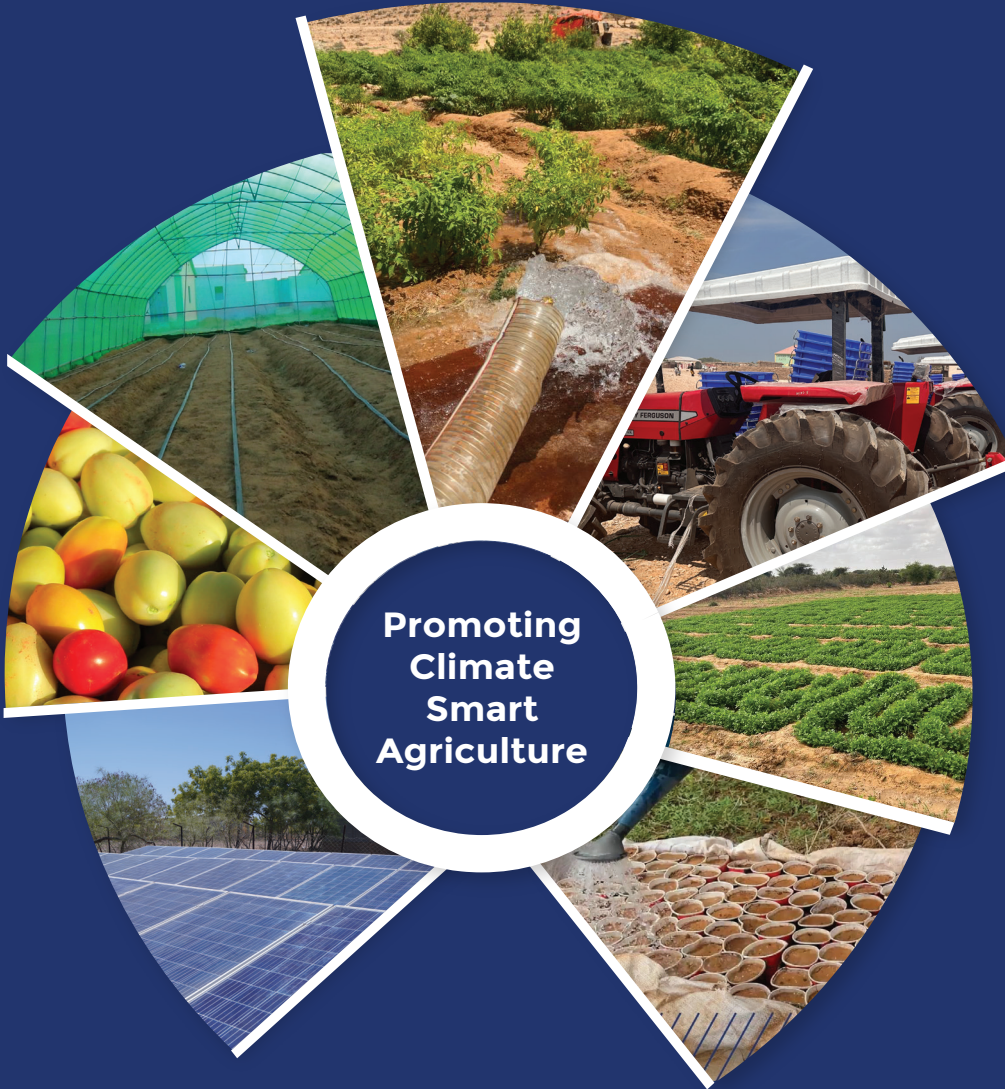




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# Catalyzing Positive Change Through Research and resilience

**Sadar Development and Resilience Institute**

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# Introduction and Overview

**W**elcome to the inaugural edition of the Sadar Institute Magazine—a window into the transformative journey and impactful endeavors of Sadar Development and Resilience Institute (Sadar). As we embark on this voyage of exploration, we invite you to delve into the vibrant tapestry of research, learning, and capacity development initiatives shaping resilience and progress in Somalia and the Horn of Africa region.

In this magazine, we invite you to explore the myriad facets of Sadar's work—from groundbreaking research initiatives to impactful on-the-ground projects. Through feature stories, in-depth analyses, and firsthand accounts, you'll gain insights into the challenges we face, the progress we've made, and the opportunities that lie ahead. Whether you're a policymaker, a practitioner, an academic, or a concerned citizen, we hope this magazine serves as a source of inspiration, knowledge, and collaboration in our collective journey towards resilience and development.

## About Sadar Institute

Sadar Development and Resilience Institute (Sadar) stands as a beacon of hope and innovation, dedicated to addressing complex challenges and fostering sustainable development in Somalia and beyond. Established in 2013 as the Resilience Learning Academy, Sadar has evolved into a multidisciplinary research and learning hub, specializing in diverse areas such as environment and agriculture, health systems, education, peace, governance, and climate resilience.

## Our Mission

At Sadar, our mission is clear: to catalyze positive change and resilience building by generating knowledge, fostering partnerships, & empowering communities. Through rigorous research, strategic partnerships, and targeted capacity-building initiatives, we strive to drive inclusive development, enhance governance systems, and promote peace and stability in the region.



## Our Approach

Sadar adopts a holistic approach to development, grounded in evidence based research, innovative solutions, and collaborative action. We work hand-in-hand with government institutions, donors, civil society organizations, the private sector, and local communities to co-create sustainable pathways to progress. Our emphasis on participatory engagement, knowledge exchange, and capacity development ensures that our interventions are contextually relevant, culturally sensitive, and socially inclusive.

## Overview of Sadar's Evolution

Sadar Development and Resilience Institute (Sadar) has undergone a remarkable evolution since its humble beginnings as the Resilience Learning Academy in 2013. From its inception, Sadar has remained steadfast in its commitment to addressing complex challenges and fostering sustainable development in Somalia and the Horn of Africa region.



# Overview of Sadar's Evolution

## Founding Years:

Established in 2013, the Resilience Learning Academy emerged as a pioneering initiative, affiliated with esteemed academic institutions such as Amod University in Somaliland, East Africa University in Puntland, and Benadir University in Mogadishu. At its core, the academy aimed to serve as a hub for multidisciplinary research, learning, and capacity development, with a particular focus on resilience building in the face of daunting socio-economic and environmental challenges.

## Transformation and Expansion:

Building upon its early successes, the academy underwent a transformative journey, culminating in its rebranding as Sadar Development and Resilience Institute in 2015. This pivotal moment marked a significant shift in Sadar's trajectory, signaling its evolution into a comprehensive research and learning institute dedicated to addressing a broad spectrum of development issues.

## Key Milestones & Achievements:

Over the years, Sadar has achieved numerous milestones and garnered recognition for its impactful contributions to the region. From pioneering research initiatives to innovative capacity building programs, Sadar has left an indelible mark on the development landscape.

### Some key milestones include:

Establishment of offices in strategic locations across Somalia, including Mogadishu, Hargeisa, and all federal member states, ensuring widespread reach and impact.

Expansion of regional collaborative programs in neighboring countries such as Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan, Sudan, and Yemen, fostering cross border cooperation and knowledge exchange. Development of robust partnerships with government institutions, donors, civil society organizations,

and the private sector, facilitating synergistic efforts towards shared development goals. Implementation of impactful projects in critical areas such as environment and agriculture, health systems, education, peace, governance, and climate resilience, leading to tangible improvements in livelihoods and well-being.

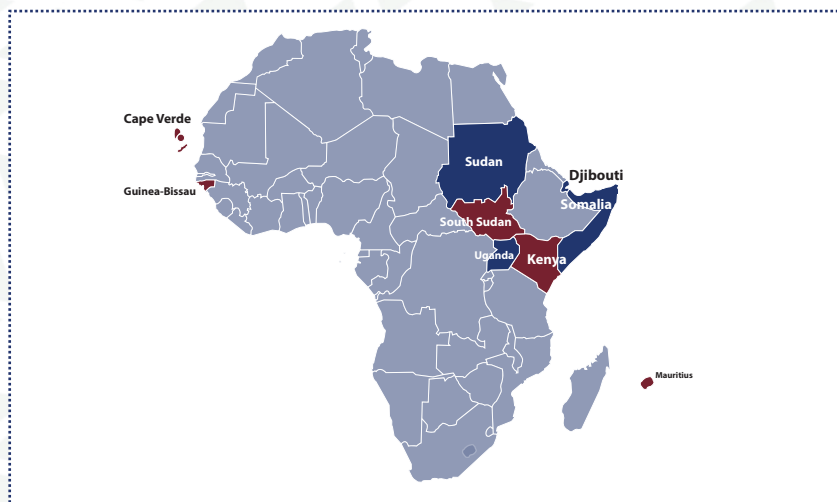
## Transformative Moments:

Throughout its journey, Sadar has encountered transformative moments that have shaped its identity and direction. Whether it's overcoming challenges, seizing opportunities, or adapting to evolving contexts, Sadar has demonstrated resilience, innovation, and determination at every turn.

These transformative moments serve as testament to Sadar's unwavering commitment to driving positive change and resilience-building in Somalia and the Horn of Africa region.

In the past five to seven years, Sadar, in association with donors, government agencies, & international organizations including the World Bank, IFAD, USAID, EU, DFID, Gates Foundation, UN, and INGOs, has undertaken extensive field monitoring, verification, research, and technical assessments.

These efforts covered over 3000 community sites spread across Somalia. Sadar boasts a team of 25 full-time research faculty and staff, supported by over 200 trained Somali speaking research assistants who have unparalleled access to all areas in Somali.





# Sadar Thematic and Practice Areas

## Health Systems:



Initiatives in this area focus on improving healthcare delivery, strengthening health infrastructure, and enhancing access to quality healthcare services. Topics of interest include healthcare financing, healthcare workforce development, health information systems, and the integration of traditional and modern medical practices.

## Emergency Response and Humanitarian Action:



Activities in this area aim to enhance preparedness, response, and recovery mechanisms for natural disasters, conflicts, and other humanitarian crises. Key focus areas include disaster risk reduction, humanitarian logistics, emergency medical care, and psychosocial support for affected populations.

## Social Services and Economic Resilience:



This area encompasses efforts to enhance social protection programs, poverty alleviation strategies, and economic empowerment initiatives aimed at vulnerable populations. Topics include social safety nets, livelihood diversification, microfinance, and community-based development approaches.

## Democracy, Stabilization, and Governance:



Efforts in this area explore governance structures, political processes, and mechanisms for promoting democracy, peace, and stability. Topics include electoral systems, rule of law, human rights, decentralization, and conflict resolution mechanisms.

## Peace and Security:



Activities in this area aim to analyze conflict dynamics, promote peacebuilding efforts, and strengthen security sector governance. Topics include conflict analysis, peace negotiations, disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration (DDR), and community policing strategies.

## Gender Equality and Empowerment:



This area focuses on addressing gender disparities and promoting women's empowerment across various sectors. Topics include gender mainstreaming, women's rights, gender-based violence prevention, and women's economic empowerment initiatives.

## Education, Quality Learning, and Higher Education:



This area encompasses efforts on education policy, curriculum development, and pedagogical approaches aimed at improving learning outcomes and promoting lifelong learning opportunities. Topics include inclusive education, teacher training, education technology, and access to higher education.

## Public Financial Management:



Activities in this area focus on enhancing fiscal transparency, accountability, and efficiency in public financial management systems. Topics include budgetary processes, revenue mobilization, public expenditure analysis, and anti-corruption measures.

