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# ANNUAL REPORT

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## 1. Message from the Executive Director

Dear Partner,

*On behalf of SCC, I wish to express our profound gratitude for your generous support and unwavering commitment to our organization's mission in the year 2023. Your invaluable contributions have played a pivotal role in transforming the lives of countless marginalized individuals and communities we serve.*

*At SCC, we firmly believe in the power of collective action and the profound impact it can have on creating positive change. It is because of compassionate individuals like you that we are able to continue our vital work and make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need.*

*Your financial support has enabled us to implement and expand our programs, providing essential resources, protection, food security, CCCM and empowerment opportunities to vulnerable populations. Through your contributions, we have been able to reach more beneficiaries and address critical issues such as registration of newly arrived drought affected people in Kahda district and Garasballey settlement to get first line response cash assistance, WASH and NFI materials.*

*Moreover, we would also like to express our heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated volunteers who selflessly give their time, skills, and energy to support our initiatives. Their commitment and passion have been instrumental in the success of our programs, and we are incredibly grateful for their contributions.*

*To all our stakeholders, including our staff, partners, and community members, we extend our deepest appreciation for your continued trust, collaboration, and support. Your belief in our vision and commitment to our cause have been instrumental in our growth and impact.*

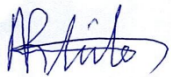
*We are proud to share that, together, we have achieved remarkable milestones and made a lasting difference in the lives of many. However, we recognize that our work is far from complete, and there are still many challenges ahead. With your steadfast support, we are confident in our ability to overcome these obstacles and continue our journey towards a more equitable and compassionate Somalia.*

*Once again, we express our sincere gratitude for your generosity and unwavering support. Without individuals and organizations like you, our work would not be possible. We are truly humbled by your commitment to our mission, and we look forward to continuing this journey together.*

*Thank you for being a beacon of hope and for joining us in our pursuit of a better future for all.*

*With heartfelt appreciation,*

Abdullahi Mohamoud Mohamed  
Executive Director  
Somali Community Concern



## OVERVIEW

SCC is committed to promoting the following organizational philosophy:

**Commitment:** *Those we serve come first in everything we do. We champion the realization of their full potential to lead fulfilling lives and contribute meaningfully to society.*

**Results orientation:** *We are driven by the changes and impacts we exist to create. We are committed to providing timely and high-quality solutions and services.*

**Open communication:** *We believe in granting access to information. We value and use the best approaches to communicate amongst ourselves and with others. We support all stakeholders to understand and express themselves in relation to their wellbeing and provide input in our service delivery*

**Competence:** *We are committed to acquire, develop and retain the highest possible quality personnel as a basis of assuring the best organizational performance and standards.*

**Creativity and innovation:** *We are committed to ensuring a work environment that encourages innovativeness and embraces new ideas and technologies to make our work more effective.*

### **Vision**

*Peaceful, Justice and Prosperous Somalia.*

### **Mission**

*SCC'S mission is to achieve sustainable economic empowerment, quality education, better health, peace, food security, WASH and zero tolerance to gender-based violence through capacity building initiatives and advocacy by deploying the appropriate strategic approaches for the development of our communities.*

## 2. WHO WE ARE

Somali Community Concern (SCC) is a national, voluntary, non-governmental, non-political, non-partisan, and nonprofit making organization that is well established in the field of emergency response and developmental programs. Since 2003, SCC has been at the forefront of emergency response, establishing operations in difficult to access locations and reach those most in need. We aim to lift poor and marginalized households out of the vicious cycle of dependence by addressing the underlying causes of vulnerability to environmental and socioeconomic shocks. Our programs are focused on serving the most vulnerable and marginalized people in Somalia, namely children, adolescent boys and girls, women, persons with disabilities, people from minority clans and internally displaced persons. Since inception, SCC has successfully completed over 75 projects that have improved the lives of the underprivileged and vulnerable women, children, and IDPs by providing WASH, health, education, protection and Camp coordination and management services.






We work in partnership with community organizations, leaders, and institutions to ensure our projects are contributing to sustainable development. Our relationship with the beneficiary communities is central to our success. We design and implement projects with (and not just for) the local communities.

SCC teams are devoted to supporting vulnerable communities in Somalia and accompanying them in building a better future by providing a response adapted to specific needs. Our staff provides aid to populations affected by crisis using an approach that is both local and global, multidisciplinary and adapted to each context. By ensuring the link between Emergency, rehabilitation and development, SCC teams guarantee that interventions made in a situation of crisis are useful and sustainable, because only long-term support – by remaining in the area post emergency and involving communities – can end the poverty cycle and accompany populations on the road to development.

SCC is the Kahda district champion that closely work with partners, local authority and IDP community in the district, and coordinate bi-weekly meeting among three mentioned stake holders. The meeting is attended by Local Authorities of Garasballey and Kahda district, Organizations that have presence in both settlements and IDP community leaders. The meeting is discussed by the achievements, challenges and gaps. This is where information about IDPs comes out.

