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## Somalia Energy and Livelihood Project Launched in Puntland

The Somalia Energy and Livelihoods Project (SELP) was officially launched by ADRA Somalia on 20th October 2008 at the Garowe Resource Centre in Garowe, Puntland. The Event followed a similar Launch that was held in Somaliland in January 2008.

The main objectives of the launch were to:

- Bring together stakeholders involved in energy sector, government officials, private sector, NSA, international organisation and donor groups
- Introduce the energy project, present the project objectives, activities and work plans, and its contribution to the millennium development goals (MDGs)
- Present the baseline survey results on the status of the energy sector in Puntland
- Present the monitoring and evaluation framework to stakeholders
- Affirm working relationships with stakeholders
- Undertake preliminary energy awareness work

Mr. Patrick Balla, the SELP Project Coordinator who presented the findings of an energy baseline survey on Puntland during the Launch observed that the country's energy sector is characterised by overdependence on biomass (charcoal and firewood) and fossil fuels for electricity generation as well as low electrification levels especially in rural areas. The energy sector is also characterised by weak institutional, regulatory, legal and policy frameworks, in addition to low levels of adoption of renewable and sustainable energy technologies.

Some of the prominent personalities who graced the Launch include Mr. Abdi Hersi Ali, the Nugal Regional Governor, Engineer Abdulkarim Osman Esse, the Director General in the Ministry of Public Works

and Energy among other prominent personalities. Mr. Esse was grateful to ADRA Somalia for launching the Project in Puntland noting that it would go a long way in improving the livelihoods of the people of Puntland especially with regards to energy use.

In implementing the Project, ADRA Somalia plans to adopt a three-pronged approach involving Government Agencies, Non-state Actors and the Community.



*A participant makes a comment during the Launch Event*



The Somalia Energy and Livelihoods Project (SELP) is funded by the European Commission's ACP-EC fund and co-financed by ADRA UK. The project is implemented by ADRA Somalia in Puntland and Somaliland states. The long-term overall objective of the ACP-EC Energy Facility is to contribute to achieving the Millennium Development Goals, in particular the goal on poverty, through increased access to energy services by the poor rural population.

The Project seeks to provide lasting solutions to the energy needs of the two regions targeting the disparities prevalent in rural areas with and incorporating renewable energy alternatives into the arena.

Since 2003, ADRA Somalia has been implementing energy interventions in Somaliland and Puntland with funding from EC and other Donors. Previous interventions in the Energy Sector include Powering Economic Diversification (PED) and Somaliland Energy Policy Dialogue (SEPD) besides the incorporation of Renewable Energy alternatives in other sectors.

## Somaliland Energy Trade Fair 2008

The Somaliland Energy Trade Fair 2008 was held from 26th - 28th October 2008 at Maansoor Hotel in Hargeisa, Somaliland. The Event was organized by ADRA Somalia and its main objective was to create awareness on technologies, innovations and initiatives that are relevant to the people of Somaliland. A total of twenty six (26) exhibitors participated in the Trade Fair, five (5) of whom were international exhibitors. It is estimated that a total of over 1,000 participants attended the Trade Fair, and they were drawn from Government Agencies, Utilities, Local and International NGOs, Research and Academic Institutions, the Business Community, Environmental Specialists, and the General Public. The event was broadcast in the local television and radio station and was also covered by K24, a television station based in Nairobi, Kenya.

*Left: Mr. Paul Muiruri, an exhibitor from Xareed Engineering Limited stands next to a locally assembled wind pump.*



*Centre: The Minister of Industry and Energy officially opens the Event*



*Far right: The judging session in progress at one of the stands*



## ADRA Yemen Staff Visit the Nairobi, Somaliland and Puntland Offices in Exchange Program



*Mohamed Othman (left) and Khaled Mohamed (right) of ADRA Yemen during their field visit to Turqalyo Community in Somaliland.*

In early October 2008, two staff of ADRA Yemen, Khaled Mohamed and Mohamed Othman visited the ADRA Somalia offices in Nairobi as part of an exchange program aimed at creating linkages between the two offices. ADRA Yemen currently provides support to Somali refugees and the visit was therefore aimed at giving the Yemen staff exposure on the Somali setting, to help them better understand the situation on the ground.

The visitors held meetings with the Nairobi based staff where they received orientation on the activities of ADRA Somalia including ongoing and past projects. They also travelled to Somaliland and Puntland where they met with Project Coordinators and had a chance to visit actual project sites.

A similar visit to ADRA Yemen by selected staff from ADRA Somalia will be done in 2009.

A one day conference was held concurrently with the Somaliland Energy Trade Fair on 27th October 2008 with a theme on 'Meeting the Challenges in Providing Energy Services for Reconstruction'. Presentations were made in five selected thematic areas of: Energy Policy and Planning, Renewable Energy Applications, Energy Issues for the Future, Natural Resource Conservation and Utilization and Business and Entrepreneurship.

The overall objective of the conference was to promote dialogue on the energy situation in Somaliland and involved presentations and discussions on suitable alternative energy options that can positively impact on livelihoods and socio-economic transformation in Somaliland.

Participants who attended the Conference came from diverse backgrounds including Government Agencies, Academic and Research Institutions, Local and International NGO's, Business Enterprises and the General Public.