## Infrastructure Development:



This area explores infrastructure planning, financing, and development to support sustainable economic growth and social development. Topics include transportation infrastructure, urban development, water and sanitation infrastructure, and renewable energy infrastructure projects.



# Sadar Supports

Partner	Programme Title	Geographical Coverage	Duration
MasterCard Foundation, Africa CDC and AMREF Health Africa	Saving Lives and Livelihoods in Africa	Somalia, Djibouti, Sudan, and Eritrea	01/2022 - 12/2024
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	Economic Empowerment and Resilient Livelihood Action to COVID-19 (RLAC-19)	Somalia	07/2020 12/2022
United Nations Food and Agriculture (FAO) Somalia and World Bank	Emergency Response and Technical Capacity Support towards the Sustainable management of the Desert Locust in Somalia	Somalia, Somaliland	12/202107/2022
IFAD/CEFA	Food Security and Sustainability in Climate Fragile Situations	Somalia and Yemen	02/2020 12/2022
Gates Foundation and George Washington University	Disaster Resilience Leadership Program "DRL II"	Somalia, Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, South Sudan and Sudan	04/2015 - 01/2020
USAID, GWU and World Vision	Response Innovations for Somalia Emergencies	Somalia	01/2018 01/2020
United State Agency for International Development (USAID), World Vision and CARE International	Capacity Strengthening for Fragile Contexts (C4FC) - Title/Number of NOFO: Local Capacity Strengthening for fragile contexts	Somalia, Sudan, and South Sudan	02/2021-03/2023
African Development Bank and Save the Children	Somalia Regional Emergency Response Project (STRERP)	Somalia	07/2017-12/2021
Delegation of European Union to Somalia and CEFA	Fundamental Rights, Equality and Empowerment for girls and women in Puntland State of Somalia (FREE)	Somalia	02/2021-07/2023
World Bank and HYDROC Germany	Building Disaster Risk Management and Climate Resilience Capacities in Somaliland and Puntland for Climate Strategy Development	Somalia, Somaliland	02/201701/2018

# Message from the CEO

Dear Esteemed Readers,

It is with great pleasure and profound gratitude that I welcome you to the inaugural edition of our exclusive magazine, a platform designed to showcase the transformative work being undertaken at the Sadar Development and Resilience Institute.

As the Founder and CEO, I am humbled by the opportunity to lead such a dynamic and dedicated team committed to advancing our mission of fostering sustainable development and resilience in communities worldwide. Our institute stands at the forefront of innovation, research, and action, striving to address some of the most pressing challenges facing our global society today.



Through collaborative efforts and a steadfast commitment to excellence, we endeavor to create lasting impact and meaningful change in the areas of sustainable development, climate resilience, and community empowerment. Our work is not merely about theories and concepts; it is about real-world solutions that uplift lives, empower communities, and safeguard our planet for future generations.

Looking ahead, the future of the Sadar Development and Resilience Institute is brimming with promise and potential. We envision our institute emerging as a global leader in sustainable development, resilience-building, and social innovation. With an unwavering commitment to excellence, innovation, and collaboration, we will continue to push the boundaries of what is possible, driving positive change and making meaningful contributions to the well-being of people and the planet.

Our journey is just beginning, and as we navigate the complexities of a rapidly changing world, we remain guided by our core values of integrity, compassion, and sustainability. Together, we will forge ahead, seizing opportunities, overcoming challenges, and building a brighter, more resilient future for generations to come.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated team, our partners and collaborators, and all those who support our mission. Together, we have the power to effect positive change and build a brighter future for all.

With warm regards,

**Dr. Mohamed Osman, Ph.D.**

*Founder and CEO, Sadar Development and Resilience Institute*

# Message from the Programs Director



Dear Readers,

Welcome to the inaugural issue of our exclusive magazine dedicated to the advancement of Sadar Development and Resilience Institute. It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I extend my warmest greetings to each one of you.

As the Programs Director of this esteemed institute, it is both an honor and a privilege to witness the remarkable journey we embark upon together. With a deep-rooted commitment to fostering resilience and catalyzing development in the face of adversities, our mission stands resolute and unwavering.

Having devoted years of study and practice to the field of Environment, Development & Leadership and Resilience,

I am acutely aware of the challenges that confront our communities, nations, and the world at large. Yet, it is in these very challenges that we find the impetus to innovate, collaborate, and persevere.

As we embark on this journey together, I invite you to join us in our commitment to excellence, empathy, and empowerment.

Together, let us harness the power of knowledge, compassion, and action to build a world where resilience is not merely a response to crises but a way of life.

To the esteemed staff of Sadar, whose unwavering commitment, passion, and expertise form the bedrock of our institute, I extend my deepest appreciation. Your dedication to advancing our vision and serving our communities with integrity and compassion is truly commendable.

Furthermore, I would like to express sincere gratitude to our esteemed partners and collaborators.

Your invaluable support, collaborative spirit, and shared vision have been instrumental in driving our initiatives forward and maximizing our impact.

Together, we have achieved remarkable milestones and forged enduring relationships built on trust, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to excellence.

## Yusuf Maalim

*Programs Director,*

*Sadar Development and Resilience Institute,*

*MA Environment, Development & Peace, PhD Candidate, Land degradation & desertification.*

Last but certainly not least, I extend heartfelt thanks to our generous donors and partners. Your unwavering belief in our mission and your generous contributions has enabled us to expand our reach, innovate our programs, and make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

Your philanthropy serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration, empowering us to continue our pursuit of resilience and development with renewed vigor and determination.

In essence, it is through the collective efforts and unwavering support of our staff, partners, and donors that Sadar Development and Resilience Institute continues to thrive and make a positive impact in the world. Together, we are not merely responding to challenges; we are shaping the future with resilience, compassion, and determination. Thank you for your invaluable contributions and unwavering commitment to our shared vision.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to the noble cause of Sadar Development and Resilience. Together, we will forge ahead, stronger and more resilient than ever before.

With warm regards,



# Message from Regional Director for Global Health and Security



**Dr. Khadija Osman**

*Regional Director for Global Health and Security  
Sadar Development and Resilience Institute*

The CGPP project, for instance, focuses on integrating COVID-19 surveillance with routine immunization to strengthen health systems and empower community-based health workers in their engagement and mobilization efforts.

These health programs are not just projects; they are vital components of Sadar's commitment to sustainable development and community well-being. Through innovative health interventions, community-based approaches, and strategic partnerships, Sadar has significantly improved access to essential healthcare services and strengthened resilience against health emergencies and socio-economic challenges.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated team at Sadar Development and Resilience Institute, whose hard work and dedication have been instrumental in the success of these programs. I also thank our partners, donors, community members, and government entities whose unwavering support and collaboration have made these achievements possible. Together, we continue to innovate and collaborate towards a healthier, more resilient future for all.

As we reflect on our achievements and look towards the future, I am filled with optimism. The health programs managed at Sadar, including the SLL and CGPP initiatives, play a crucial role in saving lives and fostering long-term prosperity in our communities.

At Sadar Development and Resilience Institute, we are driven by a vision of inclusive development and sustainable progress. Beyond our health programs, we are actively engaged in initiatives spanning education, agriculture, governance, climate resilience, and more. These multidisciplinary efforts are aimed at addressing the root causes of challenges in our region, fostering innovation, and creating lasting positive change.

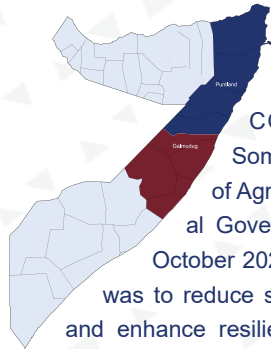
Warm regards,



## THE RESILIENT LIVELIHOOD ACTION TO COVID-19 (RLAC-19)



### Project Description:



With funding from IFAD, SADAR implemented an 18-month long Resilient Livelihood Action to COVID-19 (RLAC-19) project in Somalia in collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of the Federal Government of Somalia for the period October 2020 to June 2022. The project's goal was to reduce small-scale producers' vulnerability and enhance resilience to Covid-19 shocks of their livelihoods in the target areas. The project targeted a total of (4200 HH) of agro-pastoral communities in Puntland State (Qardho, Northern Galkacyo and Iskushuban Districts) and Galmudug State (Southern Galkacyo, Adado District and Hobyo Districts). The beneficiaries in the 6 target districts were all agropastoral except in Hobyo district which is predominantly a fishing community.

### Outcomes:

The project achieved its objectives by maintaining and improving agricultural productive capacity of small-scale producers in the targeted areas through the availability of inputs, enabling a safe and sustainable food systems and market linkages supported through continued and improved supply chains and market access.

The total project target number of beneficiary household (HH) were 4200 HH. With the Minimum Integrated Packages per HH and in-depth community and government consultations, the project directly reached 4319 households making the total for both the original and additional beneficiaries 120% more than the original project target beneficiary households.

### Outputs

1. Support to Agricultural Production
2. Support to the Functionality of Food Supply Chains and Post-Harvest Losses Reduction
3. Project Management, Monitoring & Evaluation, and Knowledge Management

### Duration

October 2020 to June 2022

### Location:

Puntland State (Qardho, Northern Galkacyo and Iskushuban Districts) and Galmudug State (Southern Galkacyo, Adado District and Hobyo Districts)

### Partners



Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of the Federal Government of Somalia

### Project Target Groups

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### IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The project consisted of three components.

Component 1: Support to Agricultural Production.

Component 2: Support to the Functionality of Food Supply Chains & Post-Harvest Losses Reduction.

Component 3: Project Management, Monitoring & Evaluation and Knowledge Management

### THE RESILIENT LIVELIHOOD ACTION TO COVID-19 (RLAC-19)



Investing in rural people



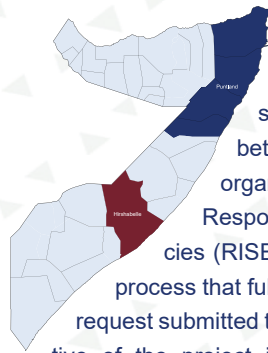
RLAC-19 Project was meant to minimize the impact of COVID-19 on livelihoods, resilience, and food security. The project was implemented in Galmudug and Puntland States of Somalia.



## RESPONSE INITIATIVE FOR SOMALIA EMERGENCIES (RISE)



### Project Description:



SADAR in partnerships with IFAD, the Somalia Federal Government and federal member states and through collaboration between existing networks of local organizations is implementing The Response initiative for Somalia emergencies (RISE) project which is a country-driven process that fully reflects the federal government's request submitted to IFAD on 01 April 2022. The objective of the project is to contribute to the conducive Agro-ecological and market conditions, protecting productive livelihoods and tapping new market opportunities to reduce small-scale producers' vulnerability, enhancing their resilience to the shocks from the Ukraine crisis on their livelihoods and improve their incomes. The project seeks to maintain and improve climate- smart agricultural productive capacity, post-harvest and resilient water infrastructure access for small-scale producers by supporting the agricultural productive capacity and functionality of food supply chains, resilient irrigation systems and domestic water supply infrastructure through innovations and technologies.

### Outcomes:

- 1: Improved access to inputs, markets, and technologies for enhancing agricultural and livestock productivity and improve food availability and quality
2. Improved access to water and technologies for irrigation and domestic use to enhance productivity and production of small-scale farmers.

