



Himilo Relief and Development Association

HIRDA PROFILE

Background

HIRDA is an acronym of Himilo Relief and development organization and is non-profit and non-political organization founded in 1998 in Den Haag in the Netherlands to take part reconstruction and humanitarian effort in Somalia, promote basic education and gender mainstreaming.

Principles of operation

The most important part of HIRDA's activity is oriented to the field of education in order to contribute solving the problem of children without schools in Somalia.

Objectives and intervention strategies

HIRDA has long and short-term objectives, which related to our ongoing projects and future activities in Somalia. They include: -

Long Term Objectives

- Poverty alleviation programs through small-scale food production Such as availability, stability and access to food.
- Illiteracy elimination through sustainable, qualitative and accessible basic education and vocational training for every gender.
- To improve the quality and accessibility of drinking water.
- Promoting mother and child care health centres and MCH's.
- Raising community awareness and capacity building regarding to self-reliance, influencing decision making process, ownership, and democratization and strengthening civil society of all genders.
- To function as an advisory organ between local community, international donor organizations.

Short Term Objectives

- Expansion and strengthening of basic education through construction new classes and rehabilitation the old one.
- Support children from marginalized groups right to basic education and Vocational training
- Promote the adult education program
- Establishing long live training and supporting vocational schools

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- Training medical staff and promoting Mother and child care health centre (MCH).
- Improving the quality and accessibility of drinking water
- Women empowerment through capacity building, skill training and financial support for small business
- Support peace building and reconciliation activities through education (drama, sports, songs and poetry)
- Increase women participation in the society
- Promote the community awareness about ownership, self-reliance, and influencing decision making process and strengthening civil society.

Whatever project HIRDA carries out is within its objective framework. So far we have implemented various projects namely:

- **Illiteracy elimination through sustainable, qualitative and accessible basic education and vocational training for every gender.**

We established a primary school in Abud-wak with a total of almost 850 students. We reached this number in five years because of gradual expansion of education facilities. HIRDA runs informal education parallel with formal education. Children of marginalized families are given a particular consideration. This will contribute a reduction of illiteracy and will pave the way job opportunity. The success booked in basic education so far wouldn't have been possible without the participation of female society. HIRDA promotes the role of women in the society and therefore we have established two empowerment women centres in Abud-wak. There are other educational activities such as sports and dramas that contribute to peace and reconciliation.

- **Poverty alleviation through small-scale food production programs which will lead access to food for every body.**

Under poverty alleviation applies also emergency relief operations in case of drought and displaced people in conflict areas. So far we have carried out such operation in Galgadud regions where HIRDA has distributed food stuffs and water. We have implemented in Bardere a 45 HA farm for seed multiplication. This project was intended: to supply improved good quality seeds with subsidized price to the farmers to enable them increase yield per unit area and overall production. Aim of the project wax also to increase food security and improve nutrition through increasing production. To develop the capacity of farmers and seed grower at community level to minimize crop losses through improved post harvest handling. This project is part poverty alleviation campaign because it has been improved the incomes and living standards of small farmers in the South-eastern district Bardere of Gedo Region, who constitutes the large majority of the population.

- **To improve the quality and accessibility of drinking water.**

HIRDA launches an intensive awareness campaign Gedo Region where local community's attention is drawn to the dangers of drinking unclean water. People are told to clean water by using simple traditional methods. This bore very practical results and improved the community's health. The First priority for the village of Abudwak was the development of dependable water recourse. In 2003, the elders requested that SRF and HIRDA develop a new well site. The drilling well has been completed, a two level water tower is completed and operational. The site has a generator house and watering troughs for animals. A new generator and new submersible pimp along with riser pipes and pipes for water delivery system have been purchased in Dubai and delivered Abudwak for installation. The current phase in 2005 we have been constructed a water delivered system to the adjacent part of Abudwak Village. Two masjid are being served along with along with water kiosk inside the village.

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- **Promoting mother and child care health centres and MCH'S.**

We have opened two training schools for Community Health Workers and traditional berth attendant (TBA) to reduce berth related deaths. The construction of MCH in Bardere is in underway.

- **Raising community awareness in regarding to self-reliance, influencing decision-making process, ownership, democratization, strengthening civil society and improving the relation between the regions where HIRDA is active and surrounding regions.**

We are actively engaged and have done a lot in these areas such as:

Peace awareness and reconciliation processes between warring parties. We facilitate and sponsor a dialogue between them.

Capacity building for community based organizations through training held every year at least 5 times in different theme.

