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Global Hand washing Day



A boy demonstrating how to wash his hands during the Global Hand washing Day celebrations held in Somaliland

Global hand washing Day celebrated every 15 October is a global advocacy day dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding about the importance of washing hands with soap and water to prevent diseases and save lives. This year's celebration took a new urgency amidst the corona virus pandemic that has built a fresh appreciation for washing our hands.

ADRA through the Somalia Wash Service delivery Improvement Program (SOWASDIP) project in partnership with the Ministry of Health in Puntland, observed the day in Qardho District, where the participants were reminded on the importance of

washing hands. The significance of washing hands comes at a time when the world is dealing with the corona virus that requires consistent washing of hands with soap and water to prevent its spread.

Representatives from the education sector also voiced their concerns on the lack of hygiene promotion in schools, especially washing hands. They noted that it has always been a struggle and the situation has been made worse by COVID-19. They therefore urged ADRA and the Ministry to continue raising awareness on washing hands in schools.

ADRA also partnered with the Somali Broadcasting Corporation (SBC) in Puntland and aired a 3-day awareness raising on the importance of washing hands from 15th to 17th October 2020. The awareness targeted an estimated 1.2 million people.



The Director General in the Ministry of Water and Resources Development (MoWRD) in Somaliland

In Somaliland, the event was held in Togdheer Region in collaboration with the Ministry of Water Resource Development (MoWRD), Ministry of Education and Science (MoES) and the Ministry of Health Development (MoHD).

The Director General for MoWRD highlighted the importance of the day and urged participants to ensure that they always wash their hands. He also urged them to convey the message to their families and friends as well. A practical hand washing demonstration was also done, led by officials from the MoWRD.

A simultaneous event was also held in Baidoa in partnership with the Ministry of Energy and Water Resource (MoEWR) and the Ministry of Health (MoH).

WinS to Improve Hygiene in Schools



Participants who took part in the Wash in Schools (WinS) training in Qardho, District

ADRA in partnership with the Ministry of Education in Puntland, through the Somalia Wash Service delivery Improvement Program (SOWASDIP) project, conducted a 3-day WASH in Schools (WinS) training to 30 (11F&19M) participants in Qardho District. The participants drawn from 15 schools included CECs, teachers, and principals from primary, intermediary, and secondary schools. The purpose of the training was to equip the participants with knowledge and skills on the Three Star Approach hygiene.

The Three Star Approach for WinS is designed to advance the effectiveness of hygiene behaviour change programs, while ensuring that schools meet the essential criteria for providing a healthy environment for children.

During the discussion, it was noted that some of the schools do not meet the Star Approach. The participants also concurred that they have a huge task ahead of them that they could only achieve as a team.

To ensure this, ADRA has committed to support the schools to ensure they achieve the Three Star status in their schools. The participants then made a commitment to have all the necessary WASH facilities in place to enable their schools to be certified in the coming year.

Promoting Toilet Use Through Community Led Total Sanitation



Participants during the Community Led Total Sanitation training

Access to sanitation is not just a public health issue but a human right issue. Yet many do not have access to such facilities like toilets or latrines when nature calls. Poor sanitation challenges, especially the lack of toilets pose serious health concerns and has broad impacts beyond public health including living conditions and nutrition.

To address this issue, ADRA in partnership with Puntland's Ministry of Health through the Somalia Wash Service delivery Improvement Program (SOWASDIP) project rolled out the Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) program that is aimed at mobilizing communities to eliminate open defecation.

The initiative seeks to sensitize communities on the importance of using toilets in a process called triggering. Triggering enables the community to see the importance of having and using toilets. This is done in a manner that elicits emotions such as shame associated with the practice of open defecation.

Following a trigger in Qardho District, 76 households managed to dig their pit latrines while 120 households dug and

constructed slabs on the latrines.