### Outputs

1. Production inputs, equipment, small ruminants, technological packages and post-harvesting equipment constructed, introduced and/or distributed to farmer households
2. Irrigation and water infrastructures rehabilitated, installed or constructed and technologies introduced
3. Irrigation and water infrastructures rehabilitated, installed or constructed and technologies introduced

### Duration

1st December 2022 - 30th November 2023.

### Location:

Districts of Qardo and North Galkacyo in Puntland and Beledweyne and Jowhar districts in Hirshabelle State

### Partners

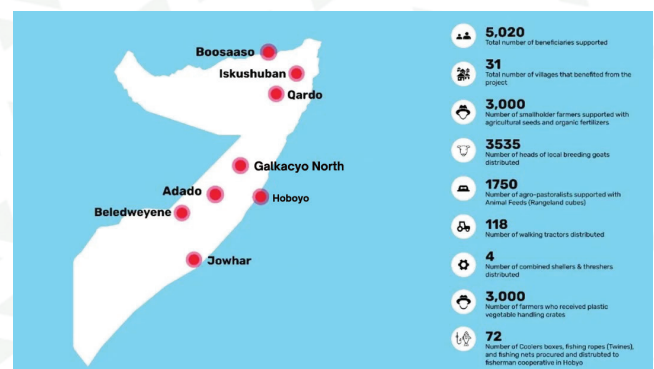
Somalia Federal Government and federal member states

### Project Target Groups

The project is primarily targeting small holder's farmers groups (Agropastoral communities) in the districts of Qardo and North Galkacyo in Puntland and Beledweyne and Jowhar districts in Hirshabelle State. The project is also supporting the fishing communities in Hobyo district of Galmudug state. The project also seeks to maintain and improve climate- smart agricultural productive capacity, post-harvest, and resilient water infrastructure access for small-scale producers by supporting the agricultural productive capacity and functionality of food supply chains, resilient irrigation systems and domestic water supply infrastructure through innovations and technologies.

### IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The RISE project was a one year project which started in 1st December 2022 and completed on 30th November 2023. It is aligned with national priorities and strategies as outlined in the Somalia National Development Plan for 2020 to 2024 (NDP-9 – Pillar 3 Economic Development and Pillar 4 Social Development) which is further aligned with mainstreaming the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across the Government's agenda reflecting the principles of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.





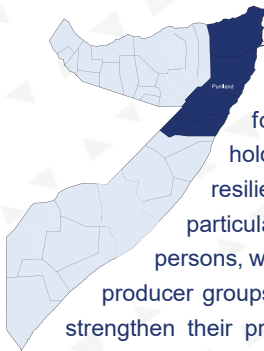
## KOBCIYE PROJECT



World Food Programme



### Project Description:



KOBCIYE project has been formulated under the Food systems lens in Somalia with the overall objective improving food security and nutrition of small holder farmers through strengthened resilience to shocks. The project will particularly focus on internally displaced persons, women, and youth. The aim will be for producer groups and smallholder farmer groups to strengthen their production capacity, improve household consumption of nutritious foods, increase commercialization and diversify livelihoods for improved overall income security.

The objective of the project is to develop and strengthen the smallholder farmer producer groups, including women and youth, with the aim of becoming all-inclusive, self-governing, and demand-driven community-based organizations, it is also to establish and expand production capacity of smallholder farmers, including women and youth, through increase in land productivity, adoption of climate-smart agriculture technologies, and good agriculture practices.

### Outcomes:

- 1) Development and strengthening of smallholder farmer producer groups.
- 2) Expansion of production capacity. Increased quality production through climate-friendly technologies.
- 3) Opportunities for diversified livelihoods for women and youth through water harvesting systems.

### Outputs:

- 1) Climate-smart agriculture techniques such as drip irrigation, solar water pumps, & greenhouse technology.
- 2) Training in good agricultural practices, digital and financial literacy, marketing concepts, and post-harvest management.
- 3) Provision of production inputs including seeds, tractors, post-harvest handling equipment, and organic fertilizer

### Duration

2023-2024

### Location:

Puntland's Bari region and 4 other sites under Bossaso district

### Partners

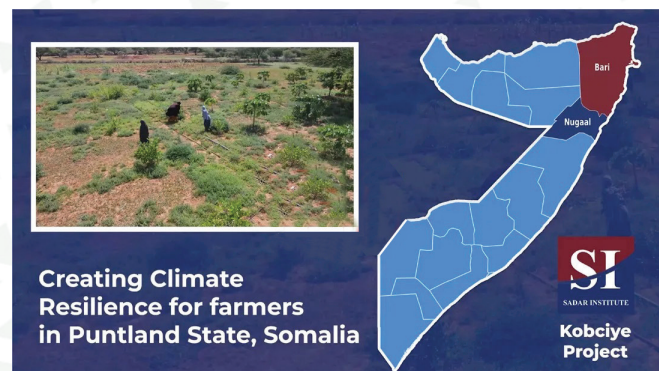
World Food Program, and Ministry of Agriculture

### Project Target Groups

The KOBCIYE project intervention is targeting Puntland's Bari region and 4 other sites under Bossaso district with total land size of 681 hectares benefitting a total of 1,300 Households. SADAR will ensure at least 30% of the beneficiaries are women, and 20% are youth participating in the producer farmer groups. The selection of the sites is based on WFP criteria that include accessibility and security, land ownership (smallholder famers with own plots and land to farm) land size and potential for arable farming, household/community vulnerability status, water access and potential for water sources, interest at household level farming, interest in voluntary participation in livelihood activities and proximity to villages, special attention will be made to ensure producer farmers groups have women and youth and vulnerable households with potential and ability to participate in the group.

### IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

- Community engagement and mobilization.
- Baseline assessment and needs identification.
- Capacity building and training.
- Resource provision.
- Establishment of producer groups.
- Infrastructure development.
- Monitoring, evaluation, and learning.
- Coordination and collaboration.

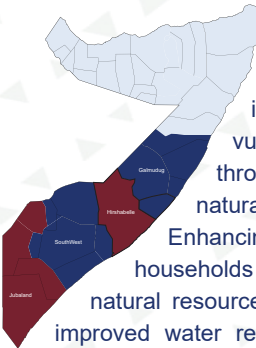




## ADAPTIVE AGRICULTURE & RANGELAND REHABILITATION (A2R2) PROJECT.



### Project Description:



Contribute to land restoration, biodiversity conservation of degraded ecosystems, and improvement of adaptive capacity of vulnerable smallholder households through climate resilient sustainable natural resources. The objective is Enhancing the climate resilience of poor rural households in Somalia through sustainable natural resources management on multiple levels: improved water resources and rangelands management; eco-agriculture and climate-proof livelihoods; forest/habitat rehabilitation; improved governance and information systems for land degradation and biodiversity

### Outcomes:

1. Climate resilient hydraulic infrastructure profitably and sustainably operated by vulnerable communities
2. Rangeland biodiversity and landscape restoration enhanced
3. Project progress and results systematized to improve management, promote learning, and support upscaling of best practice

### Outputs

1. Water infrastructure built or climate-proofed
2. Participatory climate-resilient landscape investment plans developed & implemented including biodiversity positive measures to protect native species
3. Effective monitoring and evaluation plan implemented

### Duration

Start Date: 21st Sept - 30th Sept 2028

### Location:

Galmudug, Hirshabelle, SouthWest and Jubaland state.

### Partners:

GEF, Federal government of Somalia World Food Program, and Ministry of Agriculture

### Project Target Groups

#### 5 districts covered by the GEF & ASAP+ A2R2 project:

- 1) Belet Weyne (Hirshabelle State)
- 2) Baydhaba, (South West State),
- 3) Gaalkacyo, Dhuusamarreeb and Cabudwaaq (Galmudug State).

2 districts covered by SIRAP Projects: Kismayo and Bardere (Jubaland State).

### IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

PROGRAMME STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC)

PSC Composition: Reps from Federal MoAI & MoECC.

PSC will create Task forces at the Federal and State level in consultation with IFAD & SADAR.

#### 1) PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNIT (SADAR)

#### 2) IFAD supervision.

IFAD will provide oversight and guidance and be responsible for all financial monitoring and reporting aspects to the project.

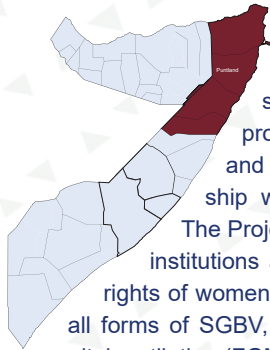




## THE FREE – FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS, EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT PROJECT



### Project Description:



The FREE – Fundamental Rights, Equality and Empowerment for Girls and Women in Puntland state of Somalia is a 30 months project funded by the European Union and implemented by CEFA in partnership with CESVI and SADAR institute. The Project aims at supporting Government institutions and CSOs/CBOs in promoting the rights of women and girls and contribute to reduce all forms of SGBV, with a particular focus on female genital mutilation (FGM/C) in Bari and Nugaal Regions of Puntland State of Somalia

### Outcomes:

1. Communities' capacity to prevent and respond to SGBV, with a special focus on traditional harmful practices like FGM/C, is strengthened through awareness creation activities, sensitization and meaningful engagement of key community actors.
2. Enhanced capacity among health facilities to provide a clinical, psychological and culturally accepted response to SGBV survivors with a special focus on management of RH complications due to FGM/C and de-medicalization of FGM/C practices.
3. Existing State (SA) and Non-State Actors (NSA) coordination framework strengthened, particularly the Inter-agency FGM/C task force to lobby and advocate for implementation of existing Somalia and international legal frameworks against SGBV with a special focus on FGM/C.

### Outputs

- Communities' capacity to prevent and respond to GBV, with a special focus on traditional harmful practices like FGM/C, is strengthened through awareness creation activities, sensitization and meaningful engagement of key community actors.
- Enhanced capacity among health facilities (GGH, Bossaso Hospital and MCHs) to provide a clinical, psychological and culturally accepted response to GBV survivors with a special focus on management of RH complications due to FGM/C and de-medicalization of FGM/C practices
- Existing SA/NSA coordination framework strengthened, particularly the Inter-agency FGM/C task force to lobby and advocate for implementation of existing Somalia and international legal frameworks against GBV with a special focus on FGM/C.

### Duration

1st of February 2021 – 31st of August 2023

### Location:

Bari and Nugaal Regions of Puntland State of Somalia

### Partners

CESVI, CEFA

### Target Groups and Final Beneficiaries

In total, 68 organisations (SAs and NSAs) and 96 individuals (health actors) is the target group beneficiaries and in addition 11,200 women, girls, men and boys is the final beneficiaries of the project.

### Target group beneficiaries are divided as follows:

- (1) 48 NSA organisations will benefit from trainings and joint community outreach;
- (2) 96 health staff will benefit from trainings, TOTs and capacity building,
- (3) 20 SAs officers will benefit from capacity building. All information in the below table has been verified in the CEFA/CESVI/SADAR needs, gaps and response analysis.





