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Front Cover: Binti Abubakar Yussuf together with her daughter, Faiza



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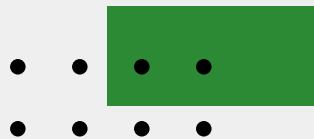


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ABOUT US

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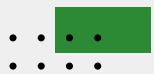
Justice, peace, and prosperity in the Horn of Africa

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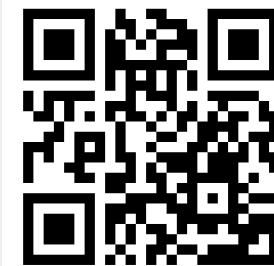
To promote sustainable peace and human development amongst vulnerable communities in the Horn of Africa through the advancement of social justice, economic resilience, and climate change adaptation.

Our Core Values:

- Accountability and Transparency
- Inclusivity
- Efficiency
- Independence and neutrality
- Integrity
- Professionalism



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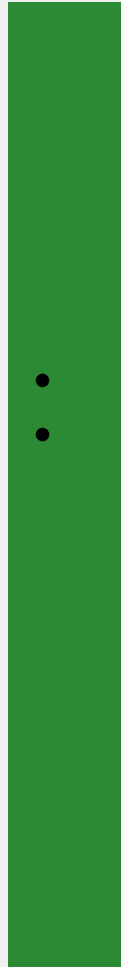
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WHERE WE WORK

MANDERA COUNTY

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- Mandera East Subcounty
- Kiliweheri Subbcounty
- Elwak
- Arabia



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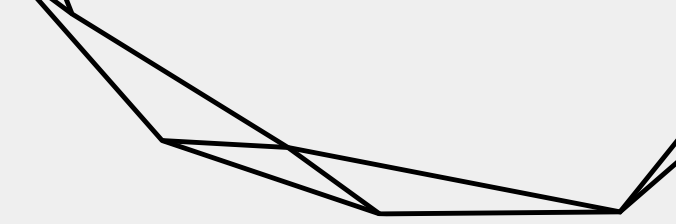
Moi Road, opposite old town mosque, next to NORDA Hotel, Mandera.



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INTRODUCTION



Thank you to the NAPAD Board, staff, partners, donors, and supporters for your invaluable contributions towards advancing our mission. A special shout out to our dedicated staff members, who have adapted effectively and contributed to our response to the multiple crises in the Horn of Africa in the past year.

In 2023, NAPAD worked with vulnerable communities in Mandera County, Kenya all of whom faced some combination of conflict and insecurity, displacement, food insecurity, water scarcity, and the devastating impact of climate change, including the record Horn of Africa drought that was followed by catastrophic flooding. In this reporting period, NAPAD responded to the needs of 137,495 people in Mandera struggling to survive a record drought.

This report provides some snapshots of the impact of NAPAD on the lives of those we supported. Our efforts extended beyond emergency response to encompass vital areas such as infrastructural development, climate change adaptation, water, sanitation, hygiene, co-

mmunity-led peacebuilding and reconciliation, nutrition, and multipurpose cash assistance programs.

Central to our approach is our deep commitment to community engagement. By actively involving community members in the design and implementation of our programs, we have not only ensured the relevance and sustainability of our initiatives but also fostered a sense of ownership among the beneficiaries.

However, our journey has not been without its challenges. The ever-evolving dynamics of the region in which we operate, compounded by external factors, have tested our resilience. Through dedication, innovation, and adaptability, we have continued to serve those who need our support the most in Mandera County.

Looking forward, NAPAD remains committed to its mission of promoting sustainable peace and human development amongst vulnerable communities in the Horn of Africa through the advancement of social justice, economic empowerment and Climate

change adaptation.

Our achievements are a testament to the unwavering support of our donors, partners, and the resilience of the communities we serve.

As always, transparency and accountability are fundamental to our work. NAPAD is committed to maintaining transparency and accountability to our donors, staff, and, most importantly, to the communities we work with. Ensuring accountability is a continuous process, and this annual report is an important part of that process – Thank you!

Best regards,
Dr. Abdullahi Hersi
Executive Director



NAPAD CRITICAL AREA 1: PROMOTING SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR BENEFICIARIES IN THE TARGET COMMUNITIES IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SGDS



WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

NAPAD's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) projects focus on addressing acute water shortage and poor access to sanitation facilities and hygiene practices. In Mandera, acute water scarcity is present due to factors such as inadequate and unreliable rainfall, environmental degradation, poor community water management practices, and long distances to available water sources, which put significant strain on the few surface water and underground sources.

At NAPAD we're focused on ensuring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) for every person in every community we work in, including the most vulnerable populations in the hardest-to-reach places in Mandera County.

During the historic 2021-2023 Horn of Africa drought that affected more than 5 million people in Kenya, with five consecutive failed rainy seasons, more than 400,000 people in the Arid and semi arid regions were forced to move from their homes in search of lifesaving assistance (IOM). During this period, the region also faced a cholera outbreak that compounded the humanitarian crisis

The outbreak was exacerbated by the scarcity clean water, insufficient health structures, and inadequate sanitation infrastructure, amplifying the vulnerability of communities already struggling with the devastating impacts of the prolonged drought.