In Somaliland, ADRA in partnership with the Ministry of Health Development (MoHD), conducted a five-day training to 20 MoHD staff. The training was aimed to impart the staff with knowledge and skills and enable them partner with ADRA to implement the CLTS program.



Participants holding their certificates after the CLTS training in Somaliland

The Future of Education is Here for Those Left Furthest Behind

A high-level event held during the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly

Thursday, 17 Sept 2020, 9:00-10:30am (EST)



Education Cannot Wait (ECW) brought together an impressive diverse line-up of world leaders, policy makers, youth, teachers, celebrities and global advocates to rally around the cause of education in emergencies protracted crises during the 75th Session of the United Nations General Assembly under the inspiring theme “The future of Education is Here for Those Left Furthest Behind.”

With over 30,000 viewers watching on Twitter live streams and 1,085 viewers tuned in to watch the two-hour, high-level live event on Zoom, ECW's 17 September #UNGA75 event - moderated by Yasmine Sherif, Director of Education Cannot Wait and co-hosted by Canada, Colombia, Germany, Norway, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America together with Burkina Faso, Ethiopia and Somalia - emphasized the importance of education in emergencies and protracted crises to a global audience.

Education ministers from crisis-affected countries highlighted the challenges they face in reaching vulnerable and marginalized girls and boys who are now at even greater risk of being left behind due to the pandemic, while also stressing the crucial support received from ECW and partners.

The Honourable Abdullahi Godah Barre, Minister for Education, Culture and Higher Education for the Federal Republic of Somalia, stated that Sub-Saharan Africa has the lowest enrollment rate, with 68 percent of out of school children. He also stated that as Somalia focuses on the most vulnerable in the society, ECW is one of the significant partners who ensure that these children get access to education.

The future of education, is therefore here and now and that the education crisis triggered by COVID-19 must be seized as an opportunity to transform education systems, make them more resilient and adapt them to the 21st century needs and realities.

Full Report on this link: <https://www.educationcannotwait.org/global-leaders-focus-on-education-in-emergencies-protracted-crises-at-ecws-global-high-level-unga75-event-the-future-of-education-is-here-for-those-left-furthest-behind/>

ADRA Appreciated as an Outstanding Humanitarian Agency Towards Youth Support



The Director General in the Ministry of Youth and Sports (MoY) in Jubaland, Honourable Abdirahman Abdi Ahmed, awarded ADRA a certificate of appreciation as an outstanding humanitarian organization in the support and coordination of youth engagement through the Youth Engagement in WASH Services (YEWS) project. The Director General also lauded ADRA for the support given towards the development of the Ministry's 2020-2024 youth empowerment strategy and is looking forward to having a stronger partnership with the organization on the same. 112 youth had an opportunity to participate in the strategy development.

The UNICEF funded project in collaboration with the state authorities in Kismayo, trained over 400 youth in various skills that included plumbing, pump repair, solar installation and repair, latrine construction and desludging and soap and henna application, providing meaningful employment by offering WASH services in their community. It has also created a platform for interaction and communication among the IDPs, host community and the local authorities.

Women's Group Distribute Soap in Public Institutions



ADRA through the Dalxiiska women's group in Kismayo distributed 310 litres of liquid soap to 51,951 beneficiaries in 12 public institutions that included schools, MCHs, hospitals and health centers in the fight against corona virus.

The group was trained in soap making through the Youth Engagement in WASH Services (YEWS) project at the Dalxiiska Training Centre in Kismayo that was established in collaboration with UNICEF, state authorities and ADRA.

Over 400 youth aged between 15-25 years have been trained and empowered and are engaged in providing water, hygiene, and sanitation services in Kismayo.

The project also contributed towards the Ministry of Youth and Sports 2020-2024 youth empowerment strategy in the following areas: youth development and job creation; youth and politics; develop policies and establish of legitimate and inclusive institution for youth; increase youth development centers and establishment of technological resources and hubs for the youth; female youth empowerment and sports for development.