

Disability is not inability



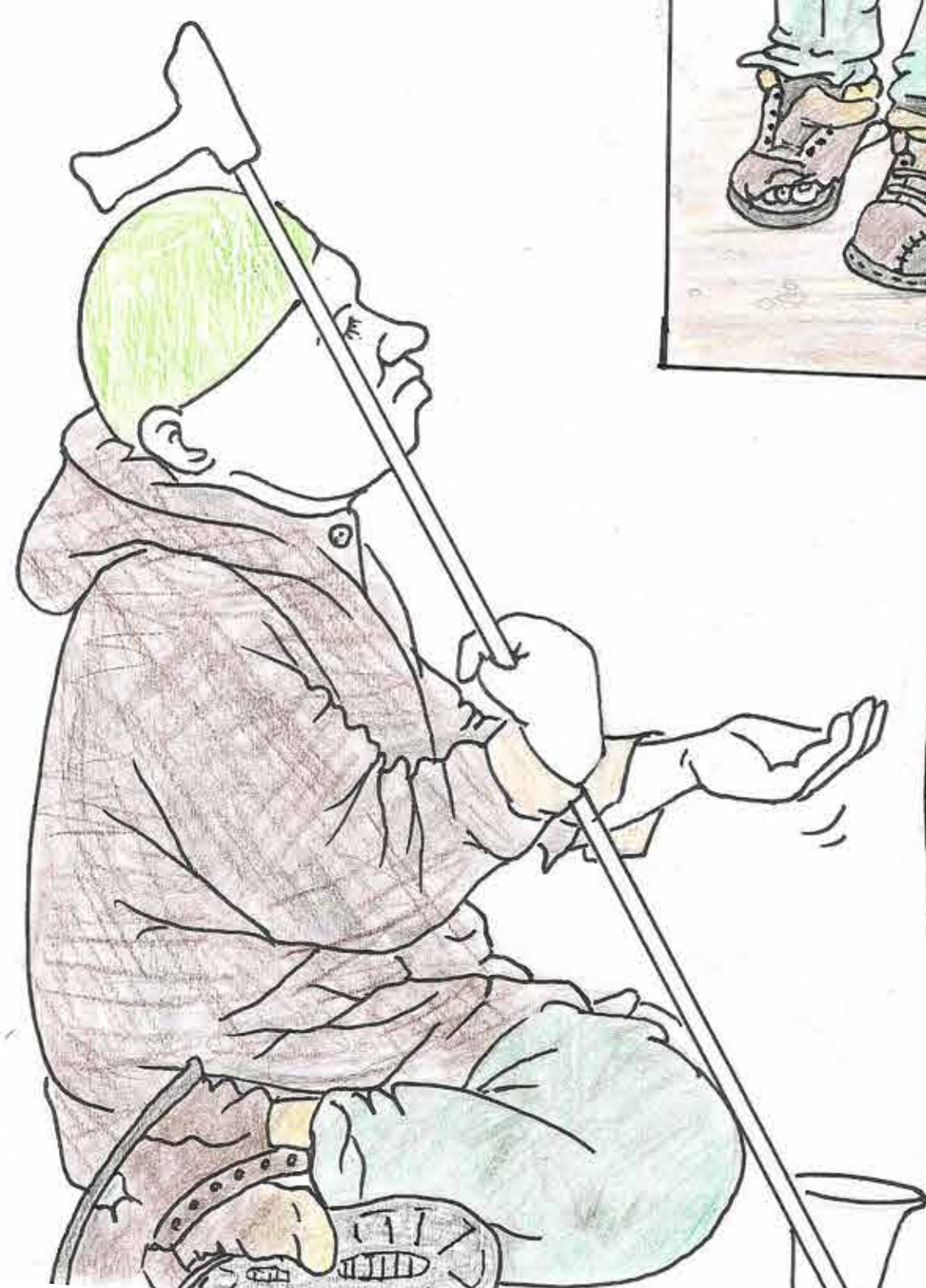
The BRCiS (Building Resilient Communities in Somalia) aims to make communities more resilient to shocks and stresses. Among other expected outcomes, the FCDO-funded BRCiS 2 project sought to enhance the capacity of communities to mitigate the impact of future shocks through effective management of natural resources, community integration into local governance, and strong social cohesion. BRCiS derives its strength from its deep and meaningful relationship with local communities. The story below is about Mohamed and Nurta who took part in a project meant to support and empower people with disabilities through income generation schemes. The project was implemented by Save the Children in three districts including Deyniile and benefited 100 people living with disabilities and their families.