The Elnino-induced flooding also exacerbated the cholera outbreak and posed a significant threat to public health, furthering the already stretched healthcare systems in the affected areas. According to the UNOCHA, the Elnino-induced flooding impacted 34,845 households and over 9,400 riverine farmers and resulted in the loss of 2,621 livestock, destroying people's livelihoods who are already struggling to recover from the impact of the drought. With limited access to resources and treatment facilities, the outbreak added an additional layer of complexity to the ongoing humanitarian response.

In Mandera county, NAPAD in partnership with the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and with support from Germany Humanitarian Assistance (GFFO), took proactive measures to address the cri-

is through a multisectoral lifesaving project aimed at ensuring the continued delivery of basic services and strengthening the protective environment of displacement affected communities in Mandera County affected by drought and floods.

Community health volunteers played a pivotal role in implementing comprehensive door-to-door campaigns focused on promoting hygiene and sanitation. These efforts successfully reached 43,361 people, delivering crucial messages about water, sanitation, and hygiene. The volunteers also educated community members on crafting a tippy tap using locally available materials to enhance handwashing practices with soap. To reinforce these messages, they utilized visually impactful posters and brochures containing illustrations and simple phrases in the local language, effectively simplifying the understanding of hygiene and sanitation especially on AWDs/cholera prevention and response.

Local radio talk shows hosted on Radio Dawa fe-

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

aturing public health experts from the county ministry of health further provided expert guidelines and knowledge on hygiene best

practices, reaching approximately 350,000 people. The use of local radio also proved to be a valuable medium of passing important information on increasing awareness and interest in improved hygiene to community members in rural areas who have low access to resources and information and are typically far from health centers that support family health.

To complement these efforts, NAPAD distributed Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Non-Food Items (WASH NFIs) to 500 households in Shafshafey, Koromey, Barwaqo and Neboi including jerrycans and buckets with lids, multi-purpose bar soaps, treated mosquito nets, and Aqua tabs for water treatment.

Building on this multisectoral lifesaving project we improved the water, sanitation, and hygiene infrastructure in Koromey and Neboi Health care

centers and in Shafshafey and Khadija Dispensaries in Mandera County.

Key initiatives included the construction of latrines and fully equipped handwashing stations, the rehabilitation of wastewater drainage systems, water storage tanks, water distribution systems, and solar systems, along with the installation of booster pumps to improve the water supply system in the health centres and dispensaries. Notably, in Koromey healthcare dispensary, the rehabilitation of the solar system resulted in the dispensary gaining electricity enabling the refrigeration of vaccines.

Consequently, routine immunization has resume benefiting more than 189 children who now receives life-saving vaccinations at the facility.

To improve access to clean water in the four health care centers, we provided emergency water through water trucking. This ensured a continuous supply of clean water in each facility, supporting essential healthcare services, and upholding

hygiene standards. Consequently, this also safeguards the health and well-being of both patients and staff, while also mitigating the potential risks of disease outbreaks within these health facilities.

These comprehensive measures have demonstrated successes, contributing to a reduction in Acute Watery Diseases (AWD) and cholera cases. NAPAD's commitment to community well-being, coupled with strategic partnerships, is building the resilience of rural communities in Mandera county.

WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Strategic Partnerships

Coordinating Flood Response in Mandera County

In times of disaster, effective leadership and coordination are crucial. NAPAD, in partnership with Action Against Hunger, organized the Mandera County Steering Group meeting to strategize disaster response for affected communities in Mandera County. Chaired by the Deputy Governor and the County Commissioner, the forum united key stakeholders, including representatives from Local NGOs, International NGOs, and various Ministries within the Mandera County Government, stressing the significance of a collaborative approach. This coordinated effort facilitated valuable insights, offering a platform for key stakeholders to discuss and improve collective endeavours in addressing response gaps following the El Niño floods.



Latrines constructed in Koromey Health Care Centre



Lifesaving access to clean water
in Kabo

IMPACT IN NUMBERS



3988 people have access to affordable safe drinking water



500 households received WASH NFIs



45236 people reached with Hygiene Promotion Messages

Total number of solar water pumping systems installed	1
Total number of trained solar power technicians (on O&M)	1
Total Number of institutions supplied with PPEs	4
Total number of healthcare centres - improved WASH infrastructure	4
Total number of wash infrastructures - elevated water Tank	3
Total number of wash infrastructures - plastic water tanks	2
Total number of wash infrastructures - Permanent Latrines	1
Capacity of duty bearers enhanced to deliver inclusive WASH services (WASH Committee Members)	7
Total number of hygiene promoters trained	28



Ongoing immunization at Koromey Health Care Centre



NAPAD CRITICAL AREA 2: ENHANCING THE ECONOMIC RESILIENCE OF THE TARGET COMMUNITIES

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SGDS



NUTRITION

In Mandera, health systems are extremely weak, and communities are often unable to get the help they need to prevent suffering from undernutrition and preventable diseases. Factors contributing to acute malnutrition include ongoing food insecurity caused by prolonged emergencies like droughts and flash floods due to climate change. These reduced food consumption factors, coupled with limited dietary diversity, led to a high prevalence of acute malnutrition, particularly among children under five years old.