## Provision of Emergency Services and Livelihood Support in Somalia Amidst Security Challenges

Recurring droughts in Southern Somalia have had a devastating effect on the people living in Bakol and Bay regions. The lack of water has affected food production and decreased the accessibility, reliability and adequacy of water. Many wells are dry and those that are functioning yield water that is 50% below normal. Their dependence on water not only for survival but for the livelihoods of these agro-pastoralist communities has threatened their ability to ever recover. Increased movement of livestock and people in the region has put existing water sources and food sources under persistent and ever increasing pressure, thus straining resources and creating increased competition and the potential for conflict at the already crowded water points. It is against this backdrop that The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA Somalia) has been carrying out a Project dubbed 'Emergency Water and Livelihood Support Program in Southern Somalia' which began in August 2007 and will end in July 2009. The Project is funded by the United States Agency for International Development/Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance.

The Project's main goal is to provide emergency relief and strengthen the resilience of communities in Southern Somalia and it targets the Districts of Dinsor, Qanshadhere and Ufurrow in Bay Region and Hudur, Tieglow and RabDhure in Bakol Region. Approximately 100,000 people are targeted by this Project, including internally displaced persons (IDPs).

It is important to realise that the Project is being carried amidst major challenges most notably the prevailing insecurity in South Central Somalia. The majority of the Bay regions districts and villages have come under the control and authority of the AL-Shaabab group leaving only Baidoa town under the TFG but facing daily attacks from the Islamist groups. To be noted, the majority of the former TFG district authorities that used to manage districts in the region has been deposed and is in Baidoa town. At present, South and Central Somalia is almost entirely off limits to international staff of aid agencies.

Despite the ongoing political process in Djibouti, there is no lessening of the violence that continues to have a horrendous impact on civilians who are affected by the daily fighting in Mogadishu and attacks on Baidoa town.

The Islamist insurgents groups composed mainly of the AL-Shabab and Islamic Council Union (ICU) and several unknown small groups are currently in control of the majority of the south-central Somalia regions. The Somalia Transitional Federal Government (TFG) and their Ethiopian troops are only controlling with difficulties the towns of Mogadishu and Baidoa with deadly attacks from the Islamist groups on daily basis with devastating consequences. In the areas where the Islamic groups have taken and are in control, they have brought in the much needed security while at the same time they have imposed fundamentalist practices such as banning any forms of entertainment, restrictions to women employment/work and dressing code, no smoking and chewing of khat. The restrictions have resulted to many Somalis being killed as a result of not abiding with these new restrictions.

Despite these challenges, several important milestones have been achieved by the Project so far:

- Establishment and Training of Women Groups
- Establishment of Kitchen Gardens
- IGA Development
- Skills Development
- Digging of Shallow Wells
- Creation of Water Catchment Areas
- Drilling of Boreholes
- Building of Household Latrines



### Use of ToT Approach

The heightened tension and insecurity has made it very difficult to implement some aspects of the program as planned earlier. Formal trainings have had been affected to an extent that most of them have been delayed. To achieve the planned goals under formal trainings, ADRA Somalia has decided to use Training of Trainers (ToT) approach. In this ToT approach, ADRA Somalia decided to scale down the numbers of beneficiaries getting formal training from consultants to a smaller number. The training is carried out at fairly secure locations.

The selected trainees are taken through the training where they are trained on what they will pass on. At the completion of the training, the beneficiaries (trainees) are sent to the field where they train respective groups from their villages using what they had learnt.

The advantage of this approach is that they empower the respective community members carry out some aspects of the trainings without the need for external support. This however hinges on getting fairly literate people to be able to successfully implement the planned trainings. This helps in the implementation of the project without much exposure of the expatriate staff and consultants needed to carry out the activity at local levels.



Far right: Products of tie and dye during a skills development training in Hudur District

Above left: Rehabilitated well being used in Qansadere District

Above right: Cookery demonstration for women groups in Tieglow District

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## New Staff Join ADRA Family

## Upcoming Trainings

ADRA Somalia warmly welcomes new members of staff to its fraternity. Mr. Kaibe Moses and Mr. Samuel Muthamia join as the new Program Assistants and will be based in the Nairobi office. They will provide technical, administrative, management and implementation support to ongoing projects. Mr. Kaibe holds a Bachelors Degree in Environmental Planning and Management while Mr. Muthamia holds a Bachelors Degree in Communication.

ADRA Somalia warmly welcomes new members of staff asking each and every one of the new staff to embrace the organization's working culture as they join the ADRA family.



**Kaibe Moses**



**Samuel Muthamia**

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## Somalia Energy and Livelihoods Project Training on Solar PV Installation

ADRA Somalia plans to conduct a training on Solar PV installation in Puntland State of Somalia in late November/early December 2008. The main objective of the training is to improve the capacity of solar PV technicians to meet the growing needs of the solar PV industry in a sustainable manner.

Specifically, the training aims to increase the number of trained technicians who can effectively design, install and maintain solar PV systems as well as improve the skills of existing technicians.

The training will involve both theoretical and practical lessons as well as visits by trainees to existing solar PV installations in Puntland.

## Somalia Energy and Livelihoods Project Training on Cookstove Production

A baseline survey carried out in Puntland State of Somalia by ADRA Somalia indicates that there is a demand for cookstoves in the country and the demand for these is high. However, the stoves currently being produced in the market by existing producers are of very poor quality and it is against this backdrop that ADRA Somalia plans to conduct a training on cookstove production to selected cookstove producers in late November/early December 2008.

The training aims to improve the skills and number of artisans involved in cookstove production, build institutional capacity of the cookstove industry to produce good quality cookstoves and to improve productivity in the cookstove supply chain.

At the end of the training, it is expected that the trainees will be able to:

- Improve their skills in production of good quality cookstove liners
- Improve their skills in production of good quality metal claddings
- Be able to institute a quality control mechanism for cladding and liner production