Project in collaboration with the Ministries of Education in Puntland, Somaliland and South Central Somalia as well as partner communities in 71 primary schools and 24 adult learning centres in the targeted Regions.

The Project aims to increase access to primary education for children and basic education for adults with gender parity, improve classroom interactions in targeted primary schools and adult learning centres in line with principles of pedagogy and andragogy and improve capacity of Ministries of Education to manage and sustain primary and basic education.



**Top:** Dr Abdirahman Farole, the President of Puntland launches the EPIBE Project.

Minyu Mugambi, ADRA Somalia's Education Sector Coordinator makes a presentation of the Project during its launch in Puntland.

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### Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of 'RAAD' for the year 2010. We are grateful to God for bringing us this far as an Organization despite the usual challenges and we pray for his continued guidance, protection and mercy throughout the year.

In this issue, you will get to know of a new education project that has recently been launched in Somalia. In addition, you will get to read about how the Somalia Energy and Livelihoods Project (SELP) is changing lives in Somaliland.

Have an interesting read and always feel free to get back to us with comments on how to make this newsletter bigger, better and more informative.

## Success Story

### Using Solar Pumps to Provide Clean Water in Rural Somaliland

Water—or lack thereof—has always been a common problem in rural areas of Somaliland and it is not uncommon to find children of school going age trekking for up to five hours daily to fetch water, a task normally done by women and girls and this makes the latter to attend school irregularly. In areas where local communities have boreholes, they rely on diesel generators to pump water and these are quite expensive to operate and maintain and often require constant repair due to their advanced age.

Beerato Village which is located 66kms from Burao in Togdheer Region of Somaliland is one of the beneficiaries of a solar-powered water pumping unit that was recently installed through the ongoing SELP Project that is being implemented by ADRA.

During a ceremony to officially inaugurate the solar pumping unit, Eng. Saeed Duale from the Somaliland Ministry of Water and Mineral Resources observed that with the constant rising of fuel prices, conventional methods of water pumping have made it difficult for the poor and especially those from rural areas to have regular access to safe and clean water. “We thank ADRA and the European Union for introducing the solar water pumping system in remote villages of Somaliland and we hope that the installations will be a success in the rest of the planned sites”, he further adds.

Somaliland is blessed with a very good solar energy resource and the solar pumps being installed by ADRA are

aimed at tapping into this invaluable resource. Solar based pumps run between six to eight hours a day and require very minimal maintenance after installation. The availability of good solar radiation throughout the year therefore provides a good opportunity to exploit this free resource for water pumping.

Other prominent persons who attended the inauguration ceremony include the Regional Water Coordinator Mr. Yusuf Walecad Ibrahim and the District Commissioner of Odwaine Mr. Mohamed Abdi Liban. Mr. Ibrahim thanked ADRA for all its support and observed that the solar pump will greatly help the Beerato Community to have regular access to clean safe water and therefore eliminate the time spent fetching water by women and young girls who will now instead be able to focus on their education and other beneficial activities. “This is indeed a great day for the people of Beerato Community, we will take good care of this solar pumping system that ADRA has provided”, he concludes.

Similar installations are going on in other parts of Somaliland and Puntland State of Somalia.

*The ongoing Somalia Energy and Livelihoods Project (SELP) is funded by the European Commission and its main objective is to contribute to overall poverty reduction in selected districts of Puntland and Somaliland. Specifically, the Project aims at increasing access to sustainable and reliable energy services by the rural populations in Puntland and Somaliland.*



## 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 dilapidated 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 recently 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.



The newly constructed 'elevated water tank' in Aborey Village

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