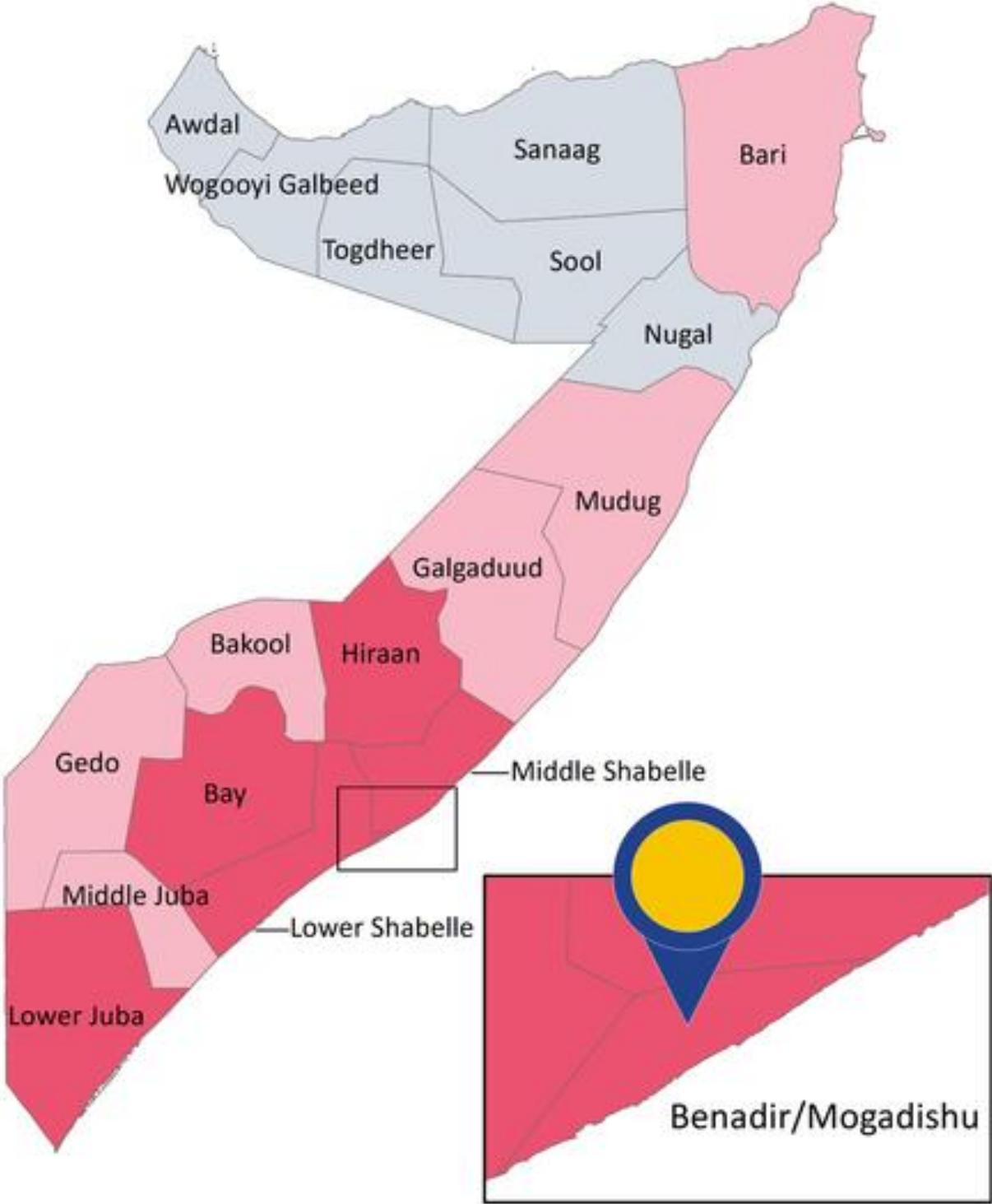
In 2023, Somali Community Concern reached over one million of Somalia's most vulnerable people; by 2025, we hope to double this number, protecting and enhancing the well-being of two million vulnerable people through building the resilience of their families and communities

### 3. OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Contact Name	Designation	Nationality	Bio
Abdirashid Mohamoud Addani	Chairman	Somali	 <p>Mr. Abdirashid is the chairman of the board of trustees. He has vast wealth of experience in organizational management and leadership spanning 25 years. Abdirashid is also a member of Somalia WASH Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) and Somalia Education Sector Committee (ESC).</p>
Prof Yahya Sh. Amir	Internal Auditor	Somali	 <p>Prof. Yahya is a seasoned Internal Auditor and M&amp;E expert with experience spanning over 18 years. He has audited several projects and developed MEAL tools which are currently being used by SCC.</p>
Ms. Umalkher Ali Dacar	Deputy Chairperson	Somali	 <p>Mrs. Umalkher is an active member of the board Of trustees and has the capacity and skills of managing institutions for more than 15 years. She has worked with a number of humanitarian and private organizations including Somali Universities, Ministry of Justice and endowment of FGS.</p>
Sahra Mohamed Abdi	Treasurer	Somali	 <p>Mrs. Sahra has been active member of the Board Trustees and has worked as a treasurer for the last 13 years. She is responsible for general financial oversight, fundraising, financial planning and budgeting, financial reporting, and control of fixed assets.</p>
Nor Sheikh Abdi	Lobbying and Fund Raising	Somali	 <p>Mr. Nor is skilled in international lobbying, advocacy, and fund raising. He has been an active member of the SCC board of trustees. Identifying and contacting potential donors, conducting research on potential donors, crafting an engaging fundraising message, using online platforms to raise money, planning campaigns or events to raise money, and keeping track of donor information are just a few of his duties.</p>

