

Raad Footprints



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EU RE-OPENS TWO SCHOOLS MONTHS AFTER BOMB BLAST IN MOGADISHU

EU re-opened two schools in Mogadishu after they collapsed due to a blast in September 2018. Over 930 children are now back to school after the rehabilitation. The official opening was graced by the EU Charge Affairs to Somalia, Mr. Fulgencio Garrido Ruiz, the Federal Minister of Education, Culture and Higher Education Mr. Abdullahi Godah as well as representatives from the Benadir Administration, implementing partners and the local community.

“Every child has the right to an education without fear of violence or attack. The European Union commits to continue engaging stakeholders in Somali as partners in the search for solutions to the challenges facing education sector in Somalia,” said Mr Fulgencio Garrido Ruiz, the EU Charge D’Affairs to Somalia.

During the reopening ceremony, the Federal Minister of Education, Culture and Higher Education Mr. Abdullahi Godah added, “Ensuring the safety and resilience of children and their access to sustained quality education remains a cornerstone of the Ministry of Education.”

ADRA’s country Director, Mr. Luiz Camargo welcomed the investment that EU extended to



primary school children who were previously out of school in the district.

“Rehabilitation of these schools ensures that hundreds of learners are able to continue with their primary education and will eventually transit to other life opportunities upon completion of the cycle of education,” said Mr Luiz Camargo.

EU will also support the schools through provision of scholastic materials, scholarship for girls and training of teachers. The support of the two schools is under the auspices of the EU funded project, implemented by ADRA led consortium.

Watch the re-opening ceremony [here](#)

FORMER ADRA STAFF APPOINTED AS MINISTER IN PUNTLAND STATE OF SOMALIA



Jama Fara Muse, a former staff with ADRA was appointed minister of Labour, Youth and Sports in Puntland state of Somalia. Jama joined ADRA in 2005 where he played a key role in the implementation of youth and livelihood project in Puntland. Jama rose through the rank from a project officer to a project coordinator. Until his appointment at the ministry, Jama had been promoted to an area manager in Puntland.

Dubai International Humanitarian Aid and Development Conference and Exhibition



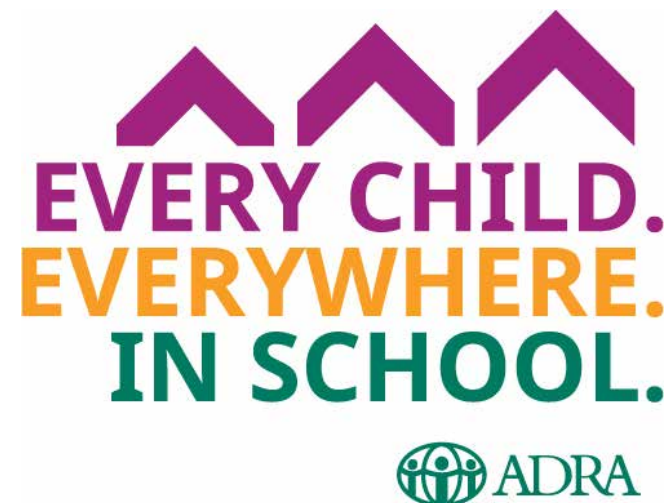
ADRA's Country Director, Luiz Camargo attended the Dubai International Humanitarian Aid and Development (DIHAD) Conference held in March 12-14 in Dubai. This was a conference where humanitarian agencies and organizations convened to interact, exchange experiences, share knowledge as well as deliberate on key humanitarian issues. The conference offers participants a platform to network, identify innovative solutions and seize new opportunities to support the crisis affected communities around the world.

A NEW ADRA LOOK



ADRA has a new look and a renewed focus in restoring justice, extending compassion and sharing God's love. The new brand has been rolled out across the network of over 130 ADRA offices. The brand includes not just the logo, the colour scheme and the typography but also our purpose and motto to sustain trust, reputation and impact. Read more [here](#)

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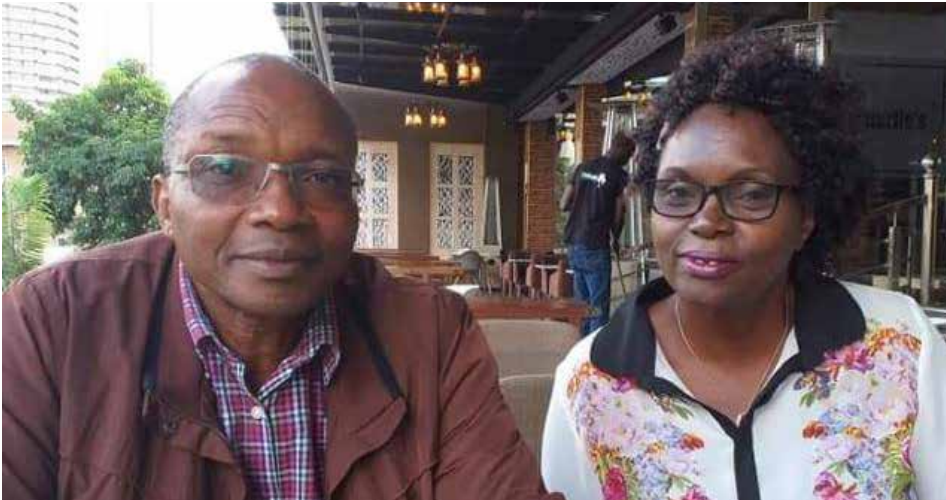


EVERYCHILD EVERYWHERE HAS THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION.

