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EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Islamic Relief Somalia is today reviewing its achievements since July 20, when famine was declared in East Africa. At that time, 4 million Somalis were trapped in a humanitarian crisis, and 2 million of them were displaced from their homes. The world's attention shifted to Somalia, particularly South Central Somalia—this time not because of political infighting but because of a serious humanitarian crisis that arose from a combination of drought, famine, and the local communities' inadequate capacity to cope with emergencies.

Since 2006, Islamic Relief Somalia has provided humanitarian assistance ranging from emergency relief to rehabilitation of schools and construction of social amenities such as water supply systems, latrines and health facilities. Islamic Relief realized the emergency situation in mid-July and conducted a rapid needs assessment in Bay, Bakool, Gedo and Lower Shabelle from July 13 to July 19. On July 20, famine was declared. Islamic Relief quickly developed a strategy to help cushion the community from further suffering.

Islamic Relief responded through an emergency response project office in Baidoa, the epicenter of the famine. Working from this location has proven advantageous in reaching the affected communities.

Islamic Relief Somalia is targeting its relief efforts toward households in need of immediate assistance. This approach combined the provision of basic lifesaving food aid, water, sanitation and hygiene necessities with the delivery of primary health care services to minimize the deaths due to acute diarrhea and complications of measles.



KENYA

Family food packs distributed to **45,000** people

Rehabilitation of **5** deep-water wells

Supplementary feeding program for **35,000** malnourished children and pregnant and lactating mothers

Water trucks delivering clean water to **15,000** people

SOMALIA

SECTOR

NUMBER HELPED

FOOD AID

General food distribution (6,300 tons)	600,000 people in 90,000 households
Canned meat (30 tons)	2,050 households

HEALTH

Outreach clinics	30,000 people
Referral services	631 referrals
Health facilities	Communities near 3 facilities

WATER AND SANITATION

Water trucked in	122,610 people in 20,000 households
Latrines	11,000 households

PROTECTION AND EDUCATION

Sanitary kits	2,000 women
Shelter	1,800 households
Learners' kits	4,115 children (2,094 girls; 2,021 boys in 15 schools)
Teachers' incentives	75 teachers

ETHIOPIA

Supplementary feeding program for **8,000** malnourished children

Water trucks delivering clean water to **40,000** people

Statistics for Kenya and Ethiopia are as of August 2011

FOOD AID



Islamic Relief Somalia has supported both recipients and local food suppliers in providing tons of food to affected communities. Food is purchased locally when possible; the rest is imported from collaborating partners, Islamic Relief sister countries and institutional donors. In just over three months, Islamic Relief provided packages to feed 600,000 individuals. The food includes major staple foods for families to cook in displaced-person camps and villages, plus ready-to-use supplements for children.

During the holy month of Ramadan, Islamic Relief also received large quantities of miscellaneous foods from various Middle East donors. These were distributed in camps, orphanages and schools.

AVERAGE FOOD PACK FOR A HOUSEHOLD

Rice – 25 kg (55 pounds)

Wheat flour – 20 kg (44 pounds)

Cowpeas – 15 kg (33 pounds)

Sugar – 10 kg (22 pounds)

Vegetable oil – 5 kg (11 pounds)

TOTAL – 75 KG/MONTH (165 POUNDS)



BY THE NUMBERS

General food distribution
6,300 tons for 600,000 people
in 90,000 households

Canned meat
30 tons to 2,050 households

Miscellaneous food items
280 tons to 41,000 people

NAME: Farhia Ali Nour Abdi

AGE: 25

FROM: Somalia

STORY: Farhia Ali Nour Abdi lives in the Igadik refugee camp in Somalia. She is only 25 years old and has had five children. Her 2-year-old son has died, and so has her husband. Left alone to raise her remaining children, she spends her mornings washing clothes to make money to buy food. But work is not reliable, and sometimes she has to travel to other camps to try to find food for her children. Islamic Relief is helping relieve the burden that refugees like Farhia face in finding food for their families. Islamic Relief food distributions have helped more than 950 households in Igadik and other nearby camps by providing kits of food with vital nutrients.

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HEALTH

In our health interventions, since the beginning of the emergency, Islamic Relief Somalia has delivered health-care services in both fixed health clinics and temporary health posts across the region, particularly in camps for displaced people in Mogadishu and Afgooye corridor. A major goal is to make health care easy to access for displaced people in Koorsan, Siliga, Bondere, Sabir, Horseed, Guimale and Saciid. Health interventions include free consultations and free medicines, as well as other care for children, pregnant and lactating mothers, and other adults. The health workers handled illnesses including chest infections, acute diarrhea, malaria, intestinal parasites and skin infections. The health interventions covered 30,000 individuals with free essential drugs and basic life-supporting health services. Islamic Relief heavily used three ambulances during the first 100 days of the emergency, transporting mothers and children to nearby health facilities where they were referred for specialized medical care. To increase the utilization of the facilities, Islamic Relief Somalia in partnership with the Islamic Medical Association of North America and its sister organizations (the Federation of Islamic Medical Associations and the Pakistan Islamic Medical Association) brought in volunteer specialized medical doctors—pediatricians and gynecologists. The arrival of these doctors provided extremely valuable services in supplementing the primary health care services local clinicians were already providing in the camps. The specialists also provided on-the-job and off-the-job training for the local clinicians.