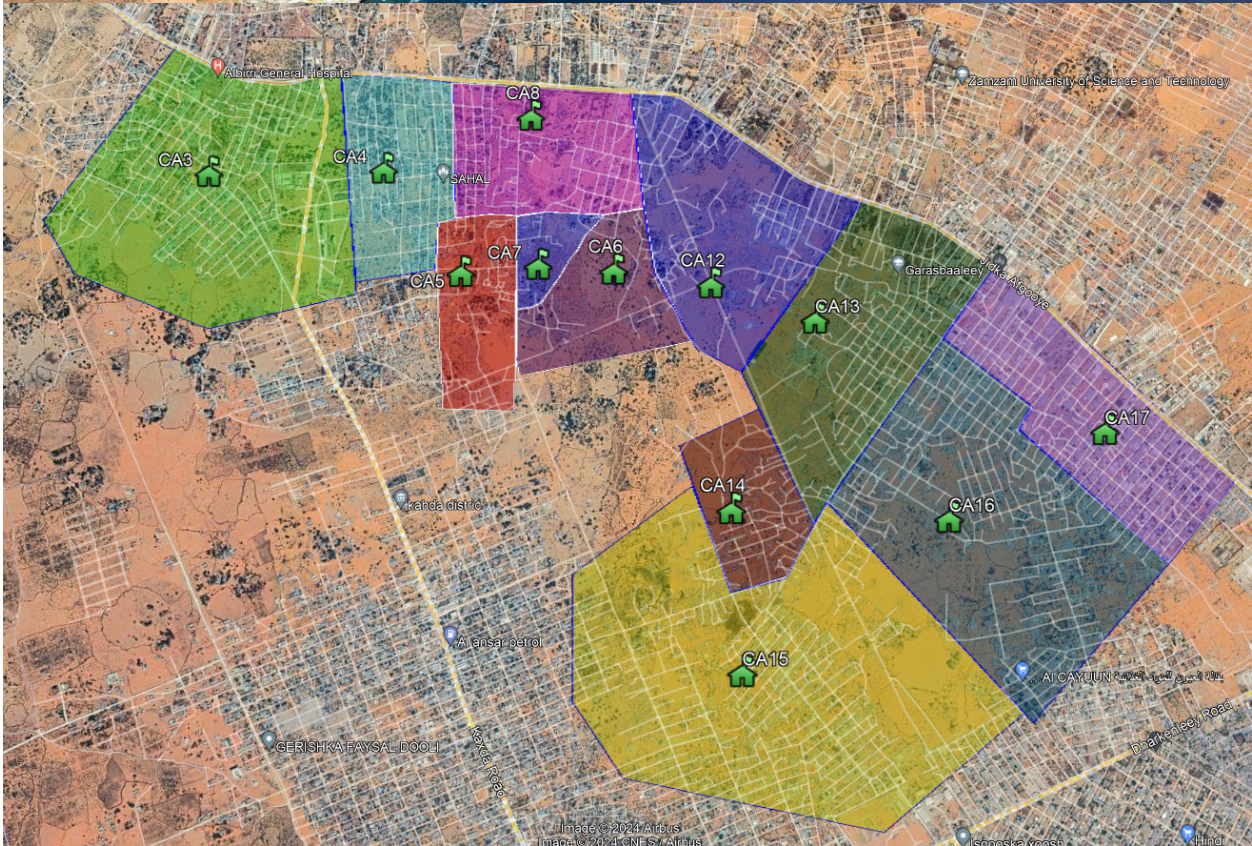
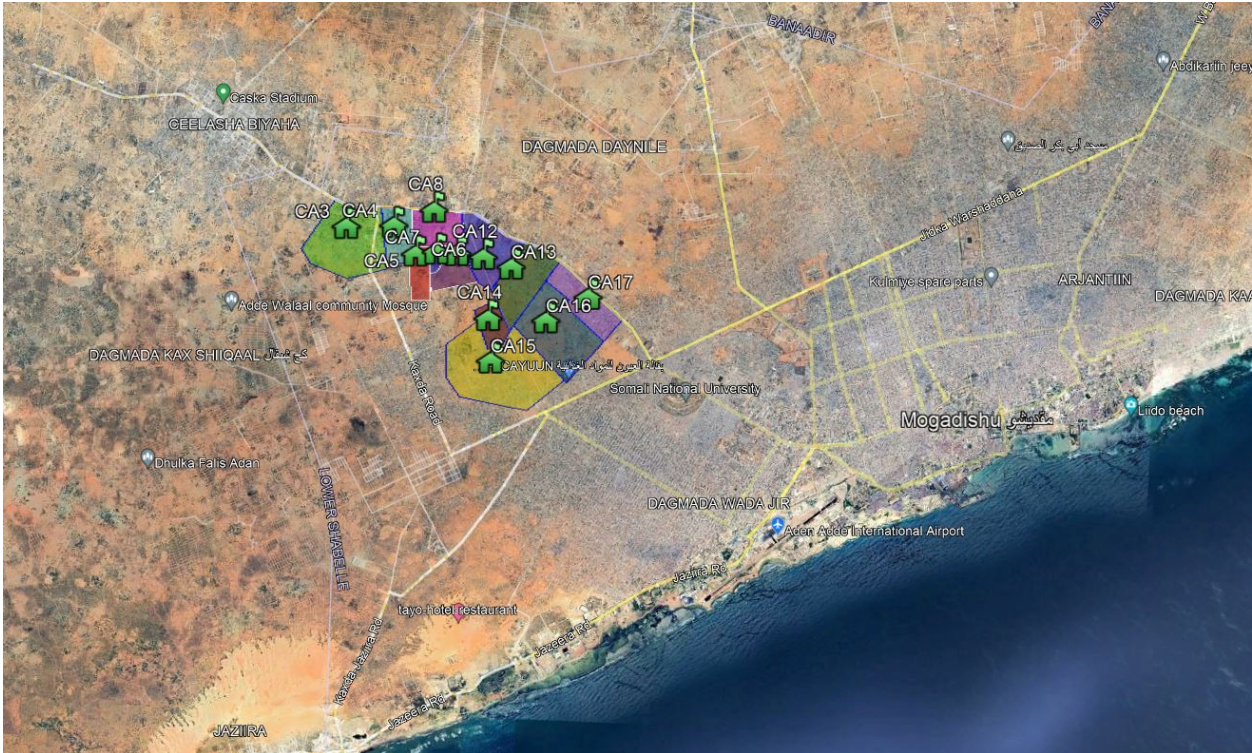


