A Partnership in action

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Reconstruction of Community livelihoods

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Somalia

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

Somalia’s continued instability, mass population displacements and harsh regulations on humanitarian actors have worked to seriously hinder the delivery of aid, necessitating the development of implementation partnerships between local and international humanitarian actors.

HIJRA and OXFAM

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

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

The initiatives unique design has allowed for the successful execution of over ....project’s in the world’s most dangerous humanitarian setting.

Project successes include the implementation and construction of water supply systems; water platforms and distribution points, the installation of sanitation facilities, development of capacity building programs and community wealth creation.

The HIJRA OXFAM partnership is currently one of the largest projects on the ground in Mogadishu and Lower Shabelle working to provide care to over 362,000 of the most vulnerable.
“Since the partnership’s inception over 5 years ago, we have worked jointly to address the ever changing needs of the Somali people, seeing us at the forefront of the crisis, bridging gaps in aid and providing immediate lifesaving care regardless of the circumstances. It has been our honor to work with an organization of Oxfam’s caliber and we look forward to continuing our work together.”

Mohamed Dahir, Executive Director - HIJRA

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

HIJRA and OXFAM work together to implement immediate lifesaving programs in Water and Sanitation aimed at improving access to safe water, sanitation facilities and public health services in Mogadishu, Ceela-sha and the Afgoye Corridor.

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

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

HIJRA and OXFAM currently provide assistance to over *** individuals in the region.

In response to the 2011 famine, the partnership has worked to constructed water platforms, distribution points, pit latrines and distribute sanitation kits in over 240 IDP camps of Mogadishu and the Afgoye Corridor.
Innovation and Empowerment
Community Water Environment and Sanitation Committees

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

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

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

*In 2011, HIJRA and OXFAM worked to train and establish an additional... WES Committees seeing the formation of over... teams in 240 IDP camps.*

VOICE from the Field

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

*Maleeyka Mohamed, HIJRA OXFAM cash relief beneficiary, Badbaado, Mogadishu*
Livelihoods

HIJRA and OXFAM programs in Livelihoods work to promote and develop projects focused on enhancing self-reliance through non-formal education, income generation activities and cash for work programs.

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

Wealth Creation programs have been designed to provide support; single parent families, children, disabled and elderly through monthly cash distributions ensuring the beneficiaries purchase of essential food staples.

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

HIJRA and OXFAM currently work together in livelihoods to support over 12,548 of the most vulnerable in south central.

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

The partnership is dedicated to transparency, accountability and neutrality.

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

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

*Quote from OXFAM*
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