The inadequate quality of childcare exacerbates malnutrition issues, especially affecting those living in extreme poverty and facing dry periods during droughts, putting them at a disadvantage from early life. Additionally, local health centers experience stock-outs of essential supplies for managing acute malnutrition, and health and nutrition programs have minimal coverage, further compounding the challenges faced by communities here. NAPAD's nutrition initiatives in Mandera were geared towards enhancing the nutritional well-being of children, pregnant and lactating women, and their families.

We worked in close partnership with the county government, specifically with the County Department of Health. The focus was on community-level interventions necessitating working together with Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) who were a key resource in the implementation process.

These CHVs serve as the primary responders in addressing malnutrition, educating caregivers, especially mothers, on effectively using the Middle Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) tool for malnutrition assessing at home. When malnutrition is detected, immediate steps were taken, including referral to the nearest health facility to ensure timely intervention. A comprehensive approach is adopted, encompassing holistic care and advice from healthcare professionals, leading to enrollment in the supplementary feeding program where necessary. Additionally, The Community Health Volunteers are also actively promoting new norms around feeding practices among mothers and families, cultivating a greater understanding of good

nutrition-related behavior to improve nutrition outcomes for both mothers and children.

In 2023, we accomplished the following: In Mandera County, Kenya, specifically in Mandera East and Kiliwaheri Sub counties, we responded to the 2020-2023 severe drought in the Horn of Africa. With support from Action Against Hunger and EU Humanitarian Aid, we implemented a project whose aim was to improve access to high-quality preventive and life-saving nutrition interventions and to impart knowledge on optimal nutrition.

Additionally, it aimed to strengthen coordination mechanisms for delivering effective emergency responses. This involved contributing to the early identification and intervention of malnutrition cases among children under 5 years old, pregnant women, and lactating mothers. The project also focused on expanding the Family MUAC program, which was implemented directly within households, driven by a dedicated team of trained Community Health Volunteers

NUTRITION

(CHVs).

In the two sub-counties, a total of 60,716 were screened for malnutrition by the community health volunteers. Among them, 242 children under the age of five were effectively treated for moderate or severe malnutrition.

Children identified with acute malnutrition were referred to outpatient therapeutic centers for immediate care, while those with moderate malnutrition were enrolled in the supplementary feeding program, where they received Ready-to-Eat Therapeutic Foods. As a result, 1160 previously malnourished children experienced improved nutritional intake.

An innovative feature of the programme was training the caregivers, especially mothers, about the Family MUAC approach. This is an approach where the mothers were trained and provided with the resources to screen for malnutrition in their children by measuring their MUAC.

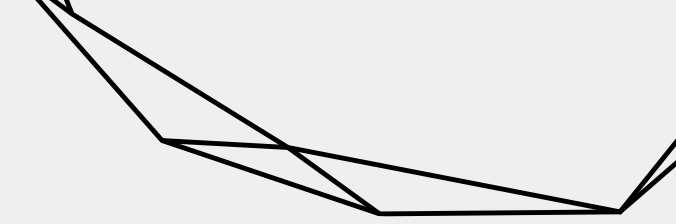
Involving mothers in the nutrition screening activities recognized the fact that they are best

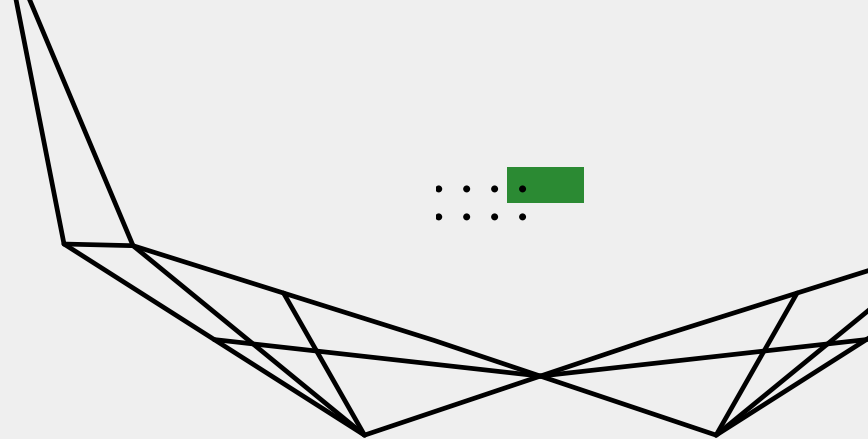
placed to identify early signs of malnutrition and reinforces their role in protecting and promoting their child's health.

In collaboration with the Ministry of Health at the Mandera sub-county and county level, we conducted an intensive six-day training program for twenty-one healthcare workers. This training aimed to strengthen the healthcare system's capacity to handle surges in acute malnutrition cases and maintain high-quality care when treating children with moderate to severe acute malnutrition. Furthermore, the training addressed the management of at-risk mothers and infants under six months of age.

In conclusion through targeted of community-based health and nutrition interventions, we have witnessed tangible improvements in the nutritional status of children. However, the journey towards sustainable nutrition and health outcomes is ongoing, and continued efforts are crucial to ensure lasting impacts. By collaborating with local healthcare providers, community leaders, and

stakeholders, we can further strengthen our initiatives and create a healthier future for the children of Mandera. Together, we can build a resilient community where every child has access to proper nutrition.