We promote sports and concerts for the propose of peace and community integration

- **To function as an advisory organ between local, international and donor organization.**

Because of the tangible results it achieved, HIRDA was able to attract potential donors to listen and built a bridge between donor organizations and local ones. We were participate regional conferences concerning about the development, peace and reconstruction of Somalia where we contribute our expertise and ideas. HIRDA works with UNDP on QUEST (qualified Expatriate Somali Technical support programme. The co-operation between HIRDA and UNDP started in 2005. Since then HIRDA has implemented two programmes funded by UNDP. One programme was capacity building for teachers of HIRDA schools to upgrade their English language capacity. The other one was capacity building of farmers to boost their agricultural output. In both programmes HIRDA has sent an expert in those fields mentioned here for three-month period.

HIRDA has more or less covered its short term objectives. We want to consolidate gains so far achieved and improve them in terms of quality and quantity.

Project implementation

Any project we carry out has mainly two phases: -

Planning: include setting-up project proposal and fund raising.

Implementation and missions: once sufficient fund is found, the project is implemented. If is necessary, a mission is sent to the site prior to project implementation. Project follow-up, progress report writing and financial statement are all integral part of project implementation.

Projects

The organization has conducted a number of projects in various sectors successfully since it was established. These activities take place in two regions in Somali (see the map). The table below show these projects.

No	Project Name	Location	Number of beneficiaries	Gender in %	
				Male	Female
1	Bardere Primary School	Bardere, Gedo region, Somalia	663 Children	55.6%	44.4%
2	Dr Kassim Primary School	Bardere, Gedo Region, Somalia	433	55.4%	44.6%
3	Ibrahim Egal Gir Primary School	Abudwak. Galgadud Region,	995	53.8%	46.2%
4	Sayid Warsame Secondary School	Bardere, Gedo region , Somalia	102	61%	39%
5	Vocational School	Bardere, Gedo Region, Somalia	35	85%	15%
6	Carpentry Training School	Bardere, Gedo region, Somalia	75	100%	0%
7	Ibrahim Egal Gir Secondary School	Abudwak, Galgadud Region,	35	80%	20%
8	Health training school	Abudwak / Bardere Gedo and Galgadud	170	20%	80%
9	Women Empowerment Program	Abudwak / Bardere Gedo and Galgadud	500	0%	100%
1	Shallow wells pilot project for Tsunami aid program.	Garaád, Puntland State, Somalia	400 families	35%	65%
11	Water tank Construction & water supply Project	Abudwak, Galgadud region	600 families	35%	65%
12	Constr. New class rooms and Equipment supply	Abudwak / Bardere Gedo and Galgadud	2850 students	55%	45%
13	Bardera and Abud-wak library	Abudwak / Bardere Gedo and Galgadud	500	60%	40%
14	School Feeding Program	Bardere, Gedo Region, Somalia	1096 students	55%	45%
15	Sponsoring Orphan and poor children to school	Abudwak / Bardere Gedo and Galgadud	100 students	40%	60%
16	Sponsoring disable people	Bardere / Gedo region	40	36%	4%
17	Capacity Building for teachers & management team	Gedo and Galgadud region	95	72%	28%
18	Drought Emergency Program	Galgaduud Region	2500 Families	40%	60%
19	Peace and Human right awareness	Gedo region	250	40%	60%
20	Bardera Farm Project	Bardera, Gedo Regon	Bardera Community	55%	45%
21	Primary Education Programme	Whole Gedo Region	400,000		
22	Sarinley School Rehabilitation	Bardera, Gedo Region	300 students	65%	35%
23	SOCSIS2 GF Global Fund Programme	Bardera.	HIRDA staffs and Bardera Community		
24	Awareness and fundraising activities	In The Netherlands	150 activist	65%	35%
25	Drought Emergency food and water supply	Gedo Region	900 families	30%	70%
26	Bardera Hospital Construction Project	Gedo Region	70.000	40%	60%
27	HIRDA Capacity building centre (Teacher Training)	Kismaayo Lower Juba	110 teachers	80%	20%
28	Sponsoring Regional School football team competition	Kismaayo , Lower Juba	18 football team	100%	
29	Mentor/ mobilizers management and supply distribution	HIRDA and UNICEF Project in Gedo Region	3564 Students in 22 schools	65%	35%
30	QUEST (Qualified Expatriate Somali Technical support)	HIRDA has sent 2 Expatriate to Bardhere, Gedo	teachers and farmers training		

