

Raad

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APPRECIATION OF ADRA'S WORK IN LAS-ANOD

‘Raad’ is a Somali word for ‘Footprint’-ADRA Somalia iconizes it’s interventions in Somalia/Somali land as footprints left on peoples heart as reported in this bi-monthly newsletter

Mr. Ahmed Mohamed Daadey is the regional coordinator in the ministry of Agriculture in Las-Anod district sool region of Somalia. Talking with him about the coordination between ADRA Somalia and the ministry, Mr. Ahmed told us that they have a very good working relationship with ADRA and understand one another.

He said ADRA has supported 12 villages in Las-Anod district and it’s the only organization that has brought devel-

opment to the people of this district in that many families have benefitted from the organization in so many different ways. *“If we said what ADRA has done for us, then we can write a book because they have done a lot for our community”* said the regional coordinator.

Mr. Ahmed said even though we know and see what ADRA has done, the ministry of Agriculture together with representative from the regional gov-

ernment and an official from the ministry of environment sends its officers after every 3months to do monitoring of the work the organization has done and how the villages have benefitted. We also give support to the organization whenever they need our assistance, said Mr. Ahmed.

I would like to urge ADRA to keep doing the good work that they have been doing in Las-Anod village for the past few years and would also request the organization to extend its work in different villages in the district, said Mr. Ahmed.

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S U C C E S S S T O R Y .**I AM NOW A TRAINED TEACHER AND A PROUD MOTHER.**

Muno Sheikh Ahmed Sheikh Hassan was one of the teachers who graduated with A Diploma in Education at Galkaio University. Muno, at the age of 28 years is a mother of 9 children (5 boys and 4 girls). She was married immediately she finished her secondary education. Muno was an untrained teacher at Sh. Ali Samatar Primary School in Galkaio town and when she learnt of the Pre-Service teacher training program supported by ADRA Somalia, She disclosed to her husband, who is a Qur'anic School teacher, on her interest in joining the program. Her husband welcomed the idea and went to the Ministry of Education to submit her documents for registration. Muno was included into the list of Pre-Service teachers training program. Muno was initially serving as a teacher at Sh. Ali Samatar Primary school and also as an NFE teacher for the mothers in the evening. She added herself a fourth role, as a teacher trainee. Muno joined the batch of 30 trainees that were supported by ADRA. .

She wakes up at 4 am in the morning, cooks breakfast for her husband and children and prepares herself to go to the school. Six of her children are studying in the same school where she teaches, while another one studies in a secondary school not far from her school. She leaves the two young ones with her mother to look after them while she's at school teaching. After the children take breakfast, she goes with them to the school. At break time, she brings them back home for tea and so is at lunch. After lunch, the children attend Qur'anic school as she goes to the University. She comes back home at 6.00 Pm and then goes to the school to teach the NFE mothers.

Muno says as a teacher, she normally teaches literacy and numeracy to her kids before she takes them to the school. As a result they start with grade 2 when they are taken to school.

Despite her long day, Muno is very proud and appreciates the support of her husband. And now she's a trained teacher and she's very proud of this great achievement.



IMPROVING LIVELIHOODS IN LAS-ANOD DISTRICT.

Sool region of Somaliland is classified as semi-arid area with plain landscapes. The rainfall is usually rare and received twice a year (Gu'a and Dayr) and the nomadic population of the region are predominantly herdsmen who keep shoats (Goats and Sheep). Like the other Somali nomadic people; they migrate from one place to another in search of water and greener pastures for their livestock during the dry season. In addition to this, there is a big disproportion of the region's inhabitants and the operational and available water sources.

In response to dry conditions like the one described above, ADRA Somalia has been implementing WASH and Livelihood projects in the region since 2011 with ADRA's current SIDA project targeting the communities of Las-Anod district of Sool region. The project targets 12 villages in total whereby 10 are pastoral and the remaining two are agro-pastoral. One main intervention done by this project is the construction and/or the rehabilitation of water-points, namely underground water tanks (*Berkad*), water catchments (*Balay*) and elevated water tanks.

Out of the 10 pastoral villages supported by the project, there have been three villages that were in dire situation and badly needed water after the only water points they got became over-used and dilapidated. Because of requests from the villages and a need assessment done by ADRA, we saw a real dire need for water and we therefore decided to intervene and construct three water points in all the three villages before the rainy season got underway. The villages whose names are Lafaweyne, Dhumay and Yayle prioritized their needs for the water points and chose the following interventions respectively Berkad, catchment and Berkad.

The most remarkable thing is that Dhumay village with estimated 1000 households and big number of livestock had no significant water point that could accommodate all. ADRA therefore, started and finished within the month of May 2016, the construction of water catchment with circumference of 50 square meter and depth of 1.5 meter in Dhumey village. The village didn't only get the much needed water catchment but also benefited from cash injection since the laborers were from the villages. One of the old men from the village had to say this "*We are very grateful to ADRA for bringing water source to our village not only for us but also for our livestock*". *The water catchment is so close to us that we will not need to travel long distance to fetch for water like before. And we hope that when the rains start shortly both the people and our livestock will benefit from the water sources.*

The other two villages of Lafaweyne and Yeyle also saw the construction of Berkads with bigger dimensions in which all are expected to quench the thirst from the communities who live in and close to the area. It is worth mentioning that as soon as ADRA finished the construction of the water points, the Gu' rains started and immediately filled up the vessels, and both the people in the villages and the livestock started to make use of it.