BY THE NUMBERS

30,000 – People accessed emergency health-care services and life-saving essential drugs through seven health teams

631 – Severely ill patients referred for specialized care

2 – New fixed health clinics established in centers for displaced people

1 – New diarrhea triage center at Banadir Hospital



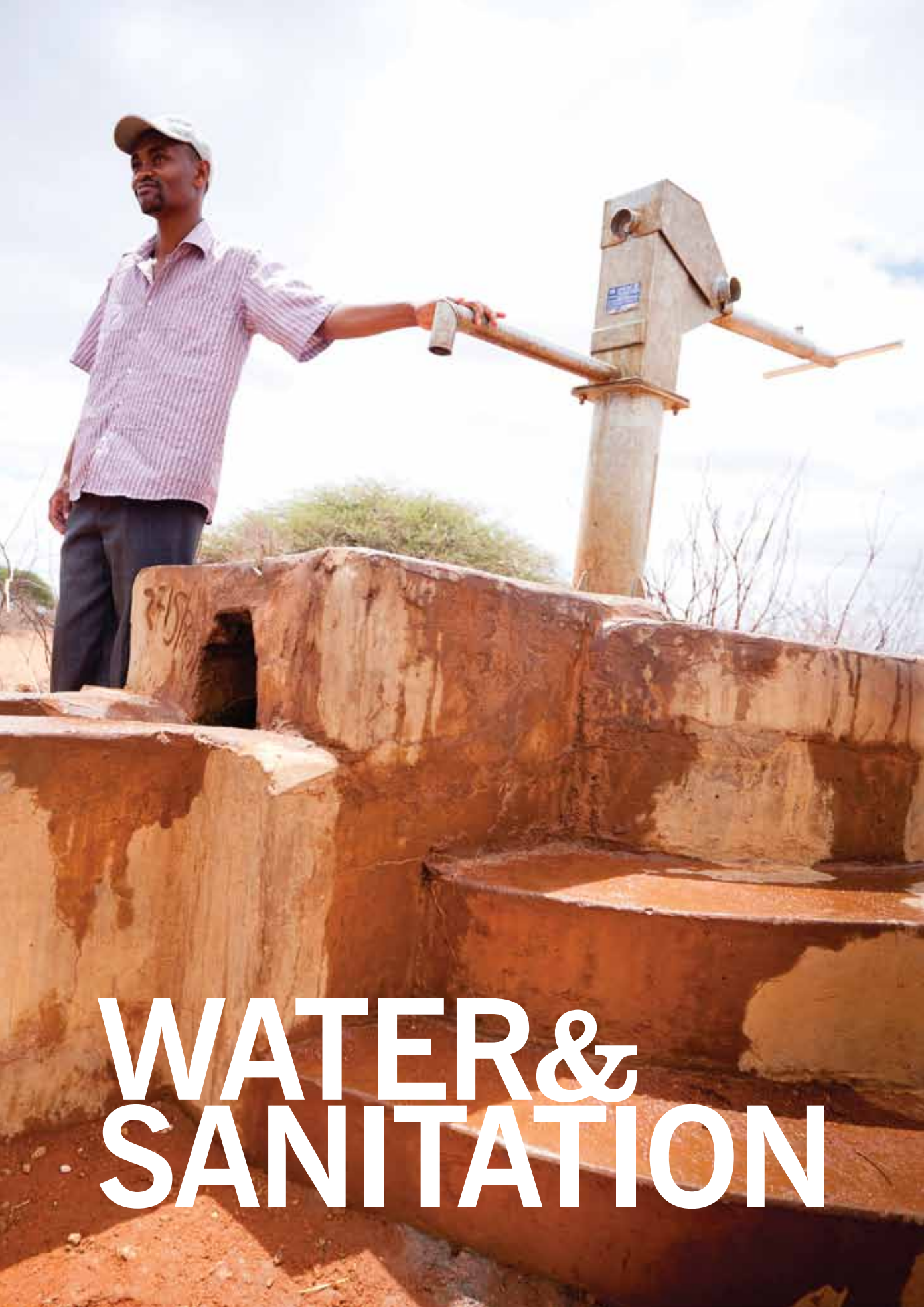
NAME: Habiba Garat

FROM: Kenya

STORY: In Wajir, Kenya, the drought killed all of Habiba Garat's livestock, wiping out her family's main source of income. She and two of her three children got dangerously sick after the drought began. They suffered from malnutrition, malaria, pneumonia and respiratory tract infections, but could not afford to get proper medical care for these curable illnesses. Islamic Relief transported Habiba and her son Abdi to the local hospital where they could both receive the urgent care they needed. They received food and medication to help them get healthy again, and within two days, Habiba and Abdi made major improvements. With the supplies Islamic Relief provided the hospital doctors have been able to treat many more drought victims like Abdi and Habiba.