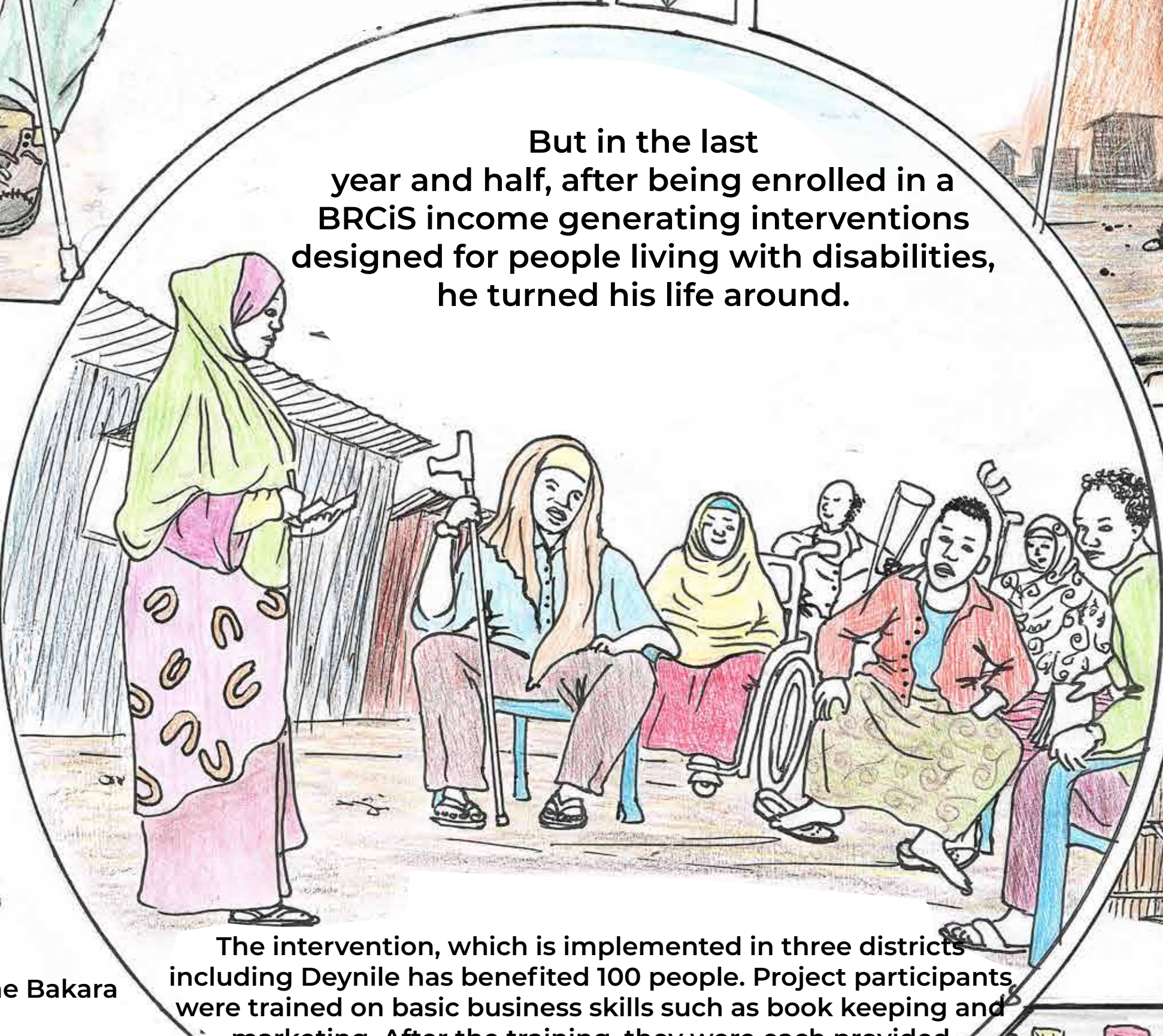
42 years-old Mohamed Aboubakar is visually impaired and he is a living proof that disability is not inability.

Mohamed used to walk to the market every morning, covering close to four kilometers to beg for money and food. often one of the only option for those affected by disabilities in Somalia.

A stonethrow away from where Mohamed shop is Nurta Mohamed Adan's shop. A 62 year-old mother, she is also reaping the fruits of the project' support.



Mohamed faced many challenges as a beggar on the streets of the Bakara market in Mogadishu.