## THE SAVING LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS INITIATIVE: SLL PROJECT



### Project Description:

No other health intervention reaches as many people globally as immunisation which gives vaccination the edge when it comes to improving access to healthcare especially in fragile and poor countries. It's for this reason that SADAR has partnered with the MasterCard Foundation and the Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and The Ministry of Health in Somalia has implemented the "The Saving Lives and Livelihoods initiative" which was a three-year program designed to save the lives and livelihoods of millions of people in Africa and hasten the economic recovery of the continent in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Saving Lives and Livelihoods initiatives helped in the acquisition and deployment of vaccines for communities supporting the delivery of vaccinations to millions across the continent, laying the groundwork for vaccine manufacturing in Africa by focusing on human capital development, and strengthening the capacity of Africa CDC. SADAR is working in partnership with AMREF, African CDC and the Federal ministry of health in Somalia and Djibouti.

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. Partnership and Scope: The initiative is a collaboration between SADAR, the Mastercard Foundation, Africa CDC, and The Ministry of Health in Somalia. It aims to save lives and support economic recovery in Africa post-COVID-19.
2. Focus on Immunization: Recognizing immunization as a crucial health intervention, the initiative prioritizes equitable access to healthcare, particularly in fragile and poor countries.

### Outcomes:

1. Improved Vaccine Coverage: Increased uptake of COVID-19 vaccines across Africa, integrating them into routine immunization schedules.
2. Enhanced Health System Capacity: Strengthened human capital and infrastructure for vaccine manufacturing and distribution in Africa.
3. Economic Recovery: Contribution to the economic recovery of African countries post-COVID-19 pandemic.

### Outputs:

1. Vaccine Acquisition and Deployment: Procurement and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines to targeted communities.
2. Capacity Building: Training programs to develop human resources for healthcare and vaccine manufacturing.
3. Infrastructure Development: Improvements in logistical and healthcare infrastructure to support vaccine delivery and surveillance.

### Project Location:

The initiative primarily focuses on countries in Africa, with specific partnerships noted in Somalia and Djibouti.

**Duration:** The initiative is designed as a three-year program.

### Target Beneficiaries:

1. Communities in Africa: Specifically, those in fragile and poor countries.
2. Healthcare Workers: Capacity building and training initiatives target healthcare professionals.
3. Governments and Health Agencies: Collaborative efforts with national ministries of health and Africa CDC to enhance health system resilience and vaccine delivery

### IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The implementation of the Saving Lives and Livelihoods initiative will synergize the efforts of the Federal government of Somalia, the Republic of Djibouti, Africa CDC, and AMREF and other partners in increasing COVID-19 vaccine uptake through campaigns that will focus on Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE), vaccine capacity, logistics, and vaccine surveillance to enable the Federal Republic of Somalia and its member states to reach its COVID-19 vaccination target by integration COVID-19 vaccination into routine immunizations. Even though there has been a tremendous increase in resources available for health care delivery from donors to combat global epidemics, including the Global Fund for AIDS, TB, and Malaria; a weak health system characterised by health worker shortages have led to a lack of preventive, curative and health promotion programs, making it unlikely the world's poorest countries to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. This task has been exacerbated by changing global climate phenomena that has disproportionately affected health care delivery in the developing countries.

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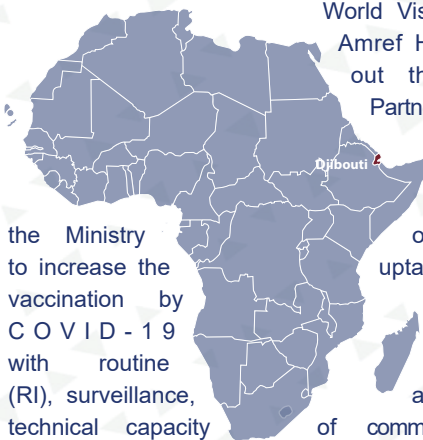
The Saving Lives and Livelihoods initiative will combine efforts from various organizations to boost COVID-19 vaccination rates in Somalia and Djibouti. This collaboration will focus on risk communication, vaccine infrastructure, logistics, and surveillance to achieve the target vaccination rate.



## CGPP TRAINING FOR HEALTH WORKERS - VACCINATION



### Project Description:



World Vision has contracted Amref Health Africa to roll out the Core Group Partners Project (CGPP) in Djibouti for one year. The project aims to enhance the uptake of COVID-19 surveillance and building the technical capacity of community based health workers for improved community engagement and social mobilization activities. As part of the activities to strengthen routine vaccination and that of COVID 19, the Ministry of Health has put in place an advanced strategy in order to further vaccinate the Djiboutian population but also the migrant population who are passing through the countries of the Arabian Gulf. This strategy aims to vaccinate migrants on the migratory routes but also at the level of the capitals of these 3 regions, this is in collaboration with AMREF Nairobi and the Djibouti office of the Sadar Institute

### Project Objectives

#### The objectives of this training project include:

- **Vaccination Protocol:** Providing training on COVID-19 vaccines, including their efficacy, storage requirements, administration techniques, and addressing vaccine hesitancy. Ensuring healthcare workers are well-versed in the latest developments and guidelines related to COVID-19 vaccination and routine immunization.
- **Teamwork and Interpersonal Skills:** Training the team to work as a team and respect the dignity of each person being vaccinated and members of the team.
- **Community Engagement:** Providing communication skills training to the team to effectively communicate with communities, address vaccine-related concerns, and promote the importance of both COVID-19 vaccination and routine immunization.
- **Safety Protocols:** Training workers in implementing safety protocols during vaccination sessions. This includes activities such as proper use of equipment, maintaining hygiene and implementing efficient crowd management techniques
- **Monitoring and Reporting:** Educating the team on the importance of accurate data collection, monitoring vaccine coverage and reporting events and other activities

### Outcomes of the Training Program for Enhancing Technical Capacity and Interpersonal Communication Skills for COVID-19 Workers.

1. Increased Vaccination Coverage
2. Enhanced Technical Proficiency
3. Improved Supervisory Effectiveness:
4. Strengthened Community Engagement & Collaborative Partnerships
5. Mitigation of Misinformation and Adaptability to Challenges
6. Positive Feedback and Confidence Building
7. Building Sustainable Capacities

### Outputs:

- **Increased Vaccination Coverage:** Aimed at both the Djiboutian population and migrant populations passing through the Arabian Gulf regions.
- **Enhanced Technical Proficiency:** Training healthcare workers on COVID-19 vaccine efficacy, storage requirements, administration techniques, and addressing vaccine hesitancy.
- **Improved Supervisory Effectiveness:** Ensuring teams are trained to work respectfully and efficiently during vaccination sessions.
- **Strengthened Community Engagement and Collaborative**

### Partnerships:

Enhancing communication skills to engage communities effectively and build partnerships with organizations like AMREF Nairobi and the Djibouti office of the Sadar Institute.

- **Mitigation of Misinformation and Adaptability to Challenges:** Educating workers to address vaccine-related concerns and implement safety protocols.
- **Positive Feedback and Confidence Building:** Fostering confidence in vaccination through effective communication and technical proficiency.
- **Building Sustainable Capacities:** Developing long-term strategies for maintaining and expanding vaccination efforts beyond the project's duration.

### Locations:

- **Djibouti:** Primarily focused on the capital and migratory routes through collaboration with partners and local health authorities.

### Duration:

- **One year:** The project was set to run for one year, indicating a focused effort within this timeframe to achieve its objectives.





## CGPP TRAINING FOR HEALTH WORKERS - VACCINATION



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### Target Beneficiaries:

- **Community-Based Health Workers:** Trained to administer COVID-19 vaccines and routine immunizations effectively.
- **Djiboutian Population:** To increase vaccination coverage against COVID-19 and routine immunizations.
- **Migrant Populations:** Passing through Arabian Gulf regions, targeted for vaccination along migratory routes and in urban centers.

### Implementation Strategy:

- **Training Programs:** Conducting comprehensive training sessions on COVID-19 vaccines, including efficacy, storage requirements, administration techniques, and addressing vaccine hesitancy.
- **Community Engagement:** Providing communication skills training to engage effectively with communities, address concerns, and promote vaccination.
- **Safety Protocols:** Educating on safety measures during vaccination sessions, including equipment use, hygiene maintenance, and crowd management.
- **Monitoring and Reporting:** Establishing systems for accurate data collection, monitoring vaccine coverage, and reporting adverse events.
- **Partnerships:** Collaborating with AMREF Nairobi and the Djibouti office of the Sadar Institute to leverage resources and expertise for effective implementation and sustainability.





## CAPACITY STRENGTHENING FOR FRAGILE CONTEXTS (C4FC):



### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

SADAR has implemented the Community-led Capacity Strengthening for Fragile Contexts (C4FC) project with World Vision (WV) and its consortium members CARE International-Somalia to improve the self-reliance and sustainability for 31 Local Non government organizations (LNGOs) in Somalia (11), Sudan (10) and South Sudan (10) on the front lines of providing humanitarian assistance collectively.

### OBJECTIVES

The objective of the C4FC project is to establish and promote an ecosystem for peer-to-peer learning, scaling, and adaptive management that will strengthen the organizational systems of selected LNGOs, support the established humanitarian architectures in these countries and provide innovative approaches to strengthen the capacity of local organizations who are on the front-lines of responding to humanitarian disasters. To this effect SADAR Institute is leading a co-creative process between INGO, LNGOs, government and partners to identify the existing best practices in disaster risk management planning, incorporate indigenous practices and insight and develop a Community Driven Resilience approach.

**Outcomes: The outcomes expected from the Capacity Strengthening for Fragile Contexts (C4FC) project include:**

1. Enhanced Organizational Systems: Strengthened capacity of 31 Local Nongovernment Organizations (LNGOs) in Somalia, Sudan, and South Sudan through peer-to-peer learning, adaptive management, and scaling of best practices.
2. Improved Humanitarian Architecture: Support for established humanitarian architectures in the target countries, facilitating more effective and sustainable responses to humanitarian disasters.
3. Innovative Approaches: Introduction of innovative approaches in disaster risk management planning and community-driven resilience, integrating indigenous practices and insights.

### Outputs:

**The specific outputs of the C4FC project:**

1. Development and implementation of peer-to-peer learning mechanisms among LNGOs.
2. Scaling up of effective organizational practices within LNGOs.
3. Adaptive management strategies implemented by LNGOs to enhance flexibility in response to humanitarian challenges.
4. Community-driven resilience approach developed and implemented in collaboration with local communities and partners.

**Duration:** Three years

**Location:** The project is implemented in three countries:

1. Somalia: Specifically targeting 11 LNGOs.
2. Sudan: Targeting 10 LNGOs.
3. South Sudan: Also targeting 10 LNGOs.

### Partners

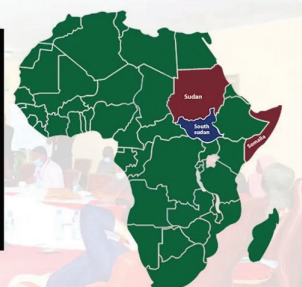
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### Project Target Groups:

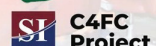
Project Target Groups: 67,124 beneficiaries, including 39,603 women and 27,521 men in the three countries.

### Implementation Strategy

Partners Capacity Building System: With support from the World Vision Global Capacity Building Advisor (GCVP), SADAR Institute is leading a co-creative institutional capacity strengthening trainings and workshops with (40) target LNGOs and (14) Mentor LNGOs to identify key milestones in organizational development which will support them to graduate to higher levels of capabilities.



