

ADRA Through SIDA Boosts COVID-19 Response in Somalia



A community member washing her hands during COVID-19 awareness campaign in Baidoa.

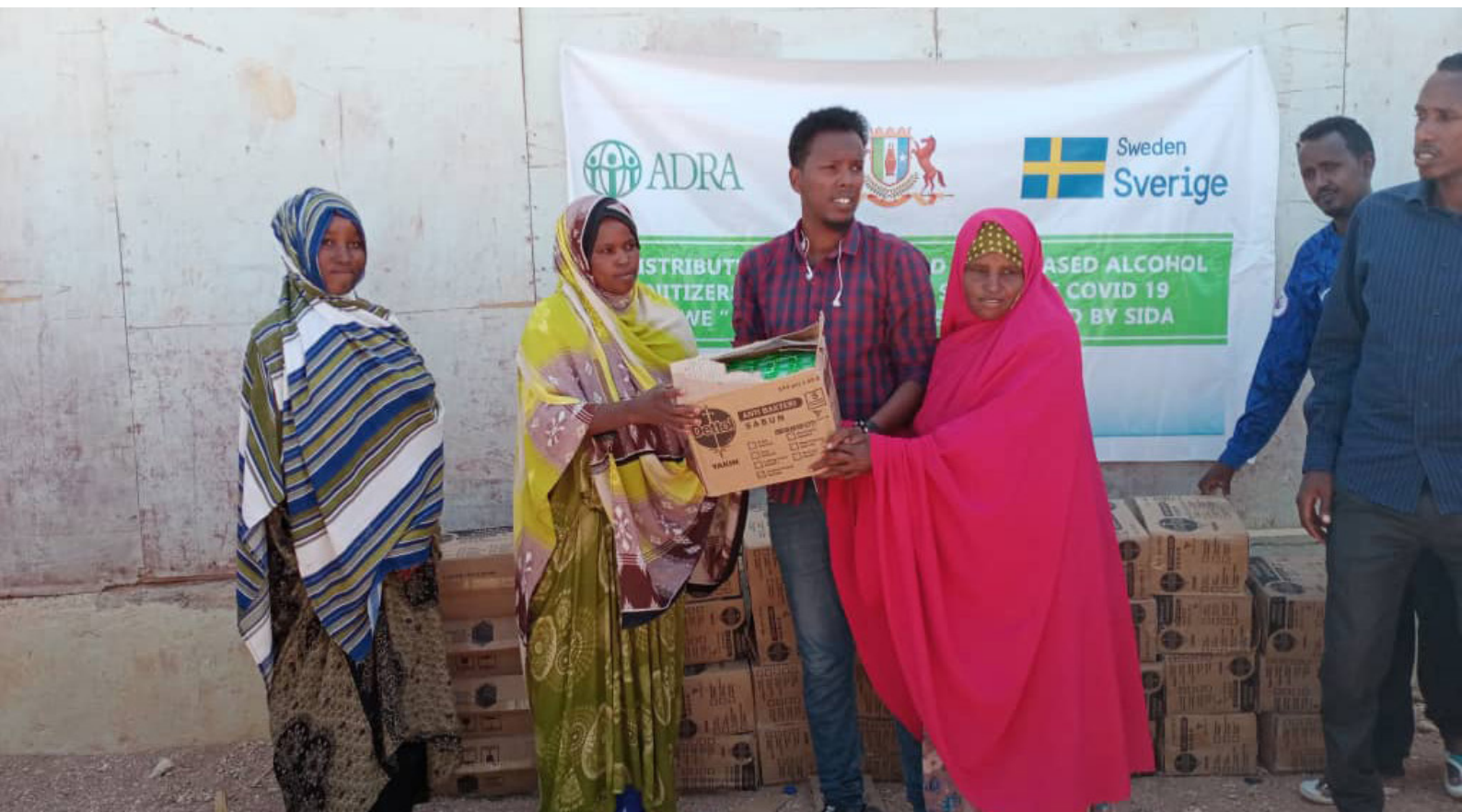
ADRA Somalia has distributed thousands of soap and hand sanitizers to internally displaced people living in Jubbaland and Puntland states of Somalia, health facilities and government ministries.