4. WHERE WE WORK



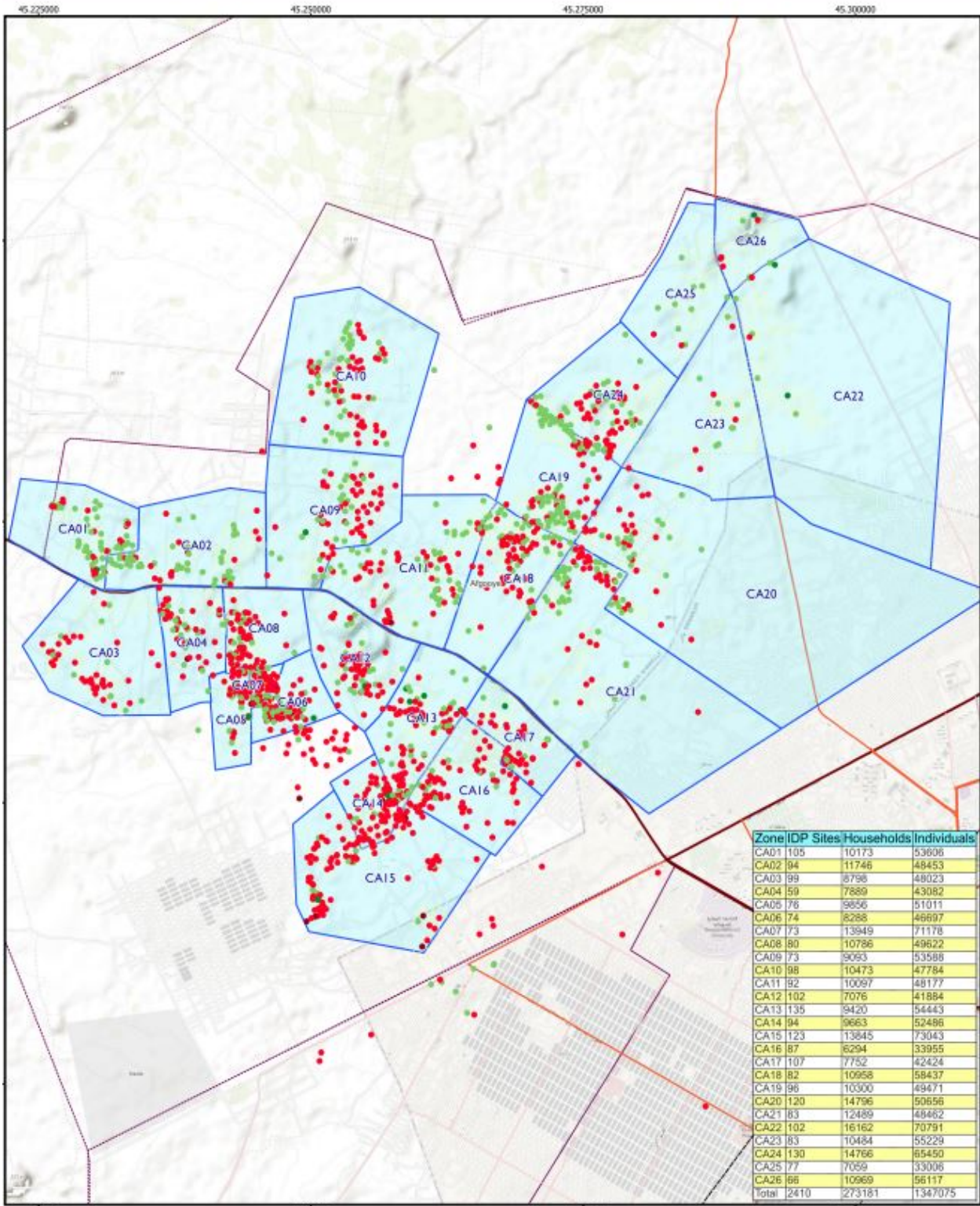


Catchment Areas in Kahda District of Banadir Region, Somalia





**SOMALIA MISSION**  
**Site Prioritization Matrix: Kahda and Daynile**



## 5. OUR IMPACT AND REACH

Somali Community Concern (SCC) programs reached slightly over a million people, more than half of them children.

Close to **200,000** people were reached through water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programming



**76,524** benefitted directly through our protection activities



Close to **280,000** people were supported with Camp Coordination and Management services



CAMP COORDINATION  
AND CAMP MANAGEMENT



**3,500** people were reached through education project.



Close to **8,000** people were supported with shelter and non-food item (NFI) kits



Approximately **24,324** people benefitted from SCC health programs.



## 6. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(income statement)

Project	Income	Expenditure	Remarks
Improving community life-saving through camp coordination and camp management in the Kahda district of Banadir Region of Somalia	\$300,000	\$267,858	The variance is 32,142 was paid December 2022, the project has started Dec 2022 & ended Aug 2023
Promoting GBV Response and Prevention for Emergency Affected Persons of 21600 (16200 women and 5400 girls) in Kahda district of Banadir region, Somalia.	\$262,102.5	\$262,102.5	
Enhancing access to integrated, high quality and lifesaving GBV/SRH services for women and adolescent girls in IDPS camps and host communities in drought affected locations in Somalia	\$221,351	\$221,351	
Enhancing access to GBV specialized services and prevention information in drought-impacted locations in Somalia	\$383,130	\$383,130	
Support GBV WGGS & Safe Shelter Centers in Kahda	\$55,000	\$55,000	
Provision of essential camp coordination and camp management services to ensure basic service provision for the drought-affected sites residents in kahda District	\$352,500	\$296,871	The variance is \$55, 629 cost paid Oct To Dec 2022 the project has started October 2022 & ended Sep 2023
First Line Response (FLR) Zonal Champion Support in Kahda District, Mogadishu	\$213,375	\$213,375	
Total of Budget (income/Expenditure)	\$1,787,458.5	\$1,699,688	
(Deficit) / balance for the year		<b>\$87,770.5</b>	



## 7. SUMMARY OF KEY PROGRAMS

During this year 2023 SCC implemented ten projects, 3 completed CCCM projects; 1 project with IOM, Two CCCM project with SHF and 1 CCCM ongoing project all in Kahda District in Banadir Region, 1 completed FLR Project and 1 ongoing FLR project with IOM and 3 Protection projects with UNFPA/FCDO and SHF in Kahda Mogadishu, Jowhar and Kismayo, WASH project in Jowhar, Education and Health projects in Mogadishu. The achievements of all projects can be seen below:

### 7.1 CCCM and First Line Response (FLR) Projects

A total of 124 locations and IDP communities, SCC has been enhancing the living conditions of internally displaced people (IDPs), guaranteeing fair access to services, and providing aid to anybody in need in the Kaxda and Dayniile District of Mogadishu.

Our Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) projects aim to ensure equitable access to assistance, protection and services for persons living in displacement sites.

The projects focus on improving the living conditions of people during displacement, while seeking and advocating for durable solutions to end camp life and organize the closure and phase-out of camps.

The main activities include ensuring that IDPs have an uninterrupted access to basic services through the continuous coordination with relevant stakeholders, and the monitoring of quality of services. Other activities focused on site development and expansion include leveling of ground and sites preparation to mitigate the risk of flooding during rainy season, and creating community spaces and maintenance of existing sites. Leadership structures, representing all segments of population (men, women, youth, elderly, disabled and other vulnerable people) in IDPs sites are strengthened through trainings on CCCM concepts and best practices and better involvement in decision making regarding site management and development.



## 7.2 ACHIEVEMENTS AND IMPACT

- **10,484** households received cash grants, WASH and non-food items to cushion them against economic shocks
- **SCC provided 375 cell phones** with sim-cards to vulnerable households, enabling them to send and receive money on mobile money platforms
- **401** Community Awareness sessions were conducted in **341** sites reaching a total of **9186** members



- **75** IDP camps benefited from CCCM activities
- **198** people were recruited, provided with tools and engaged in Cash for Work program targeting garbage collection and camp rehabilitation.

- SCC procured sanitation and PPE tool kits for **80** unskilled cash for work garbage collectors to improve camp hygiene
- **10 Multipurpose Community Centers** were constructed and furnished



- **150 fire wardens** from the IDP community were trained on fire prevention as a strategy to curb rampant break out of fires at the IDP camps
  - **525 camp management committee members (CMCs)** that composes of elders, youth and women from the target 75 IDP sites were selected and trained in camp management.
  - Information Materials with key messages were printed and posted at strategic public places within the camps
  - **500 GDLITE Solar Home Lighting System** were procured and distributed to IDP settlements. **3000** individuals benefitted from this to improve safety within IDP camps.
  - **SCC engaged and trained 80 garbage collectors in the IDP camps** to improve the sites' cleanliness.
  - **SCC established 16 complaint feedback mechanisms (CFMs) boxes** at 16 IDP site levels.
- Overall Affected Persons

## 8. BENEFICIARY STORY

### 8.1 Background

*The extent of the crisis in the region is extreme. Four consecutive seasons of drought have robbed people of their means of survival, over 3 million animals have died in Somalia alone since mid-2021, crops have repeatedly failed and families have been forced to abandon their homes and lands to seek food, water and pasture for the animals on which they rely for survival.*

*Many of the areas most affected by drought are also affected by conflict and violence. In Somalia there are 28 inaccessible and hard-to-reach areas where 1.7 million people are acutely food insecure. Insecurity and access constraints, are slowing and limiting the humanitarian response, and must be addressed by all parties.*