**COMMUNITY-LED CAPACITY STRENGTHENING FOR FRAGILE CONTEXTS (C4FC)**

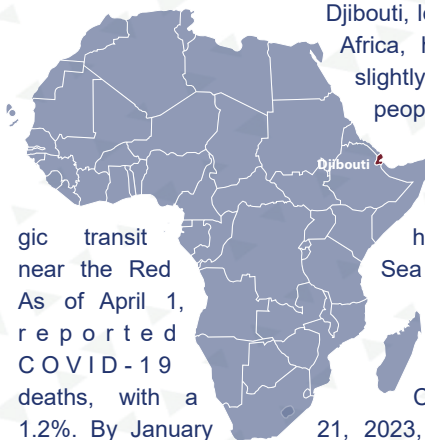




## SUPPORT TO COVID-19 VACCINATION IN DJIBOUTI



### Project Description:



Djibouti, located in the Horn of Africa, has a population of slightly over 1 million people, predominantly residing in Djibouti City. The country serves as a strategic transit hub due to its location near the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden. As of April 1, 2023, Djibouti reported 15,690 COVID-19 cases and 189 deaths, with a Case Fatality Rate of 1.2%. By January 21, 2023, 357,617 individuals (representing 66.53% of the target population) had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, with 337,252 individuals fully vaccinated.

Despite these efforts, there's a pressing need to improve Routine Immunization coverage, particularly due to an increase in zero-dose children (16.5%) observed between 2020-2022. Djibouti City alone houses 60% of these zero-dose children, presenting an opportunity to integrate COVID-19 vaccination with Routine Immunization efforts. Challenges to vaccination uptake include access, equity, vaccine hesitancy, community health-seeking behaviors, education gaps, and logistical issues.

### Project Goal and Objectives:

#### Goal:

Enhance the Ministry of Health's capacity to support Risk Communication and Communication Engagement (RCCE), bolster vaccination strategies, and strengthen institutional capacity at national and regional levels, including Africa CDC.

#### Objectives:

- Objective 1: Support RCCE efforts to increase vaccine demand and reduce hesitancy.
- Objective 2: Assist in developing and executing effective vaccination strategies and campaigns.
- Objective 3: Enhance national and regional institutional capacity, including Africa CDC, to tackle vaccination challenges and broader health issues.

### Outcomes:

1. Increased vaccine uptake among targeted populations, including men, women, and children.
2. Reduced vaccine hesitancy through informed community engagement and education.
3. Strengthened health systems capacity to manage vaccination programs effectively.
4. Improved Routine Immunization coverage, particularly among zero-dose children in urban areas like Djibouti City.

### Outputs:

1. Development and dissemination of tailored RCCE materials targeting diverse communities and regions.
2. Training programs for health workers and community leaders on effective vaccine communication and administration.
3. Establishment of robust logistical frameworks for vaccine distribution and storage.
4. Implementation of integrated vaccination campaigns targeting both COVID-19 and Routine Immunization.

### Target Beneficiaries

- Direct beneficiaries include healthcare workers, community leaders, and the general population of Djibouti, particularly those in high-risk groups and urban centers.
- Indirect beneficiaries encompass broader regional populations benefiting from enhanced health system capacities and reduced disease transmission risks.

### Location:

- Primarily focused on Djibouti City initially due to high concentrations of zero-dose children, with potential expansion to rural areas based on project outcomes and needs assessment.

### Implementation Strategy:

The project will adopt a phased approach:

- Phase 1: Assessing current RCCE strategies and vaccination programs.
- Phase 2: Tailoring interventions based on assessment findings, focusing on RCCE enhancement and logistical improvements.
- Phase 3: Implementing integrated vaccination campaigns and evaluating impact.
- Phase 4: Scaling successful strategies and institutionalizing improvements within national health frameworks.



## HIRSHABELLE FARMERS FLOURISH: SADAR INSTITUTE HELPS COMMUNITIES ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY

"For me, this is historic because for the first time in many years, I was able to plant high-quality seedlings and, as a result, harvested high-quality crops," says fifty-four-year-old Hindi Abdullahi Farah, a veteran farmer in Baledweyne, a district in Hirshabelle regional state in Somalia. Hindi, who has been a farmer for decades, practises the trade along the River Shabelle banks and takes a walk on her farm.

"A lot has changed in the last one and a half years since I started enjoying the support I got from SADAR Institute" she adds as she picks fresh fruits from her farm. "I have not only secured food for our families, but I have also managed to sell the surplus crops, generating the much-needed income for the family." She says with a big smile on her face.

This newfound financial security for farmers in the Hirshabelle region follows an extensive resilience program implemented by the SADAR Institute, which targeted local farmers in Central Somalia.

The project known as RISE—The Response Initiative for Somalia Emergencies Project—targeted five villages, meticulously selecting 1,000 beneficiaries—200 from each village. Special consideration was given to the most vulnerable members of the community, including women, minorities, and those most receptive to adopting new practices.

"We conducted a thorough assessment to understand the needs of the local communities," explains Abdullahi Abdi Ali, Director of Planning and Policy at Hirshabelle's Ministry of Planning, adding that "It became evident that these riverside farmers lacked the tools and resources to utilize their fertile land fully."



From the onset, the project quickly addressed the identified gaps and needs. The selected beneficiaries were provided with essential tools like walking tractors, alleviating the burden of manual labour. In addition, they have also received high-quality, disease-resistant seeds for maize, beans, and a variety of vegetables like tomatoes and watermelons.

The impact has been remarkable, following the support the selected farmers received. For example, Ali Abdullahi Lebow, a 45-year-old beneficiary, beams with pride as he recounts his experience. "The project has been a game-changer. We've seen a significant improvement in our farms as we harvested better yields."

In addition to the farm equipment and the high quality and disease-resistant seedlings, the success of the River-line project also hinges on fostering knowledge. "We conducted awareness campaigns across the region," says Director Ali, "to identify vulnerable groups and educate them on the best practices for utilizing the provided equipment and seeds."

Director Ali further states that the result of the project is magnificent, borrowing from his recent visit to a village called Qoyda: "We have observed first-hand the stark difference between the use of the seedlings provided by Sadar Institute and those the farmers bought the local market. Clearly, farmers who have used the high-quality seedlings had flourishing, high quality and disease resistant crops, compared to those using local market seeds."

Despite existing challenges, such as climate change-induced floods, the RISE project in Hirshabelle is a testament to the transformative power of targeted intervention. By empowering local communities, particularly women farmers, with the right tools, knowledge, and high-quality resources, the SADAR Institute has created self-sufficiency and paved the way for a more prosperous future for Hirshabelle's riverside farmers.



## REVIVING A LEGACY: HOW THE RISE PROJECT IS EMPOWERING HOBYO'S FISHING COMMUNITIES

### Background

Hoby, a coastal town in Somalia's Galmudug region, has a rich history and glorious past as one of the most vibrant trade hubs in the Horn of Africa. Strategically positioned near the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, a vital shipping lane, Hobyo teemed with merchants and fishermen for centuries.

However, following the collapse of Somalia's central government in the early 1990s, Hobyo faced a serious challenge—the vibrant trade was cut off, and the local communities, which mostly depended on fishing and trade, were left with nothing. With no meaningful support, local fishing communities resorted to using old and traditional fishing methods, which proved ineffective over time, and their catch dwindled.

And from 2009, as the conflict dragged on, the once vibrant fishing hub turned into a base for Somalia's pirates, who repeatedly hit international news headlines by targeting foreign ships and vessels and demanding huge ransoms.

Recognizing this untapped potential, the Sadar Development and Resilience Institute (Sadar) embarked on a transformative initiative. It implemented The Response Initiative for Somalia Emergencies Project (RISE) in Hobyo, targeting hundreds of local fishing communities.

### RISE: Restoring Income and Securing a Future

The RISE project aimed to empower local fishermen and women by equipping them with the necessary tools and knowledge to thrive. Mustaf Abdifitah Sheikh, Sadar Field Officer for the Galmudug region, explained, "Sadar Insitute implemented the project in phases. After a thorough assessment, we identified Hobyo as the most deserving location. The town's proximity to trade routes and its historical significance as a fishing hub made it prime for revitalization."



As part of the project implementation plan, local fishing communities were also trained on the best fishing practices. Mustaf Abdifitah Sheikh further explained the significance of the training on the best fishing practices: "The training on post-harvest loss for horticulture, grain and fish in the Galmudug state of Somalia, targeted local fishing communities and offered the best fishing practices, which included training on the use of selective fishing gear that targets specific species and sizes to reduce bycatch."

The project's core component involved distributing essential equipment. Hundreds of beneficiaries received fishing nets and lines, significantly enhancing their catch capacity. But the intervention went beyond mere tools. "Many lacked knowledge beyond traditional methods," says Mustafa. "They desperately needed coolers to preserve their catch, and RISE provided them with that critical equipment."

Voices from the Beneficiaries





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Forty-five-year-old Hawa Warsame Ilmi, a seasoned fisherwoman, reflects on the impact. "Before RISE, most of our catch would spoil. Now, we can store fish for days with the coolers, fetching a higher price at the market. This project has truly improved our lives."

Abdikadir Ali Yussuf, a young man in his early 20s who joined fishing after the project's influence, shared his experience. "Previously, fishing seemed like a dying profession. However, with training in best practices and new equipment, it's become a viable career option. I'm grateful for this opportunity."

Hobyo's District Commissioner Osman Ahmed Abdulle termed the project "the best they have had in recent years", adding, "As the local administration, we welcome the efforts by Sadar Institute in helping and empowering the local communities. This is already improving livelihoods and making people independent."

### Beyond the Catch: A Ripple Effect of Prosperity

The impact of the RISE project on the fishing communities in Hobyo goes beyond increasing individual income. "The project has created a ripple effect," explains Mustafa. Household incomes have increased, leading to job creation for hundreds as the demand for fish has risen. We've seen a surge in the market value of fish, a stark contrast to the days when it would simply rot."

### Hobyo's Renaissance: A Town Reclaiming Its Destiny

Hobyo's strategic location and historical significance as a trade hub are finding renewed relevance. The success of RISE has attracted new interest in the town, with people recognizing the potential for a thriving fishing industry. "The project served as a catalyst," Mustafa concludes. "It demonstrated the value of investing in Hobyo's fishing communities. With continued support, Hobyo can reclaim its position as a prominent trade hub and a beacon of prosperity for Somalia."

### Conclusion

The RISE Project exemplifies the transformative power of targeted interventions. By equipping Hobyo's fishermen and women with the necessary tools and knowledge, Sadar has improved individual livelihoods and set the stage for the town's economic revitalization. Hobyo's story inspires, showcasing the potential for Somalia's coastal communities to thrive again.



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## A SEED OF HOPE BLOSSOMS IN SOMALIA: HOW RISE PROJECT IS HELPING FARMERS WEATHER THE STORM

On the 24th of February 2022, the World woke up to the news of the Russian army crossing over to Ukraine and undertaking what many called an invasion. To many in the Horn of Africa region, this was a faraway event that would not impact them.

However, the impact became apparent months and years later, especially in Somalia, where the cost of living skyrocketed due to the high cost of fuel and farm input, putting the country on the brink.

To respond to the ripple effect of drought and the high cost of living, the Sadar Development Institute implemented the Response Initiative for Somalia Emergencies Project (RISE), funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), to empower small-scale farmers.

