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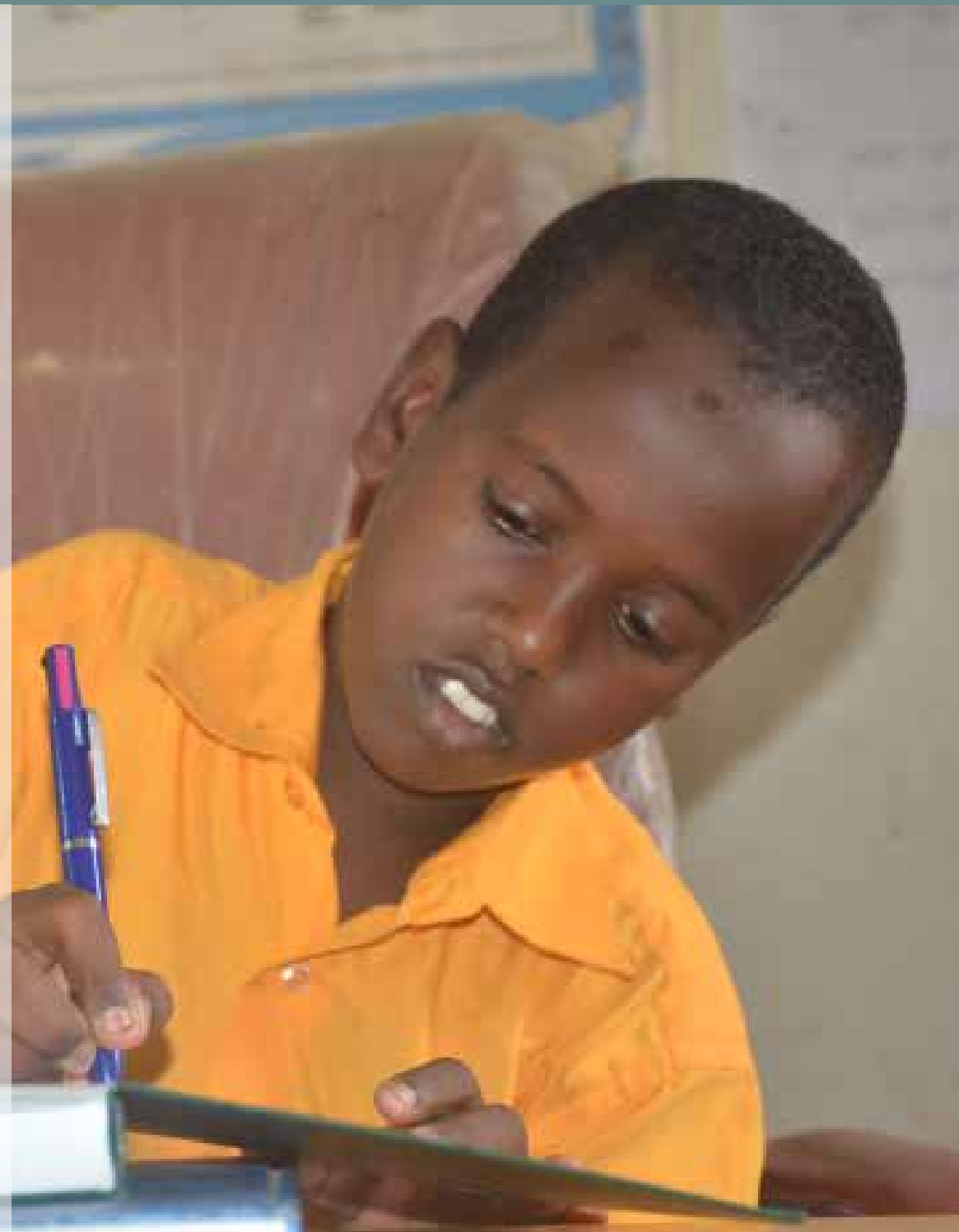


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ADRA SOMALIA PARTNER EVENT: BUILDING ON OUR PAST, UNDERSTANDING THE PRESENT AND PLANNING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT A BETTER FUTURE



ADRA Somalia joined with partners on its first ever partner learning event and strategy held on 26th and 27th November 2018 in Nairobi, Kenya. The event was themed “building on our past, understanding the present and planning together to support a better future”.