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WATER & SANITATION

Islamic Relief teams trucked in 1.83 million cubic meters of water to reach a total of 122,610 individuals. This provided safe, clean water for drinking and personal hygiene use. Communities also benefited from hygiene promotion and latrine construction. Most of the interventions took place in Mogadishu, Lower Shabelle, Bay and Bakool. Four hundred latrines were constructed in Lower Shabelle, and garbage collection was performed around the displaced-person centers in Lower Shabelle.





BY THE NUMBERS

1.83 million cubic meters of water delivered to **20,000** households

425 latrines constructed for **11,000** households

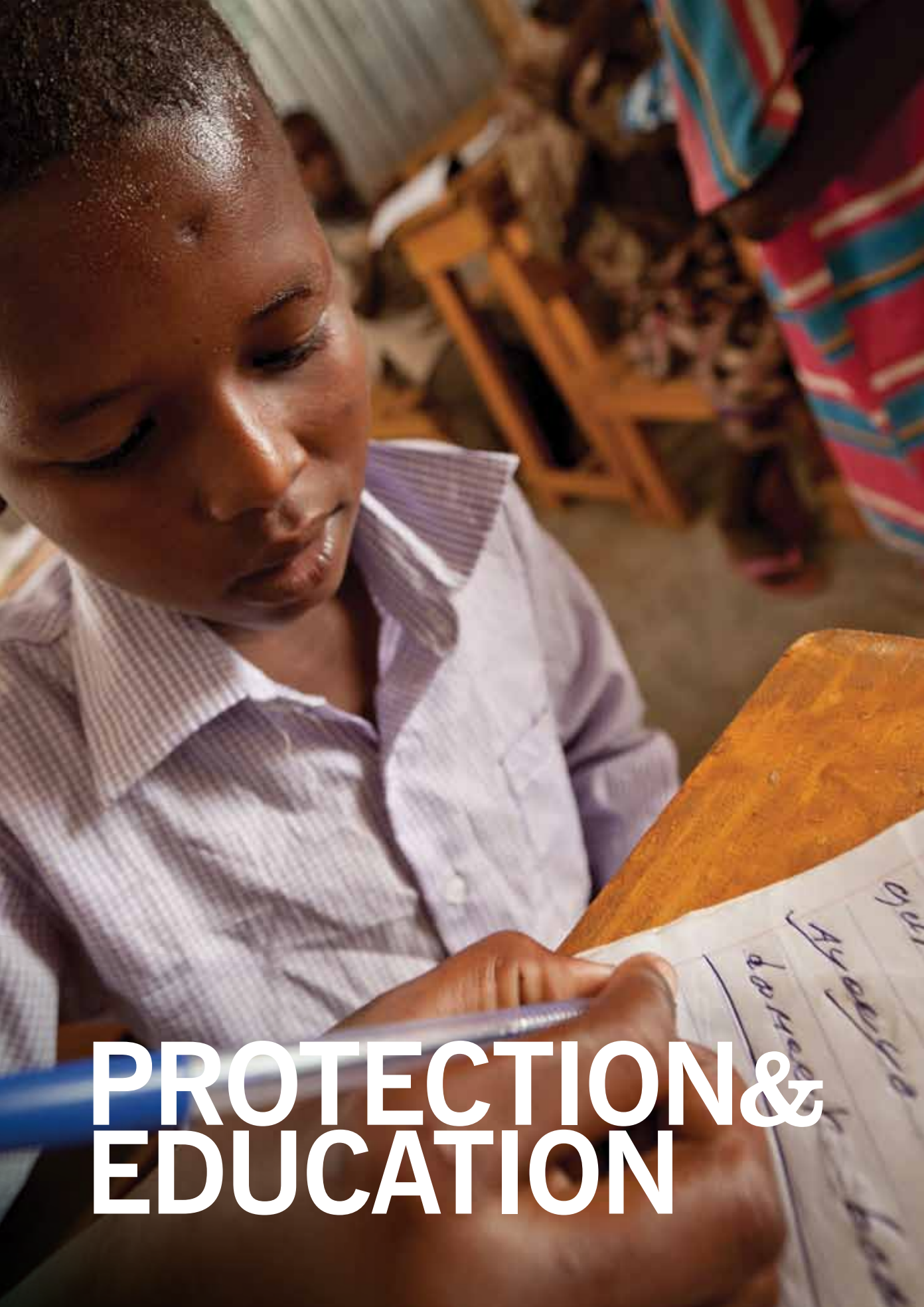
More than **200** hygiene promotion sessions conducted

