



EMERGENCY RESPONSE | Somalia

Progress Report

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SUMMARY

While ongoing drought and conflict strained resources in Somalia last year, World Vision—along with the children and families we serve in Somalia—was blessed by the support of NextGen and other donors. You helped provide vital services like water and healthcare to people in their time of need.

Funding cuts and civil unrest forced the closure of 35% of all health clinics in Somalia, creating an urgent need for health and nutrition services. Your support funded mobile health units in Hirshabelle and Jubaland states that provided lifesaving care. We reached thousands of children and adults with screenings and treatment for malnutrition and other conditions, prioritizing young children and pregnant and nursing women.

Your commitment also eased immense hardships for women like Sulekha, a mother of seven, who lives in a makeshift shelter in a displacement camp in Jubaland State. Before this project began, she had to walk nearly 2 miles in search of water, often returning empty-handed. “We felt completely forgotten,” she said.

Sulekha and other families like hers now know they have not been

forgotten, thanks to your support of a new system that delivers clean water to the camp. “The new water system changed our lives,” she said. “We no longer worry about where to find water. We have enough for drinking, cooking, and cleaning. Our children are healthier,” she added.

Here are a few more examples of how you are making a difference for vulnerable children and families.

Health and nutrition programs

- Mobile health teams screened 8,622 children younger than 5 and pregnant and nursing women for malnutrition.
- 152 children were treated for severe malnutrition, and 220 were treated for moderate malnutrition. Over the last 15 years, 88% of the severely malnourished children we treated made a full recovery.
- 10,204 children and adults received medical checkups through mobile units.
- Mobile health teams delivered health education sessions to 8,414 adults.
- 4,122 women gained access to reproductive healthcare.



Sulekha fills water containers at taps constructed in a displacement camp in Hawina. The piped system carries clean water from a source a mile and a half away. Families now have ready access, which eliminates long waits and disputes often encountered at a distant, unreliable source.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene

- 40 improved latrines were constructed, serving 1,200 people.
- Two water points and a pipeline extension in Dhobley District now serve 3,000 people.
- Hygiene awareness campaigns in camps and host communities reached 6,000 people.
- 400 hygiene kits helped 2,400 people maintain healthier living conditions and reduce health risks.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES



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Somalis in Hirshabelle and Jubaland states were reached with a variety of interventions, including clean water, improved sanitation, healthcare, and more.



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Protecting children

- 43 men and women learned to identify and refer child protection issues to appropriate programs and resources.
- Child protection committees conducted four door-to-door campaigns to end violence against women and girls, reaching 1,341 people.
- A youth club was created to empower young people to lead peer-to-peer sessions on child rights and to promote awareness, prevention, and response to child abuse and exploitation.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Forecasts show that between 4.4 million and 4.6 million Somalis will soon face a hunger emergency, marked by extreme food shortages, high malnutrition, and the risk of death. Immediate action is vital to help save lives.

The loss of grants to fund needed resources and services will create additional challenges to meeting needs in FY26. Please pray:

- For the people of Somalia
- That weather conditions improve
- For peace in the region
- That new funding sources are found

THANK YOU

World Vision believes God has called us to walk alongside families whose lives have been upended by conflict and disasters. Your generosity helped improve the health and well-being of thousands of children and their families in Somalia's Hirshabelle and Jubaland states. Thank you for making a real difference in their lives and reminding them they are not forgotten.



Two of Ayan's 12 children fill water cans carried on a four-hour journey to get clean water. Thankfully, the family, which used to have plentiful livestock, still has a donkey that can carry the heavy containers. Many families don't have that luxury, Ayan said. "Some families had to move to other areas where there was rain." Her children used to regularly enjoy meat and milk at mealtimes, but now, "They get very little," she said. Meals consist of just sorghum and water, which, without making the long trek to a safer source, often makes them sick.



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