IMPACT IN NUMBERS



60,716 children screened for malnutrition



1,160 households with malnourished children with improved nutrition intake.



19,246 of parents/ caregivers practising appropriate Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition



242 children under five successfully treated for moderate or severe malnutrition through (Family Management of Acute Malnutrition (FMAM))



1,680 breastfeeding /lactating /pregnant women screened for malnutrition



4,127 children in the Supplementary Feeding Program





Binti feeds her daughter Faiza Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF)

Success story

PROMOTING ACTION TO END MALNUTRITION IN MANDERA THROUGH THE FAMILY MUAC APPROACH

In July 2023, Faiza, 3 years old, was screened for malnutrition by a community health volunteer in Bulla Geneva, Border Point One (BP-1) location Mandera. Her mother, Binti Abubakar Yussuf, aged 30, shared concerns about Faiza's persistent illness. Despite seeking various affordable medical treatments, Binti was then using simple herbal medicine she had learned to make to treat her daughter. Her family, like many others, was trying to recover from the impact of the severe Horn of Africa drought that had adversely affected their livelihoods. Binti's husband, the primary breadwinner for their household of seven, struggled to provide for their basic needs, forcing her to also look for menial jobs to contribute to her household's income.

Faiza was referred to the Border Point One dispensary, where on arrival, her malnutrition screening by the health care worker revealed a middle-upper arm circumference (MUAC) reading in the yellow zone, indicating moderate malnutrition. At the center, Faiza underwent a two-week program of supplementary feeding, coupled with scheduled follow-up checkups to ensure her full recovery.

With support from Action Against Hunger and EU Humanitarian Aid, NAPAD was able to maintain a stock of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) in eight healthcare centers across Mandera East Sub- County to address cases of malnutrition like Faiza's.

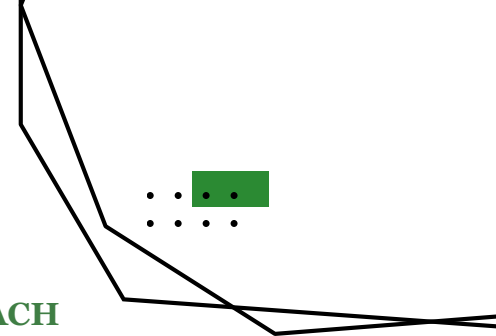
Binti Abubakar joyfully expressed her gratitude, saying, "Before Faiza always looked sad and without energy, but now she is happy, and she even goes out to play with other children." " I am very grateful to NAPAD for their support, and I am very happy for my daughter." She added.

Moreover, the Community Health Volunteers also trained the caregivers, especially mothers, about the Family MUAC approach. This is an approach where the mothers are trained and provided with the resources to screen for malnutrition in their children by measuring their MUAC. Involving mothers in the nutrition screening activities recognizes the fact that they are best placed to identify early signs of malnutrition and reinforces their role in protecting and promoting their child's health.

Binti Abubakar said that from her learning from the community Health Volunteers, she tries to provide her daughter with appropriate complementary feeding using locally available and affordable nutritious foods, such as eggs, vegetables like spinach, and fruits. These efforts extend to her other children as well, promoting her household's overall nutrition.

Mohamed Abdow Mohamed, a healthcare worker at BP1, reported that he had noticed a significant increase in the number of mothers seeking care and treatment for their children and a rise in follow-up sessions, highlighting the project's positive impact.

Through this project, NAPAD has maintained its response to malnutrition among children in Mandera County and has screened 51,000 children under the age of five for malnutrition through Community Health Volunteers.





NAPAD CRITICAL AREA 3: TO IMPROVE THE CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CAPACITY OF TARGET COMMUNITIES

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SGDS



MULTI-PURPOSE CASH AND VOUCHER ASSISTANCE

Multipurpose cash Assistance (MCPA) plays a crucial role in providing humanitarian assistance and supporting vulnerable populations during crises. At NAPAD, we recognize the effectiveness and flexibility of cash-based interventions in meeting the diverse needs of communities affected by emergencies. Our cash and voucher programming initiatives aim to empower individuals and households by providing them with the means to make decisions based on their priorities and preferences, thus enhancing their dignity and resilience.

In the past year, NAPAD with financial support from ECHO and the Kenya Cash Consortium whereby the consortium was spearheaded by ACTED and the ASAL Humanitarian Network (AHN) in partnership with Oxfam and IMPACT, implemented a successful MPCA programme in Mandera County. The goal was to provide multi-purpose cash assistance to crisis-affected households grappling with food insecurity in Funan Teso, Ardai, Basdugdera, Qababuto, Eymole and Khot Khot, situated in Kiliwehiri sub-

county, Mandera County. Through this program, NAPAD provided direct financial assistance to 786 families in need, enabling them to access essential goods and services such as food, shelter, healthcare, and education. By partnering with local markets and vendors, we stimulated economic activity and contributed to the recovery of local economies.

Each family was entitled to three monthly cash transfers, each receiving KES. 10,472 per cycle. This intervention complemented the then ongoing drought response efforts by KCC partners and represented anticipatory early action to respond to crises affecting local communities.