As the country, communities and individuals strive to adjust to the new realities of the coronavirus pandemic, ADRA has also prioritized preparedness and promotion of preventive measures in support to government's efforts through the Ministry of Health.



Distribution of soap and hand sanitizers to IDP camps in Baidoa during an awareness campaign for COVID-19. The distribution targeted 12,000 people in the settlement and host community.

Through the SIDA funded Somalia WASH Service Delivery Improvement (SOWASDIP) project, ADRA reached an estimated **4,600 households (27,600 people: Male 6,624 Boys, 6,900 women and 8,556 girls)** living in Kismayo and Garowe IDP camps, health facilities and government institutions with soap and hand sanitizers, **28,000** pieces of soap and **200 litres** of hand sanitizers were distributed. The **2 months** (April-May) COVID-19 response was budgeted at **US \$ 50,000**.



Women from Jowle Internally Displaced Persons Camp receiving soaps and sanitizers. The soap distribution was in collaboration with the Ministry of Health in Garowe, Puntland State of Somalia.

These efforts will go towards enhancing hygiene and safety practices such as handwashing to prevent or minimize the spread of COVID-19. According to WHO recommendations, washing hands with soap and water for approximately 20 seconds and as frequently as possible, is one of the preventive measure against the spread of COVID-19.

ADRA has also been in partnership with Somali Broadcasting Corporation in Puntland to air COVID-19 awareness and preventive messages three times a day. The messages that began in April were run through to the first week of May, targeting an estimated **1.2 million people** across Nugal and Bari regions of Puntland. [Listen here.](#)

Other Key Achievements

Baidoa

- In collaboration with the South West State Ministry of Health, we conducted outreach campaigns and distribution of soaps and sanitizers targeting **12,000** people in internally displaced persons camps and host community.
- In partnership with Baidoa Media Cooperation, we are airing awareness and prevention messages through the radio three times a day, targeting approximately **1.5 million people** in eight districts in Bay, Bakool and Lower Shabelle regions. [Listen here](#)

Somaliland

- Handed over **100 cartons** of soap (**114 pieces** of soap each) to the Ministry of Health, targeting **2,300 households**. The hand over was aired on SAABTV. [Watch here](#)
- Mounted three billboards in the big cities in Somaliland.
- Airing of COVID-19 awareness and prevention messages through the National TV: [Watch here](#) and Radio: [Listen here](#).

Mogadishu

- Reached **2,000 households** with hygiene kits (soaps and hand sanitizers) in four internally displaced persons camps.
- Airing of COVID-19 messages on Radio Shabelle.
- In partnership with MoH federal conducted outreach campaigns in Daynile district targeting **33 settlements** and distributed **100** cartons of soaps to **15,000** people in the targeted settlements.
- Handed over of **22 cartoons of soaps** and **200 bottles** of hand sanitizers to Banadir hospital.

Kismayo

- Airing of COVID-19 awareness messages on radio Soyaal.

ADRA will continue to work with the Federal Government of Somalia, the states and other partners to limit the spread of the virus by scaling up of preventive measures through awareness raising.



A woman picking soaps and hand sanitizers during a COVID-19 awareness campaign. The awareness and distribution were done in collaboration with Federal Ministry of Health in Daynille District, targeting 33 settlements.

Social Media Links

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- <https://bit.ly/2ZPS76V>



Distribution of soap and hand sanitizers to families in Internally Displaced Settlements in Garowe, Puntland.



Distribution of soap and hand sanitizers to the Ministry of Minerals, Energy and Water in Jubbaland State.



Distribution of soap and hand sanitizers to IDP camps in Baidoa during an awareness campaign for COVID-19



ADRA in collaboration with the Ministry of Health in Kismayo distributed 100 cartons and 100 liters hand sanitizers to 400 households in IDP camps, hospitals and MCHs.