

Partnership in action



Somalia

The intense destabilization created by the 1991 collapse of the government, subsequent conflicts, drought and the recent declaration of famine have left Somalia at the heart of one of the longest running humanitarian crisis in the world.

Somalia's continued instability, mass population displacements and harsh regulations on humanitarian actors have worked to seriously hinder the



delivery of aid, necessitating the development of implementation partnerships between local and international humanitarian actors.

HIJRA and OXFAM

In 2007 HIJRA and OXFAM responded to the mass withdrawal of aid agencies and the subsequent gaps in assistance through the development of a unique implementation partnership.

Since its establishment the partnership has remained among a very small number of interventions able to successfully provide care to the most vulnerable in South Central Somalia.

The initiatives focus on equal program ownership at local and international levels has lead to the effective execution of countless projects in

the world's most dangerous humanitarian setting.

Project successes include the implementation and construction of water supply systems, the provision of sanitation facilities, development of capacity building programs and cash programing.

The initiative is currently one of the most successful implementation partnerships on the ground in **Mogadishu** and **Lower Shabelle** working to provide care to over **362,000** of the **most vulnerable**.



"Since the partnerships inception over 5 years ago, we have worked jointly to address the ever changing needs of the Somali people, seeing us at the forefront of the crisis, bridging gaps in aid and providing immediate lifesaving care regardless of the circumstances. It has been our honor to work with an organization of OXFAMs caliber and we look forward to continuing our work together."

Mohamed Dahir, Executive Director - HIJRA

As an emergency response initiative **HIJRA** and **OXFAM** understand the **impact of war, famine and displacement** focusing interventions towards the most **vulnerable**, often entering situation of **conflict** and unrest to ensure this **care is provided**. In such instances, both organizations work to ensure the **safety** of their **beneficiaries** and **staff** by adhering to a strict policy of **transparency, neutrality** and **accountability**.



WASH

HIJRA and OXFAM work together to implement immediate lifesaving programs in Water and Sanitation aimed at improving access to safe water, sanitation facilities and public health services in **Mogadishu, Ceelasha** and **Xawa Cabdi**.

The partnership works to construct **water platforms, tanks, distribution points** and **sanitation facilities** while working to promote proper hygiene practices through the delivery of essential hygiene supplies and capacity building.

The initiative is dedicated to ensuring its communities self-reliance by working to deliver community trainings guaranteeing the sustainability of programs.

HIJRA and OXFAM currently provide assistance to over **362,000** of the most vulnerable in South Central Somalia.

"It is truly due to the development of open, interactive and responsive partnerships that we have been able to continue providing lifesaving care in Somalia. Together with HIJRA, we have worked to ensure the relevance and timeliness of our projects through the implementation of innovative operations, sound reporting systems, continuous monitoring, context analysis and risk mitigation."

Ahmed Abdi
Program Manager, Mogadishu and Lower Shabelle

In response to the 2011 famine, the partnership has worked to construct 4 water tanks, 80 distribution points and 3,000 pit latrines in over 240 IDP settlements.



Innovation and Empowerment

Community Water Environment and Sanitation (WES) Committees

To enhance environmental sanitation projects and community independence HIJRA and OXFAM have worked to create volunteer Water, Environmental and Sanitation (WES) committees.

The Committees have been designed to ensure the communities proficiency in proper water management, environmental sanitation and hygiene promotion to ensure self-sufficiency and sustainability upon the project's completion.

The initiative works to empower the community through trainings on the 5 domains of hygiene promotion, latrine rehabilitation, water spout renovation and camp cleaning; jointly working to train local water attendants on issues of monitoring and water storage cleanliness.

*In 2011, **HIJRA** and **OXFAM** worked to **train and establish** an additional **50 WES Committees**.*

VOICE from the Field

We lost everything in the drought. My village had no water and our herds all died. We had no choice, we had to leave. I had no more donkey to pull my cart so my mother and I did. It was very hard and long to reach Mogadishu. We saw many dead on the way; I wish I did not remember. When we arrived I was scared, how do you start over with nothing? I am very happy for the help from HIJRA and OXFAM, if we did not have water there would be no way to survive. Now I cook and sell the traditional sweets. I struggle but my family can eat and I am happy.

Maleeyka Muhidin Hasanow,
*HIJRA OXFAM cash relief beneficiary;
Badbaado, Mogadishu*



Livelihoods

HIJRA's and OXFAM's activities in Livelihoods work to promote and develop projects focused on lifesaving interventions through non-formal education, income generation activities and cash for work programs.

The programs in Livelihoods work to ensure that each person has the tools and the ability to live in a secure and sustainable manner by supplying the economy with the means to revive its crippled credit systems and empower the most vulnerable.

Cash relief programs have been designed to provide support to those in need through monthly cash distributions ensuring the beneficiaries purchase of essential food staples.

The project beneficiaries are identified through a criteria selection process, provided with registration cards and monitored throughout the life of the program.



HIJRA and OXFAM currently **work** through their WASH programs to provide **livelihoods** support to over **12,548** of the **most vulnerable** in South Central Somalia.

To respond to the **famine in 2011**, **HIJRA and OXFAM** worked to **identify** and **provide cash relief** programs to **9,435 households** in **six districts** of Mogadishu; *Wadajir, Dharkenley, Hodan, Waberi, Xamarjajab, Boondheere.* The **partnership** is further working to **extend** its Cash Relief program to an additional **3,113 Households** in the month of November.



Program Reporting, Communications and Transparency

The partnership is dedicated to transparency, accountability and neutrality.

Its communications and advocacy components, formed of both international and local staff, have been designed to provide access to the needs of its beneficiaries. The initiative works to ensure the development and implementation of innovative communications methods guaranteeing materials incorporation into policy, publications and media's.

HIJRA and OXFAM have been working to ensure the publication of field information since 2007.

*The partnership's dedication to **transparent reporting** and accountability allows us to maintain **neutrality** and remain **focused on the** Implementation of field activities.*

Kourtnie Schaefer
Communication & Fundraising - HIJRA





HIJRA is an independent African humanitarian organization; focused solely on providing sustainable and realistic mechanisms of intervention for the most vulnerable in the population. HIJRA is dedicated to the restoration of community livelihoods through the provision of WASH, Health, Education and Livelihoods. HIJRA has been providing humanitarian assistance since 1992.

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