### **Habibo's Journey to Mogadishu IDP Settlements**



Habibo Saleman Abdullahi is a 38 years old single mother of eight kids. Gurow Hassan the father of this family was left behind with nothing taking care with his sick father before months ago. She now lives in Awbaalle IDP in Mogadishu where she arrived in late May this year after, she was recently displaced from the rural area of Bay Region named Goof sharafow by many delays of rain seasons followed by verging drought of the last three

consecutive years throughout the country. Habibo was agropastoral as she says and left all her belongings there and came here with nothing, in the first ten days upon her arrival, she did not get any support and stayed out open during that time without humanitarian assistance but survived on with little support she received from site leader during this difficult time she sought for begging in the streets of Mogadishu in order to feedback her starving children. After 15 days since her arrival, she was joined by her father and mother with 2 kids with no one supporting her “my mama was not in a good condition while my father sick when they joined me so I had to take care of both all the family and look for their daily living”, said by Habibo Saleman.

Habibo and her kids live in traditional make shift made of sticks, worn out clothes and tattered plastic sheets which the gate keeper greatly supported making while this shelter cannot protect



them from bad weather and guarantee their security at night incase gangs/thieves misbehave with them.

In some mornings Habibo start to follow some of the women resident in the site who departs early in morning to look for casual labor like washing clothes, cleaning of cooking utensils and sweeping of compounds for rich families in Mogadishu and come back home with what they got to buy daily living for their family, “it’s challenging because sometimes you work for someone and he/she tells to come back tomorrow for payment and you are so needy what will you do?” Said by one of the residents. “I encountered more challenge because I am not familiar with the area and the dialect” added by Habibo.



Due to her stamina Habibo was selected from the IDP and had a chance to be one of the garbage collectors trained to increase her capacity of garbage collection in waste and dumpsite management and handing over of waste management then received personal protective equipment (PPE) and toolkits from SCC CCCM project in Kahda district which is funded by SHF. “it has lifted big burden both of our families and I appreciates SCC and all CCCM partners for the lifesaving assistance and SCC field staff who helped as in many ways” I thank for SCC and her donors for supporting as with cash for work on garbage collection in our settlements, this engagement is great support for our family because, to earn with your hand is the best lifestyle better than begging” Said Habibo.



Both Habibo and her mother’s family now earns there some cash from Cash for Work with this engagement of garbage collection making them stable. She urges NGOs to expand the assistance programs because most of her neighbors are also needy, secondly water points are very far hence need pipeline extensions and latrine constructions because the camp has only four latrines hence not favoring for women, children and people with disability.

# 9. EDUCATION

Access to education is a fundamental human right that should be available to all individuals, including those affected by conflict and other crises.

Unfortunately, in emergency situations, access to education is often disrupted, preventing learners from experiencing the transformative effects of safe, inclusive, and quality education.

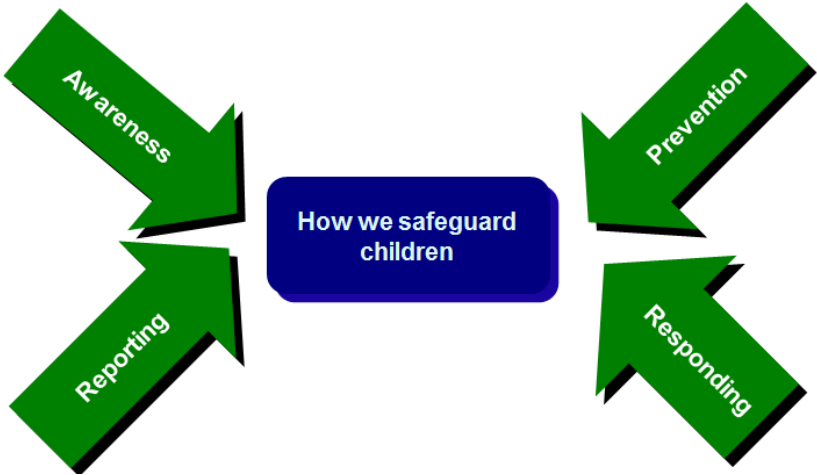
At SCC, we recognize the barriers to education faced by children who are at risk of exploitation, early child marriage, child labour, and those from low-income households

To address these challenges, we implemented in Kahda and Dayniile districts of Banadir region a range of interventions, including but not limited to: school feeding programs,



providing monthly teacher incentives, distributing teaching and learning materials, capacity development for education stakeholders, interventions for child protection and child rights, child safeguarding initiatives, development of learning infrastructures such as safe learning spaces, promotion of inclusive education, initiatives to increase access to WASH in schools such as the construction of gender-sensitive latrines and handwashing facilities, and learner-centered psychosocial support. In the year 2023, we registered several achievements in 30 IDP schools in Dayniile and Kahda districts. 21 schools in Dayniile, and 9 schools in Kahda district.

A total of 6,340 students (3,514 boys and 2,826 girls) including 44 special needs students (16 girls and 28 boys) in 19 schools were provided basic education services and safe drinking water. Each school has water storage tank with volume of 500 liters.





## 9.1 ACHIEVEMENTS

- Rehabilitation of 10 classrooms and 4 latrines.
- Provision of educational materials to 30 schools to enhance the quality of teaching and learning; Training of 114 teachers (38F) on child-centered methodologies;
- Capacity development of 90 Community Education Committees (38 M and 52 F) in school management,
- Disbursement of scholarships to 750 needy students
- Empowerment of the girl child through establishment of 20 girls' clubs and provision of 3,596 sanitary kits and 4,357 solar lamps
- Provision of teaching and learning materials to 6,340 primary students in the thirty schools
- Increased distribution of gender sensitive teaching and learning materials.
- Strengthened inclusive education for marginalized groups (pastoralist, internally displaced persons, returnees, children with special education needs and girls).
- Improved education quality through improvement of learning environment

## HUMAN STORY

Mohamed Hussein Hassan is a 9-year-old child, born missing his right arm. Mohamed is currently living with his parents at an IDP camp in Mogadishu. Mohamed and his parents moved from Baidoa to Mogadishu due to severe drought. Before they move to Mogadishu, they were pastoralist and live in the outskirts of Baidoa, due to the severe drought of 2016 all their livestock perished and they migrated to Mogadishu.

As usual Persons with disabilities in Somalia face numerous challenges and Mohamed is among these children who face those challenges. This includes from mainstream of society, making it difficult for them to access their basic rights such as education, they discriminate him, calling him “Gacameey” which means someone with missing hand, it touches him but that doesn’t stop him going to school. The disability is something which he doesn’t think about much now. “It is a part of me and I have accepted it and even found a way where it doesn’t matter anymore,” he says. He attends the school every day and uses his leg for writing; Mohamed had great ambition and loves his study. Despite all these challenges Mohamed’s parent believes someday he will be in a better position in the community.



