

### Launch of Multi-Year Programme to Provide Education to More Than 400,000 Children Affected by Crises



*From Left to Right: Hon. Minister Abdullahi Godah, Ministry of Education, Culture and Higher Education, Zeinab Adam ECW secretariat and Luiz Camargo, Country Director ADRA, officially signing the Education Cannot Wait multi-year resilience program*

The Federal Government of Somalia, Education Cannot Wait and ADRA Somalia launched a multi-year programme to boost education opportunities for children and youth impacted by on-going crises in Somalia.

Education Cannot Wait is allocating US\$8.5 million in seed funding to support the launch of the comprehensive multi-year education response. With this catalytic grant, the global fund for education in emergencies and protracted crises is calling on additional donors to step up and fill the additional

US\$58.8 million required to reach over 402,000 Somali children and youth annually over the next three years.

The programme will improve access to safe, quality education for children and youth affected by the multiple crises in Somalia. Activities will include: school rehabilitation to provide adequate safe learning space, supply of teacher learning material, promotion of girls' enrolment and retention, support to community education committees to promote education delivery and the importance of protection, safeguarding,

and strengthening policy development on education.

“The Government of Somalia is committed to provide an equitable and inclusive education system that affords children left behind with access to free quality basic education. This will enhance their personal development and in the medium to long term contribute to Somalia’s development, socio-economic growth and global competitiveness,” said the Federal Minister of Education, Culture and Higher Education Honourable Abdullahi Godah.

As the lead agency and working with partners, ADRA Somalia through the Education Cannot Wait-supported programme in will contribute to achieving improved learning outcomes for school-aged children who are affected by emergencies through increased access to quality, inclusive, gender-sensitive, child-friendly and sustainable education.

“This multi-year resilience programme supports the efforts of the Federal Government of Somalia and Member States to ensure that every girl and boy in Somalia accesses quality education in the midst of hardship. It is an opportunity for an entire generation to rise from crises,” said Yasmine Sherif, Director of Education Cannot Wait. “For too long they have suffered protracted crisis and dispossession. Time has come for them to enjoy their right to develop and grow through an adequate education in a protective learning environment. They deserve no less.”

Education is a central pillar of the Federal Government of Somalia’s plans for long-term stability and socio-economic growth. The long-term development rests on the provision of good quality education services and training. The government recognizes that the economic growth of the country correlates with proportion of people with access to education.

“Investing in education is one of the best ways a country can lift people out of poverty, increase national economic growth and reduce the risk of conflict,” said Luiz Camargo, ADRA’s Country Director in Somalia. “Quality education in emergencies strengthens children’s resilience amidst adversity and supports their socio-emotional and cognitive development.”

The programme builds on Education Cannot Wait’s First Emergency Response in 2017 funding of US\$5 million to Somalia to support partners in responding to the severe droughts. Interventions supported critical, supplemental educational services that support schools’ access and retention.

Education Cannot Wait is a global fund for education in emergencies and protracted crises. Working with a wide range of partners-governments, UN agencies, private sector and philanthropic foundations and civil society – the Fund seeks to mobilize US\$1.8 billion by 2021 to reach close to 9 million children living in crisis-affected countries around the world.



## Providing Sustainable Livelihood Opportunities for the Youth Through Vocational Training



*Ibrahim Daud at the vocational centre and at the graduation ceremony in Baidoa*

ADRA under the Somalia Resilience Program (SomReP) implements drought recovery livelihoods, food security and resilience projects aimed at building community assets and creating safety nets which enables the beneficiaries to withstand the effects of recurring disasters in Somalia. The South West State Drought Recovery project in Qansadhere contributes to improved resilience and increased adaptive capacities for communities' households in Somalia to protect their livelihoods over continuing shocks.

Through Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), 20 students from Qansadhere graduated in July after an intense four-month training in various market relevant skills. The skills included tailoring, tie & dye, beauty and salon.

Ibrahim Daud was one of the students who graduated in tailoring.

"I chose tailoring because it will help me start a business in my village and have a steady income to support my family," he declares.

For four months, he dedicated himself to learning all that he could concerning tailoring.

"We were taught not only tailoring but also how to price our clothes and make a profit. For instance, children below four years, we charge US\$1.5. Those above five years we charge, US\$3. The price is also different for men and women. Once I set up my business this is how I will price my clothes."

Ibrahim is thankful for the opportunity that he was given.

"I am grateful for all the people who were involved in selecting those who are less privileged in the society and see them gain some skills."

With gratitude, he wants to pass forward the skills he has learnt to those who were not selected.

"The youth who are without skills in my village are many and most of them could not make it for the training. What I can do, is train some of my friends to learn what I learnt and enable them start their own business as well."

## Projects Highlight

### *Providing Access to Inclusive, Quality and Protective Education Services to Displaced Girls and Boys in Somalia*

Save the Children in partnership with Relief International and ADRA, will implement an 18-month action in Jubaland, Hirshabelle and South West States of Somalia. The ECHO funded project aims to increase IDP children's access to quality, protective education and build resilience of children affected by displacement due to disaster.

**Project Goal:** Providing access to inclusive, quality and protective education services to displaced girls and boys in Jubaland, Hirshabelle and South West States of Somalia.

- **Outcome 1:** School-age boys and girls continuously access quality and protective learning opportunities relevant to the emergency.
- **Outcome 2:** Targeted students (48% girls and 52% boys) aged 6 -17 years old in learning spaces/schools demonstrate improvement in learning competency levels.
- **Outcome 3:** Targeted school going girls and boys demonstrate improved knowledge and skills to protect themselves and their peers from violence, abuse and exploitation
- **Outcome 4:** Supported schools/ learning spaces pass the 'physical protection' standards of Quality Learning Framework (QLF).

### *Somalia WASH Service Delivery Improvement Programme (SOWASDIP)*

SOWASDIP will focus on ensuring increased availability and access to safe water for the underserved including socially excluded population groups in rural, peri-urban and urban areas, as well as delivering viable sewerage/sanitation services and hygiene promotion. ADRA will implement the SIDA funded project in Puntland, Galmudug, South West State, Jubaland and Somaliland and build on best practices, application of appropriate technologies and innovative market driven approaches and put them to scale to facilitate the achievement of the program goal within the country.

**Program Goal:** Improved health and environmental conditions due to sustained access to WASH services contributing to reduced poverty and improved economic status of Somali people.

- **Outcome 1:** Strengthened enabling environment and governance structure supporting delivery of appropriate, equitable and affordable WASH services.
- **Outcome 2:** Increased access to sustained, equitable and affordable safe water through well managed water supply systems in rural, peri-urban areas and urban centres.
- **Outcome 3:** Increased access to improved, adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene services in rural, peri-urban and urban areas.
- **Outcome 4:** Improved economic performance of local livelihoods reliant on improved access to WASH services.