Furthermore, NAPAD's cash and voucher assistance programs have been instrumental in ensuring that vulnerable groups, including women, children, and the elderly, receive targeted support helping to ensure parents in need do not have to sell valuable long-term assets such as livestock simply to make it through. The vouchers are often used to access specific services or goods, such as

food, hygiene kits, or dignity kits, further improving the well-being and livelihoods of beneficiaries.

Additionally, cash and voucher programming allows for quick and efficient responses to emerging needs during emergencies, providing timely assistance to those most affected. By leveraging technology and digital payment systems, we ensure transparency, accountability, and security in the distribution of funds, maintaining the trust of both beneficiaries and donors.

NAPAD also uses cash for work programming, engaging community in the rehabilitation process through cash-for-work programming. Cash-for-work offers short-term employment to unskilled and semi-skilled community members in activities that develop community productive assets such as water supply structures. Cash for Work engagements allow able-bodied vulnerable men and women to earn some income that enables them to meet their basic needs amid the

MULTI-PURPOSE CASH AND VOUCHER ASSISTANCE

socio-economic impact of crises.

Despite some improvements attributed to the October-December 2023 rainy season, the lingering impacts of drought are still affecting livelihoods. Agro-pastoralists remain reluctant to invest back into agriculture after the previous 5 consecutive failed rainy seasons and flash flooding washed away their crops, and many of the households do not have the purchasing power to restock their livestock, whose products are a major source of nutrition, especially for children under the age of five. The Kenya IPC Acute Food Insecurity and Acute Malnutrition Analysis forecast that in January 2024 Mandera will likely remain in IPC AFI Phase 3, highlighting the ongoing need for support.

NAPAD continues to seek your support to effectively reach the vulnerable children and mothers in the hard-to-reach areas with the highest needs in Mandera.



Success story

LIFE-SAVING MULTI-PURPOSE CASH RESPONSE TO CRISIS-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN MANDERA COUNTY

In May 2023, the National Drought Early Warning Bulletin revealed that 17 counties in the ASALs had returned to the normal phase. However, the specter of malnutrition still loomed large due to the prolonged period between drought recovery and food availability.

We met Maryama Ibrahim Alinur, a resilient 30-year-old mother of five living in Funan Teso village, nestled within the Kiliwehiri sub-county of Mandera County. Like many families in the region, her life had been fraught with hardships caused by the relentless droughts that plagued the area between 2020 and 2023.

"The drought has been extremely severe and significantly impacted our daily lives. Before receiving the cash assistance, making ends meet was an uphill battle, especially with the constant care required for my young children and the absence of a stable source of income," Maryama recalled.

But Maryama's story took a hopeful turn when she became part of a transformative initiative led by

NAPAD, with financial support from ECHO and the Kenya Cash Consortium. This consortium spearheaded by ACTED and the ASAL Humanitarian Network (AHN) in partnership with Oxfam and IMPACT, is on a mission to change lives.

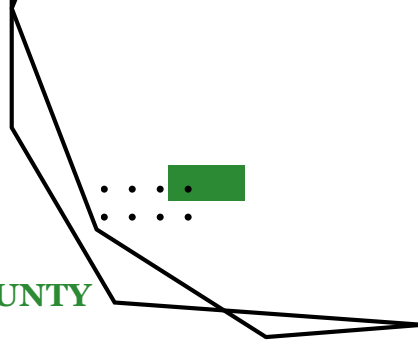
The goal is to provide multi-purpose cash assistance to crisis-affected households grappling with food insecurity in the ASALs. Maryama's village, Funan Teso, and five other locations, namely, Ardaidi, Basdugdera, Qababuto, Eymole, and Khot Khot, situated in Kiliwehiri sub-county, Mandera County, became a focal point for change witnessing the remarkable impact of this initiative.

This initiative is a lifeline for Maryama and 785 other vulnerable households. Each family is entitled to three monthly cash transfers, each receiving KES. 10,472 per cycle. This intervention has complemented the ongoing drought response efforts by KCC partners and represented anticipatory early action to respond to crises affecting local communities.

With gratitude, Maryama shared her newfound hope and optimism, "I feel grateful to Allah for being part of this program, where I have received cash for the past two months. This has made a significant difference in our lives. With the money, I have been able to buy food for my children and ensure they are well-fed. I have also met several other basic needs for my household."

But Maryama's aspirations didn't stop there. She has showcased her determination and resourcefulness by saving some money. With it, she purchased two goats, aiming to secure a sustainable source of milk for her children.

Maryama's story is a testament to the resilience and potential of the communities in the ASALs. With the support of NAPAD and its dedicated partners, families like Maryama's are surviving and thriving, even in the face of adversity. Maryama's dream of providing for her family independently is within reach, thanks to the power of community, resilience, and a helping hand in times of need.





Maryama Ibrahim Alinur Smiles as she receives her mobile money cash transfer



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COMMUNITY-LED PEACEBUILDING AND RECONCILIATION

In the vast landscapes along the Somalia-Kenya border, communities have long grappled with persistent conflicts and insecurity primarily due to competition for scarce natural resources, cross-border insecurity, and lack of access to basic services, which are particularly acute in the Mandera triangle (border region between Somalia, Kenya, and Ethiopia). The impact of climate change has additionally led to intensified competition for the scarce pastures and water for these predominantly pastoralist communities pushing many pastoralist communities towards violent conflict resolution methods, with only about 30% of conflicts resolved peacefully.