*Mohamed using his feet for writing lessons in class*

## 10. PROTECTION



SCC joined efforts with like-minded stakeholders to improve child protection outcomes and ensure children are protected from abuse, neglect, exploitation, harmful practices, and other forms of violence against girls and boys. To enhance protection of girls and women, we equipped frontline workers with training on Gender Based Violence (GBV) prevention, including GBV awareness-

raising campaigns. Our teams also provided psychosocial and livelihoods support for GBV survivors.

SCC established GBV one-stop centers in Kismayo and women and girls' safe spaces in Banadir region, improving access to GBV services to over 62,000 women and girls. The services provided included sensitization on the impact of GBV by SCC mobile team, psychosocial support, case management and clinical management of rape within 72 hours to prevent unwanted pregnancy and transmission of HIV and other STIs. Temporary accommodation and meals were also provided at the GBV one-stop centers. In Kahda district, Somali Community Concern (SCC) distributed **750 dignity kits and 227 menstrual hygiene kits** to most vulnerable women and adolescent girls in 16 IDP camps.

In **June 2023 SHF** funded two one-stop centers and one woman and girls' safe spaces in Kahda District where **18000** women and girls have been supported with GBV awareness, case management and follow ups, and clinical management of rape. SCC also distributed **1540 dignity kit to 842 women and 698 girls** and Cash assistance to 100 of the most vulnerable women and girls



*GBV awareness campaigns in progress*

### 10.1 Achievements:

- Establishment of 7 functional GBV centers
- **91,430** women and girls received GBV awareness

- SCC Distributed **3660 Dignity kits** to the most vulnerable GBV survivors in Mogadishu, Kismayo and Jowhar.
- SCC Distributed **1202 MHM kits** to the most vulnerable women and adolescent girls in Mogadishu and Kismayo. Unconditional Cash assistance was given to 200 of the most vulnerable GBV survivors.



## 11. WASH Projects

WASH activities in IDP settlements are crucial for protecting health, preventing diseases, promoting human rights, dignity, and contributing to the overall well-being, resilience and social cohesion within the displaced population. They are essential components of humanitarian response, emergency preparedness, and sustainable development efforts in these challenging contexts.

SCC undertake a range of WASH initiatives aimed at ensuring access to safe water, sanitation facilities, and hygiene promotion. Here are some common WASH activities conducted by SCC in IDP settlements in this year 2023:

This outcome encompasses several key elements including provision of clean drinking water, construction of sanitation amenities, effective hygiene promotion and capacity building for community stakeholders. Through these efforts, SCC aims to improve access to safe water, enhance sanitation conditions, and promote good hygiene practices within communities. By addressing these vital aspects of WASH, SCC seeks to improve the overall health and wellbeing of individuals and contribute to the realization of their basic human rights of IDP communities in Jowhar district.





## 11.1 ACHIEVEMENTS

- 50 main shallow wells and water sources were chlorinated daily for 5 months to provide safe drinking water to 21000 vulnerable persons in the target villages and IDP camps in Jowhar
- SCC and communities engaged 50 garbage collectors (3 males and 47 females) and provided them with sanitation kits (gloves, face masks, wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes) to keep the environment clean in the villages and IDP camps in Jowhar.
- 364 flood proof latrines, 5 new shallow wells were constructed, and 22 existing shallow wells rehabilitated in Jowhar.
- SCC established and trained water management committees (84 persons) for the constructed and rehabilitated shallow wells in Jowhar.
- SCC distributed hygiene kits to 1000 HHs (6000 persons) in the villages and IDP camps in Jowhar, the contents of the hygiene kits included household water storage containers/jerry cans (20litre), bucket and Laundry/ hand washing soap which promoted handwashing during critical moments.
- SCC distributed sanitary kits to 320 drought-affected Women and adolescent girls in Jowhar.



## 12. EMERGENCY FLOOD RESPONSE (El-nino)

Somali Community Concern (SCC) in collaboration with the WASH Cluster distributed hygiene kits targeting 1000 households in Mahaday District of Middle Shabelle. The distribution aimed to address urgent hygiene needs in response to the El Niño-induced flooding crisis affecting communities in the specified locations.

The work being done was primarily motivated by the pressing need to supply basic hygiene supplies to homes still dealing with the impact of the devastating floods. SCC and the WASH Cluster collaborated to implement a planned and systematic strategy to address the growing health hazards and difficulties that the flood-affected communities were facing. This



distribution effort was not only a humanitarian gesture; it was also necessary to protect the resilience, health, and dignity of homes dealing with the upsetting effects of the natural disaster.

The coordinated effort sought to strengthen the communities against the ongoing challenges posed by the developing crisis in addition to addressing the acute hygienic needs. SCC and the WASH Cluster set out on a mission to provide useful and significant solutions to households dealing with the turbulent aftermath of El Niño-induced floods by combining resources, experience, and teamwork. The project embodied a profound dedication to helping the impacted communities and creating a path toward healing, resiliency, and optimism in the face of hardship.



## 12.1 IMPACT OF THE DISTRIBUTION:

The hygiene kit distribution had several positive impacts on the flood-affected households:

- **Improved hygiene practices:** Beneficiaries were equipped with essential items such as soap, water floc, buckets, chlorine, and MHM sets, enabling them to maintain proper hygiene practices.
- **Reduced health risks:** The distribution of hygiene kits contributed to a reduction in health risks associated with unsanitary conditions and inadequate hygiene practices.
- **Enhanced awareness:** SCC engaged with the beneficiaries, providing information on the proper use of the hygiene items and conducting awareness sessions on hygiene practices, thereby increasing awareness and knowledge within the community.

In addition to that SCC contributed and handed over 3000 empty sandbags to the Deputy Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of Hirshabelle State of Somalia based Jowhar to prevent El-Nino floods.

## 13. HEALTH

SCC implements integrated Health and GBV Services in Kahda District through two women and girls' safe spaces and two one stop centers located in the IDP camps where every individual around the area can access them.