54-year-old Hawa Mohamed, a veteran farmer with eyes that hold the wisdom of countless seasons, leans on her hoe, surveying her land in the Bari region in Puntland, Somalia. "The past few years have been the hardest I can remember," she sighs. "The rains were scarce, the prices of everything skyrocketed, and it felt like there was no way out."

Hawa's story is not unique. It reverberates across Somalia. Farmers, the backbone of the nation, were being squeezed from all sides. The war in Ukraine had disrupted global food supply chains, sending fuel and fertilizer prices soaring. This, coupled with pre-existing vulnerabilities, such as the impact of climate change and decades of conflict, has plunged millions in the country deeper into hunger.



However, as the situation continued to deteriorate, Sadar Development Institute began to implement a timely initiative to respond to the unfolding crisis.

With funding from the UN's International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), it launched the Response Initiative for Somalia Emergencies Project (RISE).

Recognizing the dire situation, RISE targeted small-scale agro-pastoralists, Women and Youth in key regions, providing them with the tools they desperately needed.

Livestock, seeds, fertilizers, and farm equipment, became the instruments of a potential turnaround.



**Hawa Mohamed,**  
a Veteran Farmer



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### Farah Mohamed,

The local Chairman of the Qardho Farmers' Association

Malyuun Abdullahi, a determined female farmer, explained the significance of the intervention. "Before Sadar's intervention, middlemen would take advantage of us, buying our crops at low prices. Now, with the support of RISE, we're learning how to form cooperatives and negotiate better deals. This will allow us to keep more money in our pockets."

The project is still in its early stages, but the initial results are promising. Farmers like Hawa, Farah, and Muumina are brimming with optimism. They're not just planting seeds; they're planting hope for a brighter future. The harsh realities of Somalia haven't disappeared, but with RISE as their shield, these farmers are facing the storms with renewed strength.

"We are incredibly grateful for this project," says Hawa, a newfound glint in her eyes. "It's given us a chance to fight back, not just to survive but to rebuild our lives. For the first time in a long time, we can look forward to a harvest season filled with food and hope."

The story of RISE is a testament to the power of collective action. In the face of seemingly insurmountable challenges, a well-designed, targeted intervention can make a difference. As the project continues to unfold, it has the potential to be a beacon of light, guiding Somalia's farmers out of the darkness and toward a future of food security and prosperity.

Farah Mohamed, the local Chairman of the Qardho Farmers' Association, is grateful that Sadar Institute was able to undertake what he considers a lifesaving initiative. "These are game-changers," he exclaims. With these seeds and the new fertilizer, we can finally hope for a decent harvest. This will put food on our tables and allow us to earn a living again."

The RISE project, however, goes beyond immediate needs. It has three-pronged approaches: The first focuses on boosting agricultural productivity and capacity building. Farmers are not just given resources; they're also equipped with the knowledge to use them effectively. Training sessions cover topics like sustainable farming practices, soil conservation techniques, and water management. This empowers farmers to become more resilient in the face of future challenges.

The second component tackles the issue of food supply chains. By strengthening local markets and storage facilities, RISE aims to reduce post-harvest losses and ensure fair prices for farmers' produce. The final piece of the puzzle is financial inclusion. RISE facilitates access to financial services, including micro-loans and savings schemes. This empowers farmers to invest in their farms, diversify their crops, and weather unexpected economic shocks. The hope is to create a cycle of self-sufficiency where farmers can survive and invest in their future.



**Malyuun Abdullahi,**  
a determined female farmer,





# FROM PARCHED EARTH TO PLENTY: HOW THE KOBCIYE PROJECT IS REVIVING SOMALIA'S AGRICULTURE

Farming in Somalia remains one of the noble activities passed from generation to generation. It continues to support many families even as the country faces unimaginable threats caused by unpredictable weather patterns. For generations, farmers have wrestled with a harsh reality—an unforgiving climate, unpredictable rainfall, and a constant struggle to make life from the parched earth.

But amidst the dust and the heat, a quiet revolution occurs. Sadar Development Institute leads this revolution. Through its Kobciye project, which in Somali means "uplift", Sadar is injecting hope and prosperity back into the lives of these dedicated farmers.

"Before Kobciye," says 74-year-old Weris Adan, her weathered face creased with a smile, "we were always at the mercy of the rains. Sometimes, they'd come, and we'd have a small harvest. Other times, the land would be like a fist, clenched tight, refusing to give anything."

The project, implemented in four districts in the Bari region in Puntland, is a comprehensive package designed to empower farmers and unlock the region's agricultural potential. At the heart of the initiative is a shift away from the traditional, backbreaking methods and towards a future fueled by innovation.

One of the most visible changes is the arrival of vibrant green rectangles scattered across the landscape – greenhouses. These structures, a novelty in the region, provide a controlled environment where crops can flourish, shielded from the harsh sun and nurtured by drip irrigation systems.

"These greenhouses," exclaims Mohamud Mohamed, a veteran farmer with eyes sparkling with enthusiasm, "are like magic tents! We can grow tomatoes, peppers, even melons year-round, something unimaginable before."

### Distribution of Seedlings

In addition to providing greenhouses, Sadar Institute also offers farmers free high-quality seedlings, ensuring a strong start for their crops. Gone are the days of relying on unreliable seeds passed down through generations.



But the real game-changer is the introduction of solar-powered water pumping systems. Previously, the long hours spent fetching water were a constant drain on time and energy. Now, with a flick of a switch, water flows readily, a precious commodity delivered straight from rehabilitated shallow wells.

Amina Said, a young, energetic farmer, beams as she remarks, "This is a gift from the heavens." Once roughened from hauling heavy water buckets, her hands tend to thrive in vegetable patches. "The time saved is unbelievable. We can dedicate that extra time to our crops, our families, to ourselves," she adds.

The impact of Kobciye goes beyond just water access. The project has introduced advanced irrigation systems, like drip irrigation, which conserves water by delivering it directly to the roots, minimizing waste. This reduces pumping needs and allows farmers to cultivate more land with less water.

"Every drop counts here," says 64-year-old Bashir Gurhan, a community leader. "Before, we lost so much water, and we used a lot of money to buy fuel to pump the water for irrigation, but now, each drop reaches the plant, maximizing our yields. It's a smarter way to farm."

## The Magic use of Tractors

Farmers in the region have also benefited from tractors distributed by Sadar Institute, which are used to cultivate the land. The groups of farmers share the tractors, which are used by all the communities in the Bari region. Hassan Mohamed, an elderly farmer in Karin district, says the tractors have saved them a lot of money and time. "We used to pay not less than 200 dollars for five uses of the tractor when hired by private companies or individuals, but now we use it for free," says Hassan.

On the other hand, the Sadar Institute understands that a good harvest is only half the battle, which is why the Kobciye Project continues beyond the production level. To improve the quality of the harvest and ensure that crops are not damaged during the transportation process, farmers are now equipped with sturdy plastic crates for improved post-harvest handling. These crates help to keep fruits and vegetables fresh during transport, ensuring that they reach the market in top condition and fetch higher prices.



"Before we received the plastic crates, so much of our harvest would spoil on the journey to market. We can be confident that our hard work gets a fair reward." Said Mohamed Awad.

## Beyond the Fields:

### A Ripple Effect of Empowerment

The results of Kobciye are undeniable. Farmers report significant cost reductions, thanks to water efficiency and reduced reliance on traditional, expensive seeds. More importantly, they are experiencing a dramatic increase in their income.

"We're finally starting to see a future," says Bashir Gurhan. "We can pay for our children's education, improve our homes, and dream a little bigger. This project has given us hope; for a farmer, hope is the most valuable crop."



The Kobciye project is a beacon of success in a troubled region. It's a testament to the transformative power of innovation, tailored support, and a focus on empowering local communities. Amina Said concludes with a warm smile, "The desert may be vast, but the human spirit is even stronger. And with Kobciye at our side, we're finally starting to bloom."

The impact of Kobciye extends far beyond the farmers' fields. Increased income has stimulated the local economy, with businesses catering to the needs of the revitalized agricultural sector. Women, who traditionally play a vital role in food security, are finding new opportunities and a sense of empowerment.

"With my increased income," says Weris Said, "I can now contribute more to the household. I can buy food and clothes for my children. It's a sense of control I never had."





## SHINING LIGHT IN THE SOMALI DESERT: A DATE PALM REVOLUTION WITH SOLAR POWER

Imagine a place where date palms, with their majestic fronds reaching for the sky, symbolize both life and struggle. This is what Abdikadir Abshir Noor, a seasoned date palm farmer in El-Dahir, Puntland, Somalia, dreams about.

For over four decades, Abdikadir has nurtured his date palms, facing the harsh realities of drought and unreliable energy sources. But a life-changing opportunity came knocking on his door in 2022 through an IFAD-funded program that helps farmers use new technology- the innovative Off-Grid Box (OGB) technology.



The OGB, a brainchild of the SADAR Development Institute and the European Committee for Training and Agriculture (CEFA), has become a beacon of hope in a region plagued by energy scarcity. This all-in-one solar system acts as a transformer, providing not just clean electricity but also purified water—a vital resource for Abdi's date palms and the surrounding community.

In December 2022, a high-level mission from IFAD witnessed firsthand the use of the Off Grid Box, piloted in regions within Puntland. As the arid landscape unfolded, they could not miss capturing the resilient date palm trees and the occasional cluster of mudbrick houses.

Abdikadir led the delegation to his farm, which is a testament to his dedication. The rows of date palms stand tall, their fronds rustling in the gentle breeze. However, a closer look reveals the struggle. The shallow well, Abdi's current water source, is far from the field. Irrigation relies on a fuel generator, a costly and polluting solution.



The IFAD delegation, led by the then Country Director Omar Njie, witnessed firsthand the challenges Abdi faces. "The cost of fuel for the generator is a constant burden," he explains, his voice laced with frustration. And the unreliable power supply disrupts the irrigation schedule, affecting the health and yield of my date palms."

Enter the OGB technology, a compact yet powerful unit resembling a giant metal box. The delegation watched with fascination as technicians installed the OGB, its double roof of solar panels gleaming in the sun. This innovation is about to change everything for Abdikadir and his community.

The Off Grid Box's magic lies in its ability to harness the region's abundant solar energy. The system pumps water from the well, delivering a life-giving elixir to the thirsty date palms.





However, the benefits extend beyond irrigation. The OGB also provides clean drinking water for local communities, which was a luxury before now.

The project continues beyond there. The OGB's surplus energy is a game-changer. It can power crucial devices such as refrigerators. The IFAD Delegation watched with excitement as Abdikadir used the electricity to power a small refrigerator, allowing him to store excess dates for extended periods. This innovation opens doors to new market opportunities and a potential increase in income.

The project's vision extends far beyond Abdikadir's farm—the OGB has the potential to serve as a community hub. The project plans to install a charging station for mobile phones, a vital tool for communication in remote areas. A water purification system could also provide clean drinking water for hundreds of households in the surrounding villages.

The impact of the OGB pilot project goes beyond its tangible benefits. It's a beacon of hope, a testament to human ingenuity, and a symbol of a brighter future for the El-Dahir people. Yussuf Abdi Maalim, the Sadar program Manager, was deeply moved by the project's potential.

"The OGB is more than just a solar system," he said. "It's a catalyst for change. It empowers farmers like Abdi, fosters a sense of community, and offers a sustainable solution to the region's challenges."

On the other hand, the use of this new technology illuminates the possibility of creating sustainable means of livelihood for communities.