Traditional dispute-resolution mechanisms, often led by clan leaders and patriarchal structures, limit the inclusion of women's and children's rights in conflict-resolution processes. NAPAD aims to address these challenges by promoting alternative dispute resolution methods and integrating human rights principles into conflict resolution frameworks.

These efforts focus on preventing conflicts, fostering post-conflict reconciliation, and creating a protective living environment with strong social cohesion. Central to this is building trust within

and between communities, reducing the risk of violence and conflict.

In the first half of 2023, NAPAD trained 200 clan and religious leaders across Beleshawa, Mandera, and Abuduak. In the third quarter, 70 peace committee members from ten targeted villages received training on effective leadership in peacebuilding, alternative conflict resolution methods like mediation and restorative justice, and dialogue facilitation. These methods empower communities to address disputes constructively, maintaining relationships and finding sustainable solutions.

Following the trainings, peace committees facilitated inter clan and intra clan community dialogues, achieving significant milestones. For example; In Abuduak, mediation led by the Landheer and Hukujir Peace Committees peacefully resolving a land dispute involving the Landheer, Hukujir, and Herale communities. Additionally, a hijacking incident due to a clan conflict in Herale was resolved non-violently, and timely intervention by the Peace Committee prevented clashes between the Bengele and Hurshe communities over another land dispute.

NAPAD also enhanced the capacities of 30 peace activists through training on leadership, conflict and stakeholder mapping, action plan development, social reconciliation, and peacebuilding. These programs equip local leaders and activists with the skills necessary for fostering peace and reconciliation within their communities.

A comprehensive peace campaign in Bengele village raised awareness about peaceful conflict resolution and human rights. Peace committees led inter-community and intra-community dialogues with 350 participants, focusing on identifying the root causes of conflicts and exploring peaceful solutions.

These dialogues emphasized inclusivity, actively involving women, youth, marginalized groups, and individuals typically excluded from traditional peace negotiations, fostering understanding, empathy, and mutual respect.

NAPAD also organizes peace tournaments aligned with the International Day of Peace. These football matches not only promote peace but also symbolize unity and cooperation across

COMMUNITY-LED PEACEBUILDING AND RECONCILIATION

borders. The 2023 tournament attracted dignitaries, including the Mandera County Government Officer for Cohesion & Conflict Management and the Head of Social Affairs in Belet Hawa. Over 1,000 spectators, including peace committees and activists, attended. Nur Aadawe, the head of social affairs in Belethawa.

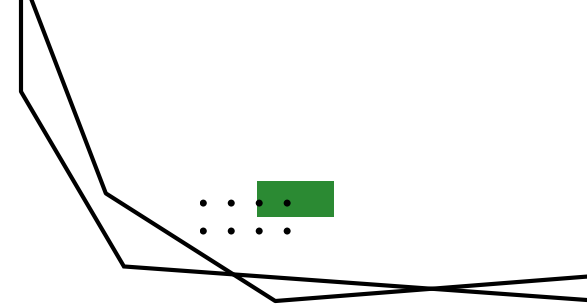
Over 1,000 spectators, including peace committees and activists, attended. Nur Aadawe, the head of social affairs in Belet Hawa, highlighted the tournament's role in bringing communities together, exchanging ideas on peace, and reconciliation.

Sporting events have been used as a means to bring people together through peaceful interactions and indeed, NAPAD's cross-border tournaments are no different. Encouraging the youth to actively participate in and support the promotion of peace and unity among the border communities, which have primarily been experiencing conflicts and insecurity.



Success story

COMMUNITY LED PEACE BUILDING AND RECONCILIATION ALONG THE SOMALIA-KENYA BORDER



To establish comprehensive and sustainable solutions for peacebuilding, reconciliation, and peaceful coexistence, a systematic approach has been implemented in the target communities of Mandera, Belet haawo, and Abudwak. This approach involves the establishment of peace committees, which play vital roles in conflict prevention and resolution. These committees comprise of diverse community and clan members, working together to address conflicts through non-violent means such as dialogue and mediation. This is an initiative implemented by NAPAD in partnership with Terre des Hommes (TdH) with funding from Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to support joint community-led peacebuilding and reconciliation efforts.

“Participating in the peace dialogues provides us with an opportunity to speak face-face with our neighbours and resolve our issues without resorting to violence,” explains Mzee Jibril Farah, a respected 70-year-old elder from BP1 Village who attests to the conflict that has been going on

between the communities. NAPAD, through its peacebuilding and reconciliation campaigns, has successfully brought together 200 clan leaders, religious authorities, and youth activists from 10 communities in the target communities. The community leaders together with the peace committees receive trainings on conflict analysis, non-violent communication, modern conflict resolution such as mediation, reconciliation work, and existing traditional techniques and methods of conflict resolution.

NAPAD has also been able to successfully organize and host peace football tournaments that have attracted widespread participation, particularly among the youth. These tournaments have not only served as a platform to promote peace while raising awareness on issues such as social cohesion, reconciliation, and gender equity, but they have also provided an opportunity for the youth to showcase their talent.