Integrated emergency health and GBV posts in IDP centers, established by SCC, undertake a range of activities to address both health and GBV-related needs of the displaced population. Here are some common activities conducted by integrated emergency health and GBV posts in IDP centers:



- **Comprehensive Medical Care:** These posts provide comprehensive medical care to survivors of gender-based violence. This includes medical examinations, treatment of injuries, provision of emergency contraception, sexually transmitted infection (STI) prophylaxis, and other necessary medical interventions.
- **Psychosocial Support:** Integrated health and GBV posts offer psychosocial support services to survivors of GBV. Trained professionals provide counseling, emotional support, and trauma-informed care to help survivors cope with the psychological impact of violence and displacement.
- **Case Management:** The posts conduct case management to support survivors of GBV throughout their healing process. This involves individual assessments, development of personalized care plans, coordination of services, and referrals to other specialized support providers, such as legal aid and safe housing.
- **GBV Prevention and Awareness:** NGOs operating the integrated posts conduct awareness campaigns and educational sessions within the IDP center. These activities aim to prevent GBV by promoting gender equality, challenging harmful social norms, and fostering a safe and respectful environment for all residents.
- **Training and Capacity Building:** Staff members working in integrated emergency health and GBV posts receive specialized training on GBV response, survivor-centered care, and trauma-informed approaches. This ensures they have the skills and knowledge to provide comprehensive support to survivors and effectively address GBV-related issues.
- **Community Engagement:** The posts actively engage with the IDP community to raise awareness about GBV, its consequences, available support services, and reporting

mechanisms. Community dialogues, focus group discussions, and participatory activities are conducted to encourage dialogue, change attitudes, and promote community-based solutions to address GBV.

- **Data Collection and Reporting:** Integrated posts collect data on GBV incidents, survivor profiles, and service utilization to inform programming, monitor trends, and advocate for appropriate response measures. This data helps in evidence-based decision-making and improving the quality of services provided.
- **Coordination and Referrals:** Integrated posts collaborate with other service providers and stakeholders, such as legal aid organizations, law enforcement agencies, and social welfare departments. They facilitate referrals for additional support services, ensuring survivors have access to a coordinated and comprehensive response.
- **Sensitization and Training for Healthcare Providers:** The posts conduct sensitization sessions and training for healthcare providers working in emergency health posts to ensure they have a comprehensive understanding of GBV, can identify signs of abuse, and respond appropriately to survivors' needs.
- **Strengthening Multi-Sectoral Response:** The integrated posts work towards strengthening the multi-sectoral response to GBV by collaborating with other sectors, such as protection, legal, and security, to develop coordinated strategies and protocols for responding to GBV within the IDP center.

These activities aim to provide holistic care and support to survivors of GBV while addressing the broader health needs of the displaced population. By integrating health and GBV services, the posts strive to create a safe and supportive environment that promotes healing, empowerment, and prevention of gender-based violence.

In 2023, SCC reached 17892 persons (13456women and 4436Girls) with sexual and reproductive health services and 32157persons (22108women and 10,049girls with prevention and response to GBV, including Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) for women and girls

### 13.1 ACHIEVEMENTS

- In quarter one of 2023, SCC supported 3289persons (2534women and 755girls) access medical services for different health issues, especially urine infections, flu, gastroenteritis and Respiratory syncytial virus.
- In quarter two, SCC supported 5601persons (3450women and 2151girls) access medical services for stomach ulcer, back pain, fever and urinary infections.



## Case Study

How SCC GBV team saved Shukri from the throes of early and forced marriage



*Shukri and her mother receiving Psychosocial support from SCC case worker*

Shukri (not her real name) is a 13-year-old girl living with her parents at Harweyn IDP camp in Kahda District. She is a new arrival from lower Shabelle whose displacement was occasioned by the drought crisis that saw her family's small farm fail to produce enough to sustain them. With a family of seven in a new difficult environment (IDP camp), the father had been struggling to put food on the table. To mitigate the financial difficulties facing the family, the father chose to marry off Shukri to an older man in exchange for money. This decision was strongly contested by the mother who felt it was morally wrong to give away her first-born daughter to a 51-year-old polygamous man. With her pleas falling on deaf ears, the mother, weighed down by the prospect of seeing her daughter's life go down the ruin, sunk into depression and started exhibiting suicidal behaviors.

Luckily, Somali Community Concern(SCC) GBV mobilization team , a robust unit dedicated to raising awareness on GBV including FGM, rape and early and forced marriages, visited the Harweyn camp for routine sensitization meetings during which they encouraged women and girls afflicted by GBV to always visit the SCC Women and Girls Safe Space funded by SHF for assistance. Shortly thereafter, Shukri and her mother visited the Women and Girls Safe space and shared their story with one of the case workers. Both mother and daughter were given psychosocial support for they appeared troubled and disoriented. Additionally, Shukri was given new clothes and a dignity kit because she was in tatters, making her vulnerable to rape. Upon hearing Shukri's story, the GBV staff together with the camp leader visited Shukri's shelter and met with the father over Shukri's forced marriage to an older man. After a long and intense discussion, the team successfully convinced the father to drop the idea of marrying off her first-born daughter against her wishes. Shukri is now happily taking care of her siblings as her mother goes about washing clothes for people to support her family.



## 14. TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

SCC strives to be accountable to all those we serve, those that support us and the society at large.

Transparency and accountability are crucial for SCC to build trust and maintain credibility with their stakeholders, including donors, beneficiaries, and the public. Here's why transparency and accountability are essential for SCC:

- ❖ **Donor confidence:** SCC rely on the support of donors to fund their activities. By being transparent about their financial management, program outcomes, and decision-making processes, SCC can instill confidence in their donors that their contributions are being used effectively and responsibly.
- ❖ **Public trust:** SCC often work on behalf of the public and advocate for social causes. Transparency helps build trust with the public by demonstrating that the organization is operating with integrity, being open about its activities, and being accountable for its actions.
- ❖ **Beneficiary confidence:** SCC exist to serve their beneficiaries. Being transparent about the organization's goals, programs, and impact helps build confidence among beneficiaries that their needs are being addressed and that the organization is working in our best interests.
- ❖ **Effective governance:** Transparency and accountability are crucial for good governance within SCC. Clearly defined roles and responsibilities, transparent decision-making processes, and accountability mechanisms helped ensure that the organization operates ethically and efficiently.
- ❖ **Learning and improvement:** Transparency allowed SCC to learn from their experiences and make improvements. By sharing information about our successes, challenges, and failures, SCC can contribute to the broader knowledge base in their sector and promote learning and innovation.
- ❖ **Compliance and legal requirements:** SCC are often subject to legal and regulatory requirements, such as financial reporting, tax compliance, and adherence to ethical standards. Transparency and accountability helped ensure that SCC meet these obligations and maintain their legal standing.