Abdiqani Said Yussuf, Head of CEFA in Puntland, said, "This facility will serve as the main centre to sort, process and package the dates from across the region, and the farmer will not have to worry about their harvest going to waste' adding that this will add value to the crop and allow them to have a continuous market for their produce.

The future of the OGB project remains bright. With further funding and support, this innovative solution could illuminate countless lives, transforming not just farms but entire communities. The date palms of El-Dahir stand tall, no longer just symbols of struggle but also a blossoming date palm revolution powered by the transformative light of the sun.



### TESTIMONIAL FROM STATE MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND AGRICULTURE - PUNTLAND STATE- H.E AHMED SHIRE

As the Minister of Agriculture in Puntland State, I've had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the invaluable contributions of Sadar Development and Resilience Institute to our region's agricultural sector. Sadar's dedication to promoting sustainable agricultural practices and enhancing food security has been nothing short of remarkable.

Through their innovative initiatives and strategic partnerships, Sadar has played a pivotal role in empowering local farmers, improving agricultural infrastructure, and implementing effective resource management strategies. Their emphasis on climate-smart agriculture and water management has proven instrumental in mitigating the impact of environmental challenges on our agricultural productivity.



One of the most notable projects spearheaded by Sadar in Puntland is the introduction of modern irrigation techniques and the promotion of drought-resistant crop varieties. These interventions have not only bolstered our resilience to climate variability but have also significantly increased yields and livelihoods for farmers across the region.

Furthermore, Sadar's commitment to capacity-building and knowledge exchange has empowered our agricultural workforce with the necessary skills and resources to thrive in a rapidly evolving agricultural landscape. Their training programs and extension services have equipped farmers with best practices, market insights, and access to agricultural inputs, thereby fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship within the sector.

I commend Sadar Development and Resilience Institute for their unwavering dedication to advancing agricultural development in Puntland and beyond. Their collaborative approach, grounded in evidence-based research and community engagement, serves as a beacon of hope for sustainable growth and prosperity in our region.

### **H.E Ahmed Shire**

*State Minister for Irrigation and Agriculture - Puntland State*



## TESTIMONIAL FROM HAMDİ SAİD FARAH- SADAR'S FIELD MANAGER

My name is Hamdi Said Farah, and I serve as a field officer for Sadar Institute in Puntland, Somalia. In my role, I've had the privilege of being involved in projects that bring about life-changing and impactful interventions. One such project was the Resilient Livelihood Action to COVID-19 (RLAC-19) implemented in Iskushuban, Qardo, and Galkacyo.

RLAC-19 has profoundly affected Somalia, significantly impacting the local economy and disrupting agricultural activities. The project led to economic operations being halted, forcing a lockdown where people were confined indoors, severely impacting farmers who depend on daily farm activities for their livelihoods. Furthermore, flight restrictions prevented farmers from obtaining essential inputs and exporting their produce, compounding the challenges faced by agricultural workers and disrupting the support from NGOs and other organizations.

Over the past decade, Sadar has played a crucial role in positively impacting farmers in the region by adapting to and mitigating the challenges they face. We have provided farmers with vital resources such as fertilizers, high-quality seeds resistant to diseases, tractors, and other forms of support to enhance agricultural productivity and resilience.

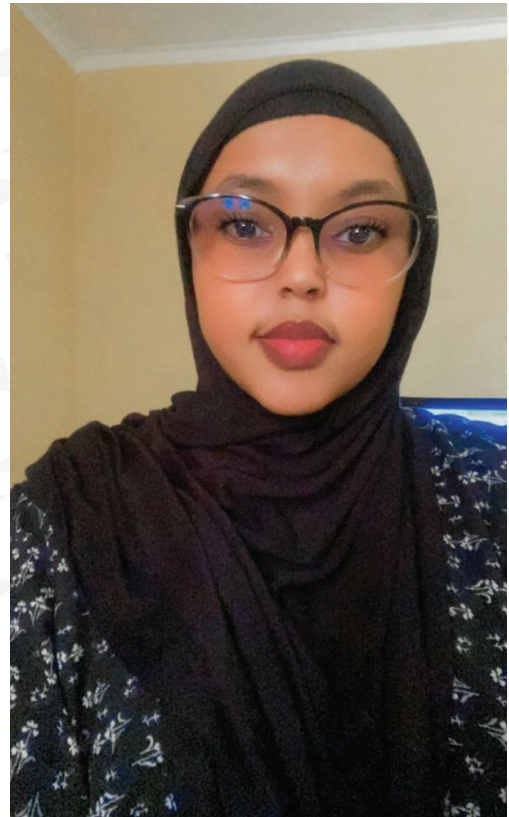
Throughout Sadar's initiatives, we have placed a significant emphasis on supporting farmers, particularly female cooperative farmers. This focus represents a major milestone in our commitment to gender empowerment and aligns closely with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically SDG 5 (Gender Equality).

By providing tailored support such as access to resources, training in sustainable agricultural practices, and facilitating market linkages, Sadar has empowered female farmers to enhance their productivity and economic independence. This approach not only strengthens local communities but also contributes to broader efforts in achieving gender equality and sustainable development in Somalia and beyond. We are proud to continue championing initiatives that uplift women and foster inclusive growth across our operational areas.

Throughout my tenure at Sadar, I have learned a great deal. I have gained invaluable experience in project management, community engagement, and resilience-building initiatives. Sadar has provided me with opportunities to grow both personally and professionally, deepening my understanding of sustainable development practices and the complexities of addressing socio-economic challenges in our community.

Currently, supporting the Kobciye Project, which addresses the needs of farmers in Puntland, I take great pride in being part of the Sadar Institute team. I am grateful to Sadar Management for fostering an environment free from discrimination, allowing me to contribute effectively. I remain committed to Sadar's mission of making a positive impact in our community, empowering farmers, and promoting sustainable development in Somalia.

Regards,



**HAMDİ SAİD FARAH,**  
*FIELD MANAGER - SADAR*



# Pictorial Quotes



Our work is not merely about theories and concepts; it is about real-world solutions that uplift lives, empower communities, and safeguard our planet for future generations."

**Dr. Mohamed Osman, Ph.D.**  
Founder and CEO  
Sadar Development and Resilience Institute.



"The Off-Grid Box technology is more than just a solar system, It's a catalyst for change. It empowers farmers to foster a sense of community, and offers a sustainable solution to the region's challenges."

**Yusuf Maalim**  
SADAR Program Director



When the Ukraine conflict started, we felt there had been a sharp increase in the cost of fuel. This has had an impact on our production, but since we received support from the RISE project, we are able to earn more income and, therefore, caution ourselves against the rising cost of living.

**Hawa Mohamed Osman**  
Farmer, Qardho District



The solar system has saved me a lot, including the money I used to buy fuel, the money I used to buy oil, and the engine maintenance. Today, my farm is fully irrigated, and I feel I have a lot that I have been missing before the project started

**Said Oman**  
Farmer, Barookhle Location



The fruits we have harvested are an essential part of our daily meal. As farmers, this has helped a lot in improving the health of our children because of the nutrition we get from the various fruits we have harvested from our farms. We no longer need to rely on meat alone, as used to be the norm before the Rise project.

**Abdullahi Muse**  
Farmer, Bacadweyn District



Sometimes, the input and the outcome are the same. And sometimes, it is worse, as I use more money than the income I get. This is because I use a lot of fuel; I have to pay the farm workers to cater for their food and pay school fees. But now, after using the solar system, I have saved money on fuel, expanded my farm, and increased my income.

**Bashir Gurhan**  
Farmer, Karin Location





# Pictorial Quotes



I have witnessed the difference because Irrigating my farm has become easy. Drip irrigation is better because it is efficient and precise, as it feeds each plant on its own, and no water is wasted. After using it for two months, I have seen some of my crops doing very well, like the pepper. I used to spend a lot of time using the traditional method of irrigation, and some of my crops would die, but now this drip irrigation method has changed a lot.

**Amina Said**

Farmer, Ceel-daahir Location



I received three goats from the project, and as of now, I have six goats. In addition, I sold some of the goats. Today, my family relies on goats for milk. The project has changed my life.

**Farah Mohamed**

Chairman Qardho Farmers' Association.



The tractors have made our work easy, and we no longer use our hands to prepare our land. Secondly, we used to spend a lot of money hiring private tractors. For example, we would be charged 40 dollars an hour, but that is not the case now that we are using the tractors provided by Sadar Institute. We only pay a small amount of money for maintenance.

**Hassan Mohamed**

Farmer, Karin Location



"The support came at a critical time. We were struggling with drought, the impact of Covid-19, and rising inflation that made everything more expensive. The irrigation system has been a lifesaver. It has allowed me to keep my trees healthy and productive, even during the drought."

**Luul Omar**

a member of the Nugaal Farmers' cooperation







# Events and Programs Sponsored by Sadar

## Sadar's Commitment to Giving Back and Generous Sponsorship:

Sadar Development and Resilience Institute is deeply committed to giving back to the community and supporting initiatives that foster resilience, promote sustainable development, and empower individuals and communities. As part of our corporate social responsibility efforts, Sadar actively seeks opportunities to invest in programs, projects, and events that create meaningful impact and contribute to the well-being of society.

## Through our generous sponsorship and support, Sadar strives to:

- Foster community engagement and participation in development activities. Empower local organizations and grassroots initiatives to drive positive change.
- Strengthen partnerships and collaboration with like-minded organizations and institutions.
- Amplify the voices of marginalized and vulnerable communities, ensuring their inclusion and representation in decision-making processes.
- Promote innovation, creativity, and excellence in research, education, and advocacy.

Sadar's sponsorship extends to a diverse range of initiatives, including conferences, workshops, capacity-building programs, research projects, and community development activities. By investing in these initiatives, Sadar aims to catalyze transformative change, build resilience, and contribute to the collective effort towards sustainable development in Somalia and beyond.

## Key events sponsored by Sadar:

### 2022 UNFCCC COP 27: Somalia Delegation Participation in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt:

Sadar generously sponsored the participation of the Somalia delegation in the 27th Conference of the Parties (COP 27) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.



By supporting Somalia's representation at this important international forum, Sadar demonstrated its commitment to addressing climate change and promoting global cooperation on environmental issues.

### 2023-East Africa DAD Foundation Conference on State-Building in Somalia, Mogadishu:

Sadar provided generous sponsorship for the East Africa DAD Foundation Conference on State-Building in Somalia, held in Mogadishu. This conference brought together stakeholders from across the region to discuss strategies for promoting peace, stability, and governance in Somalia. Through its sponsorship, Sadar facilitated dialogue, knowledge exchange, and collaboration among key actors working towards state-building and development in Somalia.

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### 2023 - Publication of the East Africa DAD Foundation Conference Book Proceedings:

Following the successful conference on state-building in Somalia, Sadar generously sponsored the publication of the conference book proceedings. This publication captured the insights, recommendations, and best practices shared during the conference, ensuring that valuable knowledge and experiences were documented and made accessible to a wider audience. Sadar's sponsorship of the publication demonstrated its commitment to knowledge dissemination and capacity-building in the region.

### 2023 - UNFCCC COP 28: UPEACE & Partners' Participation in the Faith Pavilion, Dubai:

Sadar extended its generous sponsorship to support the participation of the University for Peace (UPEACE) and its partners in the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP 28) to the UNFCCC, held in Dubai.