By bringing together thousands of community members, the tournaments create a shared space

where individuals from diverse backgrounds can unite in support of a common cause.

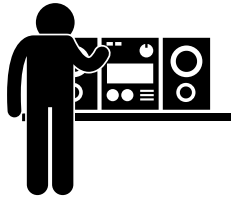
Within this inclusive and harmonious environment, participants and spectators alike engage in dialogue and discussions surrounding various topics. This unique setting encourages open conversations and it encourages continuous interaction and collaboration between the youth and community leaders. put on promoting inclusive peacebuilding, and leadership.

Mohamed, one of the dedicated youth peace activists, highlighted the positive impact of using tools such as dialogue, mediation and radio peace talk shows, in fostering peace among the communities. He also added that, this initiative has not only raised awareness but also empowered young men and women to actively become agents of peace within their respective communities.



Mzee Jibril Farah participating in one of the peace building radio talk shows in Mandera

IMPACT IN NUMBERS



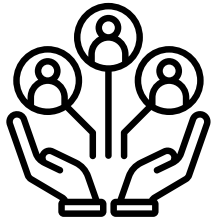
500,000 active radio listeners to radio talk shows



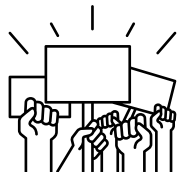
7 teams participating in the Peace Tournaments



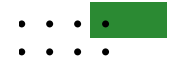
350 people participating in community led peacebuilding and reconciliation forums

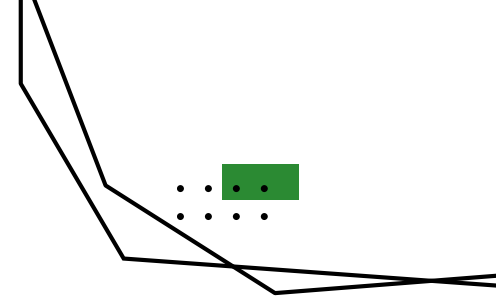


70 members of trained Peace committees



30 trained Peace Activists



Success story**BOOSTING FOOD SECURITY THROUGH IRRIGATION FARMING IN BUR ABOR VILLAGE, MANDERA**

Saadia Mohammed, a determined 35-year-old mother of four, ventured into farming five years ago. She initially leased multiple farms and grew food crops such as maize, which she harvested and sold for profit. She utilized traditional farming methods such as earthen irrigation canals on her leased farms with water supplied from the River Dawa. However, consecutive failed rainy seasons and infestations of the desert locusts and armyworms later forced her to limit her farming efforts to a small farm near her home in Bur Abor village, Mandera East Sub-County, Mandera County. The little that was harvested in recent years, Saadia reported it was all consumed by her family.

Saadia Mohammed is one of 50 farmers who have been positively impacted by an agricultural livelihood development project implemented by Nomadic Assistance for Peace and Development (NAPAD) in partnership with Medico International (MI) and funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The project aims to improve food security and increase income for small scale farmers through the promotion of climate-smart subsistence agriculture.

The project established an irrigation water supply infrastructure which comprises a shallow well-constructed near the river, and the installation of a solar-powered water pumping system to pump water to an elevated water tank that stores 60,000L of water from the shallow well. The project has also laid pipework which has greatly improved the ease of water redistribution to the irrigated farm.

The project also provided the farmers with farm inputs and high-quality seeds who are now actively growing maize, fodder, sudan grass and sorghum, all of which have a ready market.

"When NAPAD started supporting us, the land was nothing more than a dry, rocky wasteland covered in shrubs and thorny vegetation," Mama Saadia reminisced. *"But with their help, we were able to clear more land, plough it, and plant crops. Now, it's a thriving farm, and we couldn't be more grateful."* As an alternative to traditional farming practices by smallholder farmers, NAPAD continues to promote climate-smart agriculture, agroforestry, and integrated pest and disease management to the farmers. The project also organizes farmers' field days that provide skill transfer and mentoring to farmers through agricultural extension services which have led to

improved agricultural productivity.

"Before receiving training on climate-smart agriculture from NAPAD, my approach to farming was very simple," Mama Saadia stated. *"I would plant maize seeds, wait for the rain, weed my farm, and hope I would get a good harvest. But since NAPAD introduced us to irrigation farming, I try to incorporate what they teach us while farming to improve the farm yield."*



Saadia Mohammed smiles as she stands on her farm where she grows sorghum.



CRITICAL AREA 4: STRENGTHENING OF NAPAD INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SGDS



ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

In 2023, our newly launched website became operational. It features a modern and user-friendly design, simplifying the process of accessing relevant information. Whether you're using a desktop, tablet, or smartphone, our website adjusts seamlessly to your device, ensuring a consistent and enjoyable browsing experience. Within the website, visitors can explore updated content, captivating visuals, and valuable resources that mirror our commitment to NAPAD's core values, mission, and objectives in supporting vulnerable communities across Somalia, Mandera, and Ethiopia.

The website offers enhanced features, including a Complaints and Feedback section that seamlessly integrates a space for sharing comments and suggestions, with the flexibility to switch between seven languages. It provides insights into our operational areas and facilitates easy navigation. Users can also take advantage of improved functionalities, such as a dedicated platform for making secure donations.