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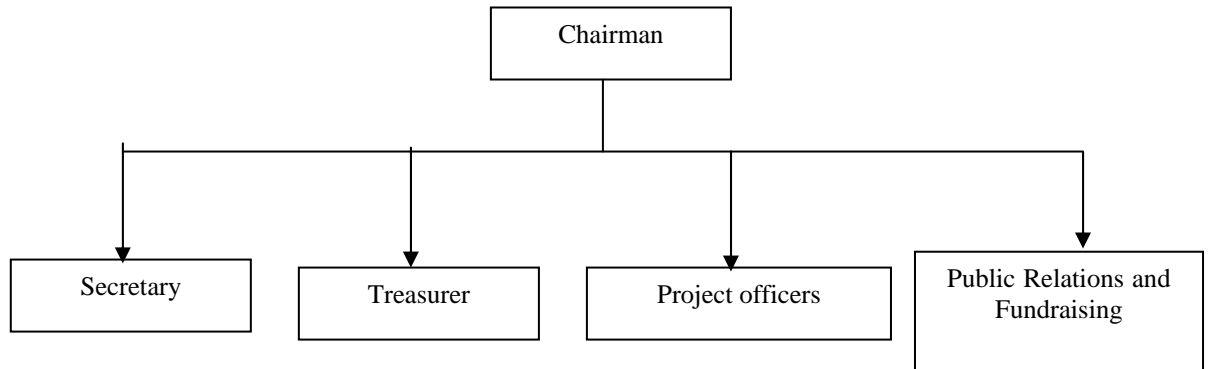
Staff

HIRDA has two executive bodies:

1. HIRDA executive body in Holland and
2. HIRDA executive body in the field Somalia.

Majority in each body takes decision. The following tables show the structure of both groups.

Organizational structure in Somalia



Name	Profession	Sex	Position	Years on the board
Mohamed Abdisalam Egal	Civil Engineer	M	Chairman	7 years
Abdullahi Dahir Matan	Industrial Engineer	M	Secretary	7 years
Mohamed Mohmoud	Financial administrator	M	Treasurer	6 years
Fatumo Mohamed Farah	Accountant	F	Public Relation	3 years
Abdi Asis Hassan	ITC	M	Project Officer	5 years
Ubah Halane	Community Worker	F	Fund raising	5 years
Jamal Hashi	Economist	M	Public relation	2 years
Ahmed Elmi	Community Worker	M	Project Officer	7 years

Organizational structure in Somalia

HIRDA has a committee consisting the management Staff, Student parents and community stakeholders with both genders. Through this committee majority takes the decision. Based on the suggestions of the members of the committee, the committee devices the policy and the road map of HIRDA activities either implementation or planning.

Permanent and Part time staff in Somalia

Staff	Total	Male %	Female %
Permanent Staff	69	81%	19%
Part time staff	35	83%	17%

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Partnership in the West

Partnerships lie at the core of HIRDA's work. Most of our funding organizations come 35% from Diaspora communities, 8% comes from local community and our partners in the West match 43% of total project.

Our partners in the West are:

- ✓ OXFAM NOVIB in the Netherlands
- ✓ NCDO in the Netherlands
- ✓ Oranje Fonds in the Netherlands
- ✓ Odyssee in the Netherlands
- ✓ Wilde Ganzen in the Netherlands
- ✓ Gered Greedschap in the Netherlands
- ✓ HIVOS in the Netherlands
- ✓ KPMG in the Netherlands
- ✓ SRF (Somali Relief Fund) in USA
- ✓ SANA (Somali Association In North America) in USA
- ✓ ARAHA (American Relief Agency for Horn Africa) In USA
- ✓ IDRF- (International Development Relief Fund) in Canada.
- ✓ HCI (Human Concern International) in Canada

Partnership in Somalia

- ✓ Local community
- ✓ FPEN: It is primary schools umbrella network throughout Somalia
- ✓ INXA: It is a civil society umbrella network throughout Somalia
- ✓ UNICEF Somalia
- ✓ UNDP Somalia
- ✓ OXFAM NOVIB Somalia

Budget and Allocation Process

The financial assistance we receive either from Western community or from Diaspora are used for the target project mentioned in the above table. The donor receives (Diaspora as well as the Western community) a detailed progress report and financial statement.

Future

Future activities will be based on the success of the current activities within the framework of the organization's objectives. In other words, these activities will be:-

Maintain the balance between (a) sustaining the current projects and (b) creating the new ones. HIRDA's solid criterion is which project has priority over others in terms of short-term social benefits. Other areas of future attention are: -

1. Relief Emergency
2. Capacity building
3. Helping marginalized children, handicaps, Orphans and Internal Displaced People (IDP).
4. Promoting public awareness and environmental protection.

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