The learning event attracted participants from government ministries and community-based organisations in Somalia, the NGO consortium and ADRA offices. The presentation sessions included the power of operational excellence, inclusion, integration and transformation in education, strategic alignment through partnership, role of innovative development and partnership with the government, strengthening the localization agenda and small group interactions.

The event offered a unique opportunity for partners to share experiences and best practices learned from implementing relief and development interventions in Somalia since 1992, evaluate the present operating environment and formulate long term action plans to enhance ADRA’s Somalia five-year strategic plan. The event also visibly demonstrated to the partners, the government of Somalia and donors, the depth and breadth of ADRA’s reach and capacity to increase the opportunities for programmatic growth.



ADRA Somalia partners with several development agencies, government ministries and departments, educational and research institutions to deliver development programs to communities throughout the country. ADRA Somalia views collaboration as a cost-effective and time-saving means for implementing projects, sharing lessons and combining technical experiences and expertise for maximum project impact.

EMERGENCY PROJECT LAUNCHED IN SOMALILAND

ADRA had an official launch and ground-breaking ceremony for the Sagar crisis response project. The “Cyclone Response Intervention and support in Somaliland” (CRISIS) was launched in September 2018 in Somaliland. The six-month project that commenced in July 2018 is aimed at providing life-saving humanitarian assistance to mitigate the impact of the tropical cyclone that hit the coastal area of Somaliland in May 2018 affecting over 750,000 people.

The project is giving priority to the restoration of damaged infrastructure and provision of basic services to the worst affected people in Baki, Lughaya and Zeylac Districts in Awdal region. A set of integrated activities

that include emergency rehabilitation of community assets like schools, health and nutrition centres, water supply systems and integrated multi-cluster activities will be implemented.

The launch and ground-breaking ceremony were attended by key Somaliland government officials who included the Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, Minister of Education, Minister of Water and Minerals, Vice-Minister of health, Awdal Governor, Mayor of Borama, the Director General and religious leaders. The project was officially launched in Borama while the ground-breaking ceremony took place in Old Baki village. ADRA was represented by the Programs Director, the Deputy project manager and the logistic officer. In attendance were also the project engineers and contractors.



DEBT CANCELLATION FOR SOMALIA: THE ROAD TO PEACE, POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND DEVELOPMENT



Debt Cancellation for Somalia:
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A diverse group of national and international civil society actors under the umbrella of the Somalia NGO consortium are advocating and campaigning for a speedy and full debt cancellation for Somalia. The country’s external debt of USD 4.6 billion (as of the end of 2017)¹ restricts it from accessing critical needed financial resources from the international community which are essential for reconstruction and development of Somalia.

The debt cancellation will unlock financial resources that will be channelled towards reconstruction, development and encourage greater investments in Somalia. It is also important that Somalia receives a full debt cancellation from its external creditors to avoid servicing external debts after obtaining debt relief through the heavily indebted poor country (HIPC) initiative as servicing of debts will divert scarce resources away from development.

Because of protracted conflict and devastating recurring droughts, Somalia is one of Sub-Saharan Africa’s most troubled and under developed countries. Following the collapse of the central government in 1991, the country has been plagued with violent conflict and insurgency, extreme and widespread poverty, acute food shortages, weak governance, and political instability, economic underdevelopment, human rights abuses and recurring natural disasters such as droughts and floods.

Somali’s to date lack essential security services, health care, education, clean and safe drinking water and have very limited employment opportunities. The Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) has meagre resources to meet the country’s pressing needs.

The parliamentary and presidential elections in 2012 led to renewed international recognition of the FGS and its constructive re-engagement with the international community. This, however led to the inheritance, of external debts accumulated by Somalia's former governments, leaving the country with the status of being a heavily indebted poor country that has sizeable arrears to bilateral and multilateral creditors.

¹[Policy Brief: Debt Cancellation for Somalia: The Road to Peace, Poverty Alleviation and Development](#)



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