To promote our transparency and accountability, SCC adopted several practices, including:

- ✓ Regularly publishing financial statements, annual reports, and program impact reports.
- ✓ Clearly communicating the organization's mission, goals, and activities to stakeholders.
- ✓ Establishing transparent decision-making processes and involving stakeholders in key decisions.
- ✓ Implementing robust financial management systems and conducting regular audits.
- ✓ Establishing mechanisms for stakeholders to provide feedback, raise concerns, and make complaints.
- ✓ Adhering to relevant codes of conduct and ethical standards.
- ✓ Participating in independent evaluations and external assessments of the work.

By embracing transparency and accountability, SCC enhanced their effectiveness, built trust with stakeholders, and ultimately made a positive impact in the communities and causes they serve.

## 15. OUTLOOKS 2024 (Strategic Goals)

In the emergency situation of Somalia, SCC has several key strategic goals. These goals are typically aimed at providing immediate relief and support to affected populations, as well as facilitating long-term recovery and resilience. Here are some key strategic goals that a SCC may pursue in such a situation:

- ❖ **Emergency response and relief:** SCC's primary goal is to provide immediate assistance to meet the basic needs of affected populations, such as food, water, shelter, NFI, and medical aid. This could involve setting up temporary shelters, distributing emergency supplies, and providing healthcare services.
- ❖ **Protection and safety:** Ensuring the physical and psychological safety of vulnerable populations, such as women, children, and displaced persons, is crucial. SCC focus on providing protection measures, establishing safe spaces, advocating for the rights and well-being of affected individuals, and strengthening legal aid services and support for survivors of human rights abuses and gender-based violence.
- ❖ **Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH):** Ensuring access to clean water, proper sanitation facilities, and hygiene promotion are essential for preventing the spread of diseases in emergency situations. SCC will work on providing safe water sources, sanitation facilities, and hygiene education to affected communities, expanding access to clean water and sanitation facilities in both camp and host community settings. SCC will also conduct hygiene promotion campaigns to raise awareness about proper hygiene practices and prevent the spread of diseases.
- ❖ **Livelihood and economic recovery:** Supporting the recovery of affected communities and promoting sustainable livelihoods is crucial for long-term resilience. SCC focus on livelihood programs, vocational training, microfinance initiatives, and support for small businesses to help communities rebuild their lives.
- ❖ **Education and psychosocial support:** Ensuring access to education and providing psychosocial support to affected children and adults is important for their well-being and future prospects. SCC will ensuring inclusive and quality education for children in camps, including the provision of safe learning spaces, trained teachers, and access to provide educational materials, and offer counseling services to address the psychological impact of the crisis. Will also implement vocational training programs and skill development initiatives for adolescents and adults to enhance their future prospects and Advocate for policies that prioritize education in humanitarian settings and support the integration of displaced populations into formal education systems.
- ❖ **Camp Management and Coordination:** Implementing innovative approaches for efficient camp management, including digital tools for registration, tracking, and coordination of services; Enhancing community participation and empowerment within camps through the establishment of camp committees and engagement programs; and Strengthening coordination with local authorities, humanitarian agencies, and host communities to ensure effective collaboration and resource sharing.
- ❖ **Health:** Strengthening healthcare services in camps, including primary healthcare, reproductive health, and mental health support; Implementing disease prevention and control measures, including vaccination campaigns and disease surveillance systems; and collaborating with local health authorities to ensure continuity of care and referral systems between camps and host communities.
- ❖ **Advocacy and coordination:** SCC may engage in advocacy efforts to raise awareness about the crisis, mobilize resources, and influence policy and decision-making processes at local, national, and international levels. Additionally, coordination with other humanitarian organizations, government agencies, and local stakeholders is crucial to ensure an effective and efficient response.

- ❖ **Disaster risk reduction and resilience building:** Promoting resilience and preparedness for future emergencies is an important long-term goal. SCC will work on initiatives that enhance community resilience, such as early warning systems, disaster risk reduction training, and infrastructure development that can withstand future disasters. Facilitating the transition from emergency response to long-term development by investing in infrastructure, skills development, and economic opportunities.

These future plans reflect the evolving needs of displaced populations and the increasing focus on holistic approaches that address multiple sectors in an integrated manner.

## 16. HOW YOU CAN HELP *(Volunteer Opportunities)*

During emergency situations such as floods, civil wars, or droughts, SCC play a crucial role in providing relief and support to affected communities. Here are some volunteer opportunities you might find with SCC involved in emergency response:

- **Disaster Response and Relief:** Volunteer with SCC that specialize in disaster response. You could assist in setting up emergency shelters, distributing food, water, and essential supplies, or providing logistical support.
- **Emergency Medical Assistance:** Join SCC that provide medical assistance during emergencies. Volunteer as a first aid responder, help with triage, or support medical professionals in providing healthcare services to affected individuals.
- **Psychosocial Support:** SCC often offer psychosocial support to individuals affected by emergencies. Volunteer to provide emotional support, organize support groups, or help with counseling services.
- **Humanitarian Aid Distribution:** Assist SCC in organizing and distributing humanitarian aid to affected communities. This could involve packing and sorting relief supplies, loading and unloading trucks, or coordinating distribution efforts.
- **Emergency Communication and Documentation:** SCC require volunteers to help with communication and documentation during emergencies. You could assist in gathering and organizing data, documenting needs and resources, or managing information hotlines.
- **Water and Sanitation Support:** Join SCC involved in providing clean water and sanitation facilities during emergencies. Volunteer to set up temporary water points, distribute hygiene kits, or educate communities on safe sanitation practices.
- **Shelter Assistance:** SCC often need volunteers to help with emergency shelter setups. You could assist in assembling temporary shelters, organizing bedding and supplies, or providing support during camp management.
- **Logistics and Supply Chain Management:** Volunteer with SCC that focus on logistics and supply chain management during emergencies. Help coordinate transportation, track inventory, or assist with warehouse operations.
- **Community Resilience and Preparedness:** SCC may run programs focused on building community resilience and preparedness for future emergencies. Volunteer to assist in organizing workshops, training sessions, or awareness campaigns.
- **Fundraising and Resource Mobilization:** Support SCC in fundraising efforts and resource mobilization for emergency response. Volunteer to help with grant writing, donor communication, or organizing fundraising events.



## 17. OUR PARTNERS

- UNICEF-Somalia
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- UNFPA Somalia
- UNESCO Somalia
- UNHCR
- UNOCHA/Somalia Humanitarian Fund
- UN HABITAT Somalia
- ICRC Somalia
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Local Initiatives for Education (LIFE)
- Human Relief Foundation (HRF)
- Norwegian Refugee Commission (NRC)
- Muslim Aid Somalia
- International Aid Services (IAS)
- Education Cannot Wait (ECW)
- Global Education Cluster (GEC)
- Ministry of Education & Culture of SFG
- Ministry of Women and Human Rights of SFG
- Banadir Regional Administration (BRA)
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