

'RAAD' is the Somali word for **'footprints'**. ADRA Somalia iconizes its interventions in Somalia/Somaliland as footprints left on the people's hearts as reported in this monthly newsletter.

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Cookstove Training Held in Puntland State of Somalia

Energy use in Puntland is considered very low by world standards and the country's energy scenario is characterized by high dependence on biomass based fuels (charcoal and firewood).

A baseline survey carried out in 2008 by ADRA indicated that there is growing demand for cook stoves in Puntland. However, cook stoves currently available in the market are of very poor quality due to efforts by new entrants to penetrate the market by using poor materials for liner production and claddings in order to sell cookstoves at lower prices and undercut established producers. This has led to reduced confidence in the market by consumers as well as discouraged participation by trained stove producers from engaging in the trade due to unfair competition practices.

In order to improve the skills of existing cookstove producers to create good quality and efficient cookstoves, ADRA Somalia in March 2009 organised a twelve day training to forty selected producers (28 men and 12 women) 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 en-

tirely 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.

Trainees were elated to have received vital skills on cookstove production as these would greatly assist them in remaining relevant and competitive in the Puntland cookstove market.

The training was closed by Eng. Khalif, the Director General in the Ministry of Public Works, who observed that the skills acquired by trainees would go a long way in ensuring that rapid destruction of the Country's environment is reversed as a result of production of biomass efficient cookstoves.



A group photo of the trainees during the opening day of the training

Editorial

Access to essential services such as clean water and sanitation, efficient and reliable clean energy technologies, basic education and healthcare to

the majority of a country's population are vital ingredients for development. ADRA Somalia through its various projects has been ensuring that the Somali people have

access to these basic services. By working with communities, ADRA has continued to develop the lives of thousands of Somali nationals, one life at a time.

Success Story

WASH Project Provides New Lease of Life in Qabno Settlement

Sabriye Mumin is fifty years old and is a father of eleven children. He lives in Qabno settlement of Mataban region where ADRA is currently implementing a water and sanitation project dubbed HEWASA. According to Sabriye, no access to water means no life. Prior to ADRA's intervention in late 2008, residents of Qabno used to trek 20 kms to the nearest water point to water their animals as well as fetch some for their own domestic consumption. "It was very difficult for our rural residents and as a result most of our camels died due to lack of water" quipped Sabriye to one of the Project staff.

The HEWASA Project has now rehabilitated a berkad (water storage tank) which has made it easier for the residents of Qabno to have easy access to water. "We appreciate the rehabilitation of the berkad in our village and we believe that residents of Qabno will be relieved of the tough task of travelling long distances in search of water" adds a

jubilant and excited Sabriye.

Kamila Ali, a housewife, has also expressed elation because of ADRA's initiative to provide water through use of water trucking. Before this intervention, she used to go to Omad Village which is a sure distance away from Qabno to fetch water for her family as well as to water her goats, quite a tedious undertaking. But now because of the new initiative by ADRA, her workload has now been lessened drastically. "Now I need not go to Omad as was the practice because now I can even send my small son to collect water from the water trucking lorry" says Ms. Ali with a joyful and satisfied grin.

The ongoing Hiran-Bay Emergency Water and Sanitation Assistance (HEWASA) Project has the principle 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 Project is funded by the European Commission Humanitarian Office (ECHO) through ADRA Germany with ADRA Somalia as an implementer.

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Residents of Qabno Settlement in Mataban Region Receive Water from a Water Trucking Lorry



Rehabilitation of a Berkad (water storage tank) in progress In Qabno settlement

Success Story

Using ADRA's ToT Approach to Empower Fellow Women

Zainab Warantiyeri is a woman with big dreams and ambitions. She is the group leader of Bilan Women Group, one of several Groups whose members have been trained by ADRA Somalia to hone skills and knowledge that can be used to start income generating activities thereby uplifting their standards of living.

When ADRA Somalia trained Bilan Women Group on Tie and Dye production techniques in 2008, Zainab was among the best and most enthusiastic students. She selflessly offered to train her fellow women during special extra sessions and as a result, the women nominated her to be the Team Leader of the group. Bilan Women Group has now become active and has started producing good quality tie and dye materials for sale.

Earlier this year, Zainab made a visit to Beletweyn

District to visit her daughter, Beletweyn is about 120 km from Tieglow District. She carried some tie and dye materials for sale as well as ensured that she was also dressed the part with a beautiful tie and dye dress. Soon the compliments started flowing and women in Beletweyn were keen to know where she got such beautiful garments from.

The women were pleasantly surprised to learn that she had actually done the designs all by herself. They as a result insisted that Zainab trains them on how to create tie and dye fabrics. A group of twenty women contributed money to buy colors and other related items in Mogadishu; others donated firewood and pots while Zainab's daughter offered her compound as the venue to conduct the training which took about fifteen days to complete. The women not only benefitted from tie and dye making skills but were also taught by Zainab on how to

work together as a team and how to resolve their conflicts amicably.

When time came for Zainab to bid Beletweyn farewell and return to her home in Tieglow, the local women were extremely grateful to her for imparting in them new skills that would assist them earn a living. As a token of their appreciation, they gave her a monetary gift of US\$ 33.

Zainab was elated to have imparted knowledge to her fellow women and was glad to know that they too would benefit from the same education that she had so freely received from ADRA Somalia.

Training of women groups in South Central Somalia is one of the activities of the ongoing Emergency Water and Livelihood Support Program (EWLSP 3) that is funded by the United States Agency for International Development/Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) and implemented by ADRA Somalia. The main goal of the Program is to provide emergency relief and strengthen the resilience of communities to enhance economic recovery in Southern Somalia.

"I am proud to have made a difference in the lives of my fellow women, I now feel valued and appreciated."



Bilan Women Group members being trained on tie and dye techniques



Completed tie and dye garments ready for sale

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ADRA Staff Participate in Fire Prevention and Preparedness Training

Prevention is better than cure, so goes the common yet timeless adage. And so it was that ADRA Somalia Nairobi-based Staff took part in a one day training on Emergency Fire Preparedness in late February 2009 aimed at equipping staff with knowledge and skills on how to prevent fires and how to deal with fires when they occur. The Training was conducted by Mather & Platt Kenya Limited, a leading fire and mechanical engineering contracting company based in Nairobi, Kenya.

Fire is the oxidation of a combustible material releasing heat, light, and various reaction products such as carbon dioxide and water; it can be a very useful assistant to man but when provoked it can turn violent and cause wanton destruction of lives and property. It is therefore imperative that organizations are aware of basic fire prevention and preparedness skills as these would be very essential during events of fire emergency and other related disasters.

During the theory training, staff were taught about elements of fire, what causes fire, how to prevent fire as well as methods of extinguishing fire. In addition, staff were trained on the various classes of fire and how each one of these should be extinguished. This particular lesson on classes of fire was quite an eye opener since the common practice is to always try and extinguish fires using water regardless of what caused it.

The theory training was followed by a practical session where staff were taken through the steps of putting out various classes of fire using portable fire extinguishers. This session was particularly useful as it involved putting out actual fires caused by ordinary combustibles and flammable liquids such as oil.

By the end of the Training, ADRA Staff were now equipped with basic fire prevention and preparedness skills, two vital skills in the workplace.



Top: ADRA Somalia Country Director Joel Echevarria puts out a fire during the practical training and (above) the theory training in progress.

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