Through a crowd fundraising facility, along with various other features meticulously designed to

enhance interaction with our humanitarian aid and development initiatives. We invite you to visit our website at napad-int.org today and explore these enhancements firsthand.

Furthermore, as part of its capacity-building efforts, NAPAD enhanced its team's proficiency in supporting resource mobilization and streamlining the proposal development process. To achieve this, our Resource Mobilization and Donor Compliance director conducted an internal training program focused on concept and proposal development. This training consisted of three sessions and targeted all program staff across NAPAD. The objective was not only to improve our fundraising capabilities for sustaining NAPAD's projects but also to reinforce our organizational structures to align with partner and donor requirements. Moreover, this initiative played a crucial role in developing essential functional capacities necessary for the long-term sustainability of NAPAD's humanitarian and developmental initiatives.

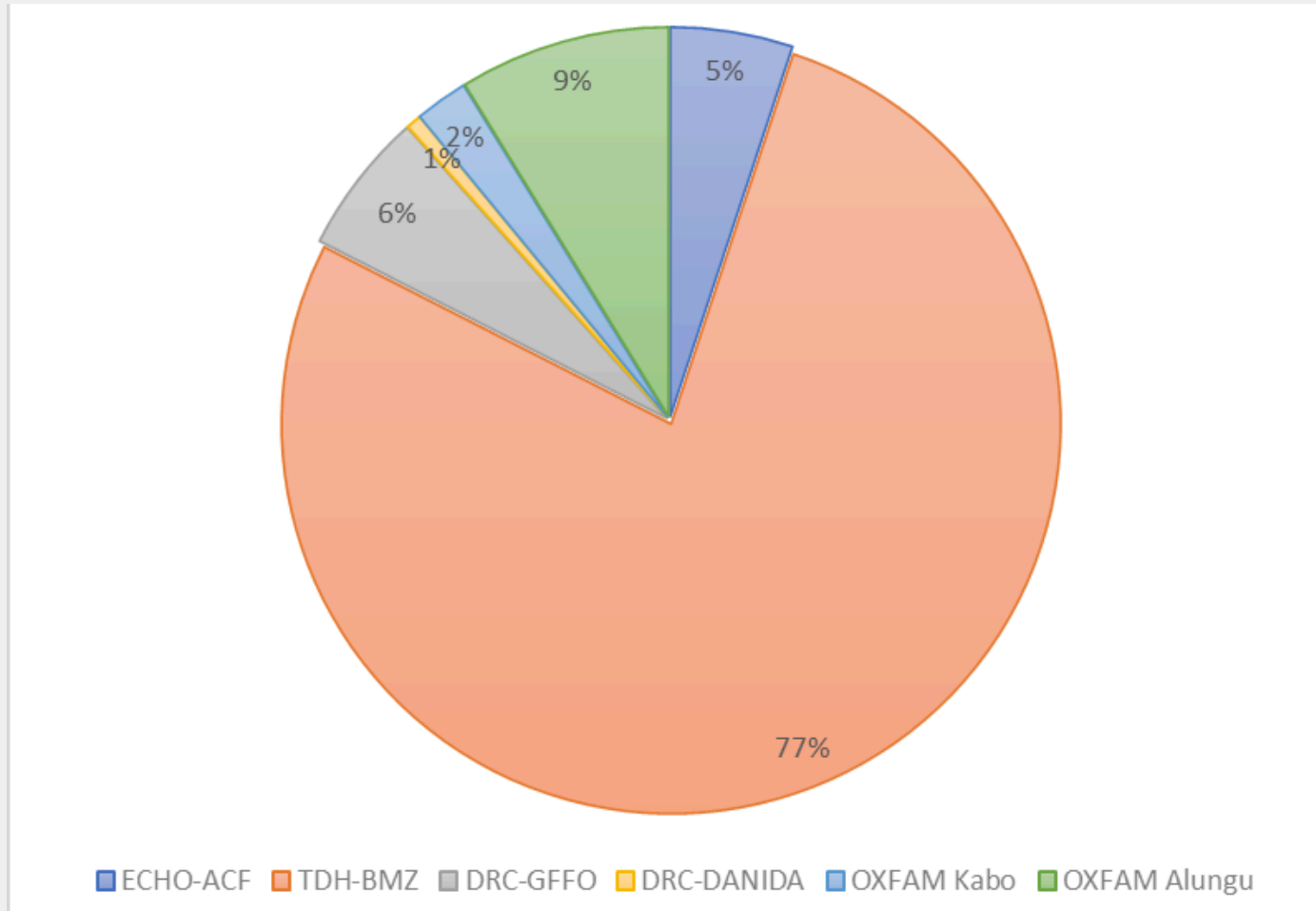
Additionally, staff members received training on DigitalFundraising, complementing our traditional

fundraising methods. These capacity-building initiatives were supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) Civil Society Engagement Project. This project was designed to establish a replicable model that supports the sustainability of equitable and strategic civil society partners.

NAPAD is dedicated to nurturing a culture of learning and ongoing skill development among its staff members. This is achieved through internal mentorship programs, workshops, seminars, and certifications aimed at enhancing staff development and knowledge enrichment.



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