Every child. Everywhere. In school. is a global, ADRA-led advocacy campaign to ensure that every child everywhere, attends school, completes their education, and can fulfil their God given potential. To make the campaign effective, ADRA needs to demonstrate to leaders across the world that urgent action needs to be taken to see all children receiving quality education.

The power of educating every child is profound. To be part of the campaign, learn more [here](#)

THIS MAN NDENZWA



John Ndezwa with his wife Lydia

When he drafted a four-months terms of reference for a consultancy work in Somali, John Ndezwa didn't know that he was drafting a ToR that would span for two decades with ADRA. He recently shared his story with ADRA staff.

How did your journey start with ADRA?

I joined ADRA in 1998 as a consultant, where I designed a four-month terms of reference to do a training and institutional capacity building for Hiran water project that was funded by OFDA. This was my first time going to Somali and the team welcomed me very well. From there, I did WASH in Bakool that was also funded by OFDA for almost 8 years. The successes we had in Hiran and Bakool

led to ADRA being funded by various donors including the ADRA network.

What have you learnt about people and about yourself having worked in Somali?

Somalis are very unique people. One important thing that I picked from them is their oral culture. They are able to tell you a lot from what they hear and they remember very important details. I learnt that I needed to talk and listen to them to know more about them. This enabled me to learn more from them. The first time in a meeting with the Somalis, I had my notebook and pen to write down the notes but my colleagues were just listening. After the meeting, they remembered everything that was discussed including the action plan. To date, I have come to respect them for that. The other thing about the Somalis is that they are extremely kind people. Whenever I would go into a community, I was welcomed well with good food.

When you look back at your time in ADRA, is there something you would like changed?

ADRA has done very well working in Somali. Its approach of involving the community has been vital; meeting, planning, implementing and evaluating with them has been crucial in ADRA'S operations in Somali. This is why ADRA has had its successes. The other good thing is the level of accountability and transparency. So I think that

ADRA needs to enhance what they already have.

What is that one character that people admire most in you?

I think it is tolerance. This is what helped me mentor people. There are so many people I have mentored. I was able to sit with them and explain various things to them until they understood it. I am proud to say that some of the staff that I worked with and mentored have moved on to different organizations like the UN.

One unique thing that you will miss about ADRA?

The leadership; there is a straight forwardness and transparency which makes the staff express themselves well. What's also unique is the small units that ADRA has. The smallness makes interactions easy, since it's like an open door policy, there are no formalities.

Advice to staff

Keep strong. The demands in Somali are changing and you need to comply with that. Keep the community at the centre of everything as this has built the trust and confidence that ADRA enjoys with the community.

How is life now?

I am happy as I'm in another phase in life. First I thank God that I worked for this long in ADRA and especially in Somali without having to go through many challenges like sickness, or even being injured. I am now in retirement and I like it. I can now do things at my own pace; I can travel more and see new places and take care of my wife.

What do you want to be remembered for?

I want to be remembered as an ADRA worker for the Somalis and that I did it well. I left when everything is good and I handed over well.

Some of the staff he worked with had this to say:

Ndezwa, I want to thank you on your retirement. John, you were kind, honest and a wonderful mentor in my career. I learnt a lot from you and I will always remember the years I worked with you. We will truly miss you and I hope that you will continue to stay in touch and still support us so that we can benefit from your experiences. I believe you now have enough time to spend with your family. Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement.

**Kaltumo Mohamed Sheikh, Admin Finance Officer,
Mogadishu**



John Alulu Ndezwa, the 16 years, that I worked under your supervision, have been an amazing experience that not only shaped my personalities but to a greater extent contributed to my personal growth which is something I will remember you for. Congratulations on your retirement and let us keep in touch and keep the parental linkage alive.

Abdulkadir Alinur Osman: Program Manager, Baidoa

Ndezwa, I think HR's data may have been compromised. There is no way a young person like you could be retiring. Goodbye is hard to say, but we have known that this day would come. I was privileged to work with Ndezwa for the last four years in Hargeisa. Ndezwa is very responsible and a respectful person. He had a wide knowledge of the Somali culture, he was very experienced and professional. He shared so many advice as we worked together. I will certainly miss being able to call upon your wisdom. I am glad to have had the honour of working with you. I wish you the best in your retirement.

Mukhtar Abdi Hassan: Finance Coordinator, Hargeisa



Let me take this moment to thank you for your kindness and unwavering support during all the years that I worked with you. I will do my best to make sure that I uphold the work ethic and commitment that we associated with you. Thank you for training me on the job and the motivation you gave me. Indeed, you allowed yourself to be my stepping stone. Your decision-making skills, leadership and management are an asset that have always inspired me to be like you. I appreciate all your words of encouragement and everything I have learned from you

Abdiaziz Ali Mohamed: Senior project officer, QansahDhere

*Dear John,
Let me take this moment to let you know how interesting it was working with someone like you. It has been an honour working with a wonderful colleague like you for the last seven months. Thank you for the support and goodwill you have shown me over those months. The memories of working with a co-worker like you will be hard to forget. Farewell JOHN NDEZWA. I wish you all the best and continued success wherever you are.*

Mohamed Mohamoud Jama: Logistic Officer ; Hargeisa, Somaliland





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