Specifically, Sadar sponsored UPEACE and its partners' involvement in the Faith Pavilion, where they showcased the role of faith-based organizations in addressing climate change and promoting environmental stewardship. Through its sponsorship, Sadar contributed to raising awareness and mobilizing action on climate change at the global level.

### Expanding Partnership for the African Union's Great Green Wall Initiative with Partnership for Change:

In alignment with its commitment to environmental sustainability and community resilience, Sadar expanded its partnership with Partnership for Change to support the African Union's Great Green Wall Initiative.



This initiative aims to combat desertification, land degradation, and climate change in the Sahel-Saharan region by promoting sustainable land management practices and ecosystem restoration.

Through its sponsorship, Sadar contributed to the implementation of transformative projects that enhance environmental resilience and improve livelihoods in communities affected by desertification.

# Future Directions and Opportunities

## Sadar's Vision and Strategic Priorities:



Sadar Development and Resilience Institute envisions a future where communities across Somalia and the Horn of Africa region not only withstand the challenges they face but thrive in resilience and sustainable development. Our strategic priorities are designed to guide our actions and initiatives towards realizing this vision.

## Continuously Advancing Research Excellence:



At Sadar, we believe that robust research is the foundation of informed decision-making and effective interventions. Therefore, one of our primary strategic priorities is to continuously advance research excellence and knowledge generation in key thematic areas such as health systems, emergency response, governance, gender equality, climate change, and education. By conducting rigorous research, collecting reliable data, and fostering a culture of evidence-based practice, we aim to provide actionable insights and innovative solutions to address complex challenges.

## Strengthening Partnerships and Collaboration:



We recognize that no single organization can address the multifaceted challenges of development alone. Hence, another strategic priority for Sadar is to strengthen partnerships and collaboration with diverse stakeholders. This includes government institutions, donors, civil society organizations, academia, and the private sector. By forging strategic alliances and fostering collaborative relationships, we can leverage complementary expertise, resources, and networks to amplify our impact and drive sustainable development outcomes.

## Enhancing Capacity Development Efforts:



Empowering local communities and institutions is central to Sadar's approach to development. Therefore, we prioritize enhancing capacity development efforts as a strategic priority. This involves equipping individuals, organizations, and institutions with the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to effectively contribute to resilience-building and sustainable development. Through targeted capacity-building initiatives, training programs, and knowledge-sharing platforms, we aim to foster local ownership, leadership, and agency in driving positive change.

## Leveraging Innovative Technologies and Approaches:



Innovation plays a crucial role in addressing emerging challenges and unlocking new opportunities for development. Hence, Sadar is committed to leveraging innovative technologies and approaches as a strategic priority. This includes harnessing the potential of digital technologies, data analytics, artificial intelligence, and remote sensing to enhance decision-making processes, improve service delivery, and optimize resource allocation. By embracing innovation, we can create more efficient, effective, and scalable solutions to complex development problems.

## Promoting Inclusivity, Gender Equality and Social Justice:



Sadar is deeply committed to promoting inclusivity, gender equality, and social justice as fundamental principles of sustainable development. Therefore, we prioritize mainstreaming these values across all our interventions as a strategic priority. This involves ensuring that our programs and policies are designed and implemented in a manner that is inclusive, gender-sensitive, and respectful of human rights. By prioritizing the needs and perspectives of marginalized and vulnerable groups, we strive to create more equitable and just societies where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

## Emerging Opportunities for Collaboration and Innovation:



Harnessing the Potential of Digital Technologies: The rapid advancement of digital technologies presents exciting opportunities to transform development outcomes. By leveraging technologies such as mobile phones, internet connectivity, and digital platforms, we can overcome traditional barriers to access, communication, and service delivery. For example, mobile health (mHealth) solutions can improve healthcare access and delivery in remote areas, while digital finance platforms can enhance financial inclusion and economic empowerment.

## Exploring New Avenues for Financing:



Traditional sources of development financing are often limited and insufficient to meet the growing needs of sustainable development. Therefore, exploring new avenues for financing is essential to unlock additional resources and catalyze investment in priority areas. This includes innovative financing mechanisms such as impact investing, social bonds, green finance, and crowdfunding. By tapping into diverse funding sources and mobilizing private sector investment, we can scale up our impact & accelerate progress towards our development goals.

## Strengthening Regional Cooperation:



Collaboration and knowledge exchange across borders are essential to addressing transboundary challenges and promoting regional development. Therefore, Sadar recognizes the importance of strengthening regional cooperation as an emerging opportunity for collaboration. By fostering partnerships with neighboring countries and regional organizations, we can share lessons learned, exchange best practices, and coordinate efforts to tackle common challenges such as climate change, migration, and conflict.

### Investing in Youth Empowerment:



Young people represent a valuable asset and driving force for development. Therefore, investing in youth empowerment is critical to unlocking the creative potential and energy of the next generation. This includes providing opportunities for education, skills development, employment, entrepreneurship, and civic engagement. By investing in youth-led initiatives and supporting youth-led organizations, we can harness the power of youth to drive positive change and innovation in their communities.

### Embracing Holistic Approaches:



Many of the challenges we face are interconnected & require holistic, integrated solutions. Therefore, embracing holistic approaches to development is essential to address complex, systemic issues effectively. This includes adopting a multisectoral, cross-cutting approach that considers the interlinkages between different thematic areas and sectors. By breaking down silos, promoting interdisciplinary collaboration, and adopting systems thinking, we can develop more comprehensive, sustainable solutions that address root causes and build resilience at multiple levels.





# Capacity Building

This is at the core of SADAR's activities. We believe that strengthening capacity through continuous skill development and learning is key to addressing the challenges affecting vulnerable communities in crisis and conflict affected settings.

## Our capacity building initiatives include:

1. Technical Training Programs
2. Doctoral and master's research
3. Summer' Field schools
4. Internships
5. SADAR Youth Engagement
6. SADAR Innovation Hub
7. Peace Art
8. SADAR Environmental Audit Lab

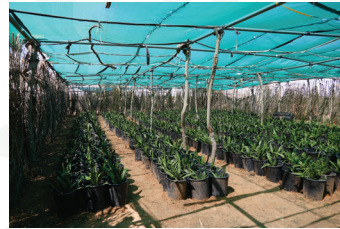
SADAR's capacity building opportunities are open to all audiences that can benefit from the expertise SADAR's international team of experts, as well as the various modern research and training facilities and resources associated with Sadar.

SADAR has academic affiliations and partnerships with the United Nations University for Peace (UPEACE), Makerere University Business School, Amoud University, Sudd Institute (South Sudan), the George Washington University's IFDR and Tulane University's DRLA





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# Acknowledgments and Closing Remarks

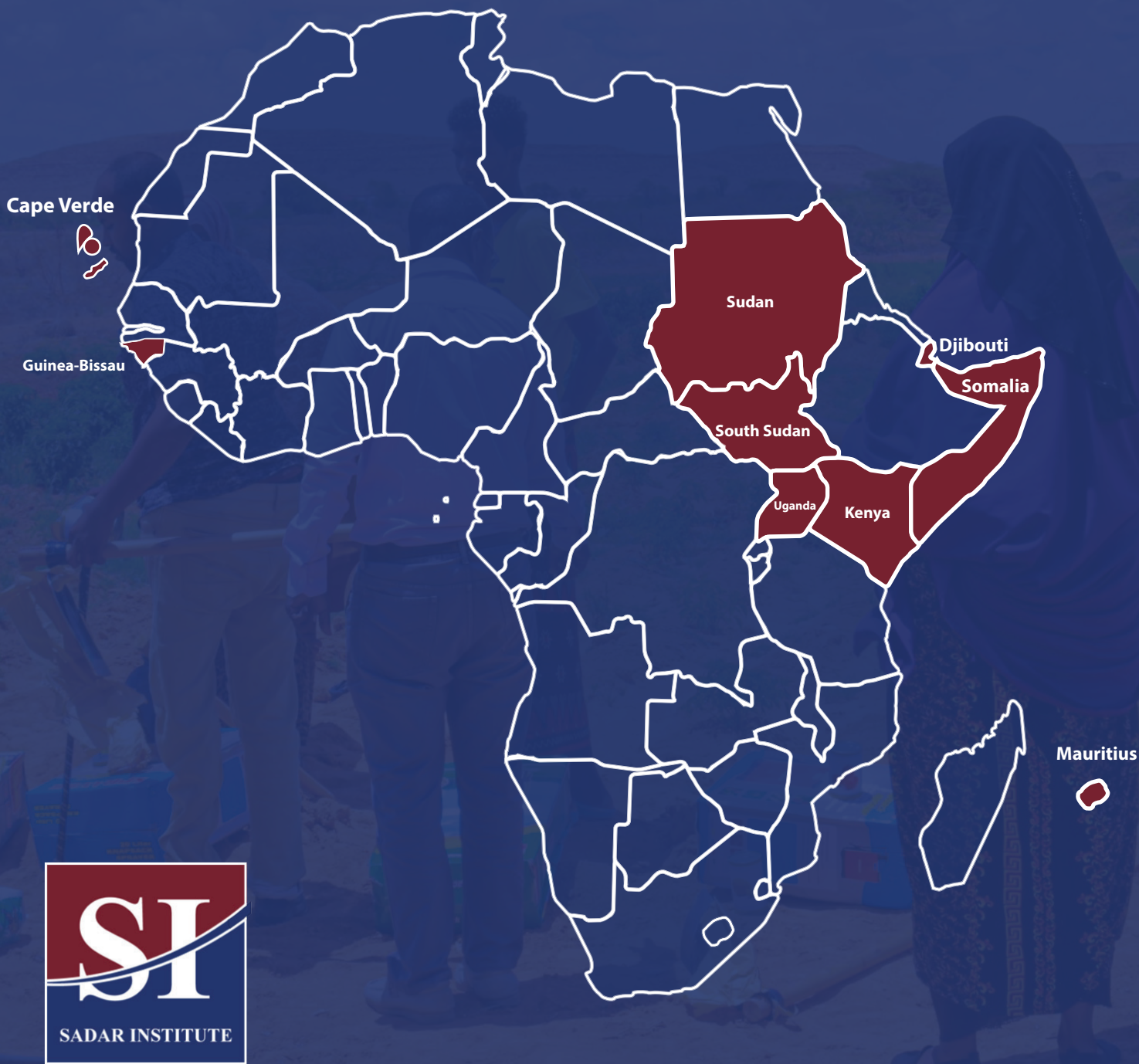


Sadar Development and Resilience Institute would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all individuals, organizations, and partners who have contributed to our journey of impact and resilience-building. Your unwavering support, collaboration, and dedication have been instrumental in shaping Sadar's trajectory and driving positive change in the region.

As we look towards the future with optimism and determination, we reaffirm our commitment to catalyzing transformative change, fostering resilience, and promoting sustainable development in Somalia and beyond. Together, we can overcome challenges, seize opportunities, and build a brighter, more prosperous future for all.

We extend special thanks to our donors, government partners, civil society organizations, academic institutions, research collaborators, and community members for their invaluable contributions and partnership. Your continued support is essential to our collective endeavor towards resilience and progress.

Thank you for being part of the Sadar family and for your unwavering commitment to our shared vision of a resilient, prosperous, and inclusive future. Together, we can make a difference and create lasting impact in the lives of individuals and communities across Somalia and the Horn of Africa region.



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