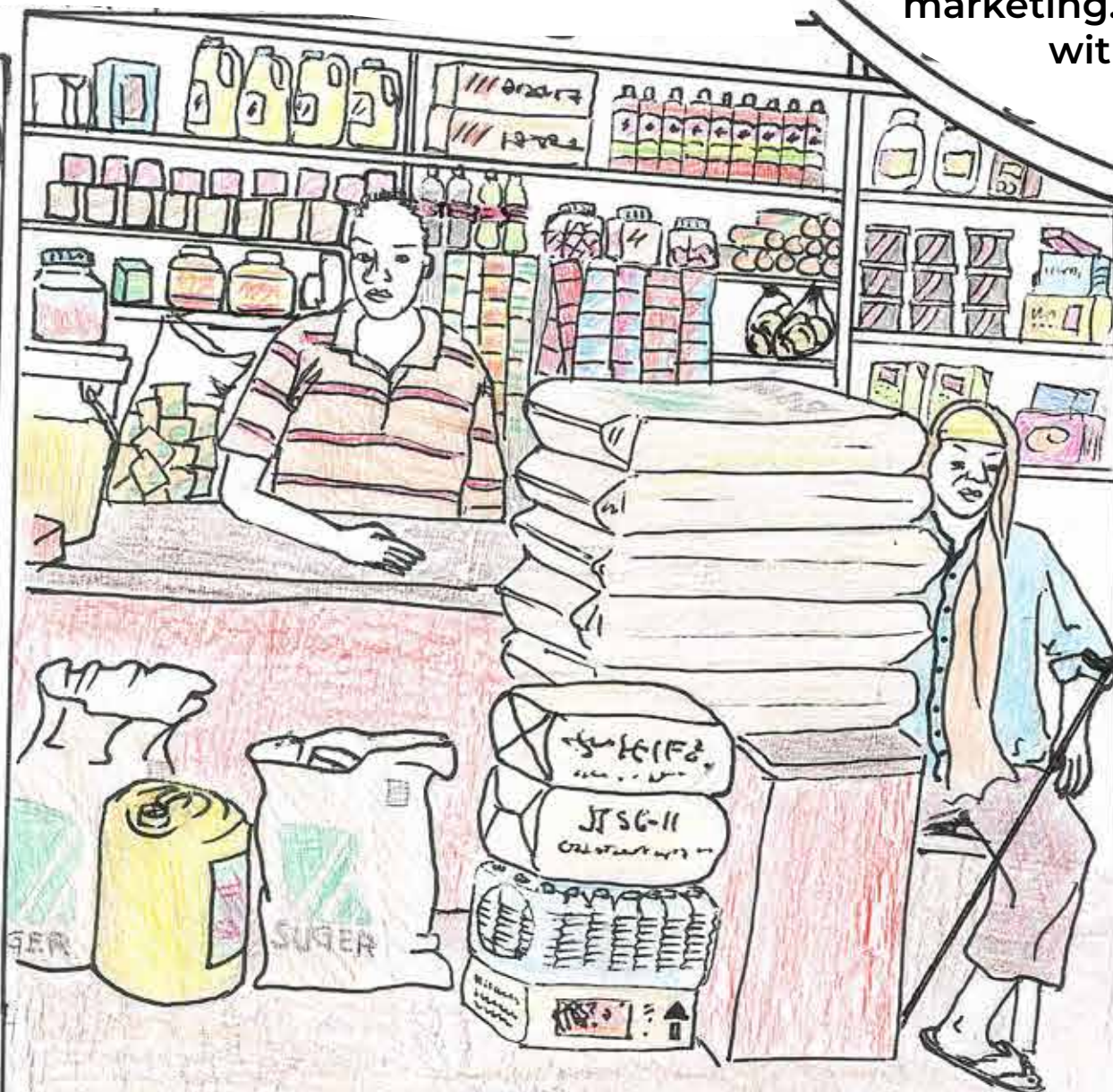
But in the last year and half, after being enrolled in a BRCiS income generating interventions designed for people living with disabilities, he turned his life around.

The intervention, which is implemented in three districts including Deyniile has benefited 100 people. Project participants were trained on basic business skills such as book keeping and marketing. After the training, they were each provided with a grant worth 500 dollars to start a business of their choice.

Thanks to the project investments, Nurta expanded her small shop.



40-years old Abdi Adan is also a project participant. A father of 7, he is running a small shop located at the centre of Deyniile, serving many displaced people.



With the help of his son, Mohamed invested in a small shop where he sells food. He is now able to feed his family and educate his children.



Nurta and her son Adan Abdi, using their improved business skills are redoubling their efforts to make their business a success. They bought a new refrigerator and sells cold drinks. They have increased their customer base thanks to this new offer.