NAME: Othman

FROM: Kenya

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STORY: Regular access to water is not something young Othman takes for granted. In order to get water to use each day, he used to have to walk nearly 5 kilometers to pump water from a well. Now, Othman only has to walk a few steps from his home to access water. Islamic Relief funded and built a well in his community, and the well helps nearly 3,000 people get clean water each day. Islamic Relief is also helping install and repair deep-water wells in the area to help bring more water to villages so the people can maintain their crops and animals. "When you have water," says Harun, Islamic Relief liaison to the village, "you have everything."



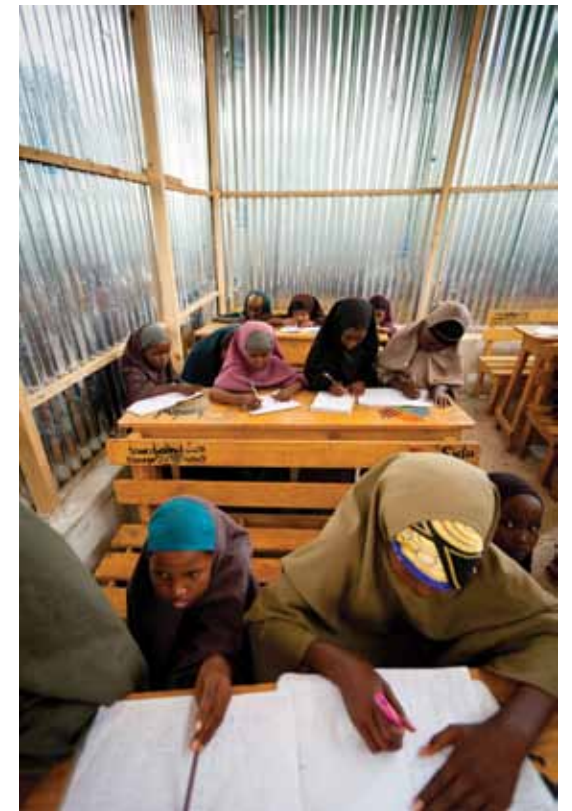
PROTECTION & EDUCATION

Through education and protection programs, Islamic Relief Somalia reached 15 primary schools (two in Mogadishu and 13 in the Afgooye corridor), reaching 4,115 children (2,094 girls and 2,021 boys). These programs improved enrollment rates and increased displaced children's chance to access free education, addressing Millennium Development Goal 2 of free primary education. Islamic Relief also trained and paid incentives to 75 teachers—18 females and 57 males.

In addition, Islamic Relief Somalia issued school kits, recreational kits and educational materials. To sustain the continuity of free learning and ownership, Islamic Relief engaged community education committees in all 15 schools.

Islamic Relief Somalia also protected and supported the dignity of women by providing 2,000 sanitary kits in displaced-person locations.

Islamic Relief has also provided 1,800 tarpaulins to put up the shelters for newly displaced people.





A CLOSER LOOK

STORY: Drought in East Africa has denied people more than just food and water. Many children, especially in Somalia, have been denied an education. Many families have been forced to move to refugee camps. They have to spend their days focusing on surviving—finding food and water. When starving to death is a reality every day, the luxury of education seems so far away. And when they do get a chance to go to school, they usually don't have textbooks, supplies or clothes for school. Classrooms are often overcrowded and hot, there aren't enough teachers, and without proper diet or access to clean water, children can't focus.

Islamic Relief has begun to support many of the schools in the Siliga refugee camp to help the children of displaced families continue their education, even while they are far from home. Islamic Relief is running 15 schools in central and southern Somalia, where students can take a full schedule of classes including math, science, Arabic, Somali, English and Islamic studies all week long.

BY THE NUMBERS

2,000 – Sanitary kits for women of child-bearing age

1,800 – Families received shelter assistance

4,115 – Children received Learners' Kits

75 – Teachers with monthly incentives

COORDINATION

Islamic Relief Somalia coordinates its activities via clusters and other U.N. coordination mechanisms in Nairobi and Mogadishu through regular meeting attendance and regular submission of reports.

Islamic Relief Somalia—which is recognized by the U.N. Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)—is committed to working together and sharing information. Islamic Relief Somalia has assisted the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in putting in place a strong coordination mechanism among OIC member organizations.

Islamic Relief has always emphasized the importance of OIC and OCHA complimenting each other in addition to Islamic Relief's active participation in both coordination mechanisms.



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