







### ABOUT US

### At a glance

Inspired by a story of a young mother who felt hopelessness after being cast off by her partner and her own family, Candle of Hope Foundation (COHF) was founded by a group of women with vast experience in humanitarian and development mission to offer hope to the voiceless and hopeless by assisting them find a safe and secure warm shelters, household livelihoods and optimistic future.

### Insight to who we are

Candle of Hope Foundation (COHF) is a multinational NGO that operates both nationally and regionally across East Africa. We are a multi-faceted women led organization that has been operational in Somaliland and Kenya since 2016 implementing humanitarian & development initiatives through community-initiated programs that enhance empowerment, sustainability and resilience. COHF which has its main offices in Nairobi (Kenya), and Hargeisa (Somaliland) promotes initiatives in various sectors including Anti-human trafficking and smuggling of migrants(SOM) initiatives, Health and Nutrition, Education, Livelihoods, Governance (Peace Building, women and Youth Empowerment) and Inclusive Initiatives targeting people with disabilities and HIV/AIDS.

COHF takes a participatory approach to project implementation. We work with communities to identify core needs and seek ways and means of solving the issues identified through citizenry public participation model. We are committed to meeting international standards of quality and accountability in all our activities. All programs are geared towards benefiting the target community in the long run by abiding with the principle of Do no Harm without hampering progress none the less.

The organization has invested in policies as a guide for institutional operations, in specific with regards to our purpose, target beneficiaries, scope and what we expect to accomplish.

### Our Mission

To create inclusive communities that can drive their development agenda through participatory, transformative and innovative approaches.

### Our Vision

To be the lead organization to promote community driven development initiatives that enhance empowerment, sustainability and resilience.

### Core Values

- ✓ Respect for humanity, cultural diversity and sensitivity,
- ✓ Integrity
- ✓ Transparency & Accountability
- ✓ Democracy
- ✓ Gender Equality
- ✓ Inclusivity and Equity

# OUR PRESENCE

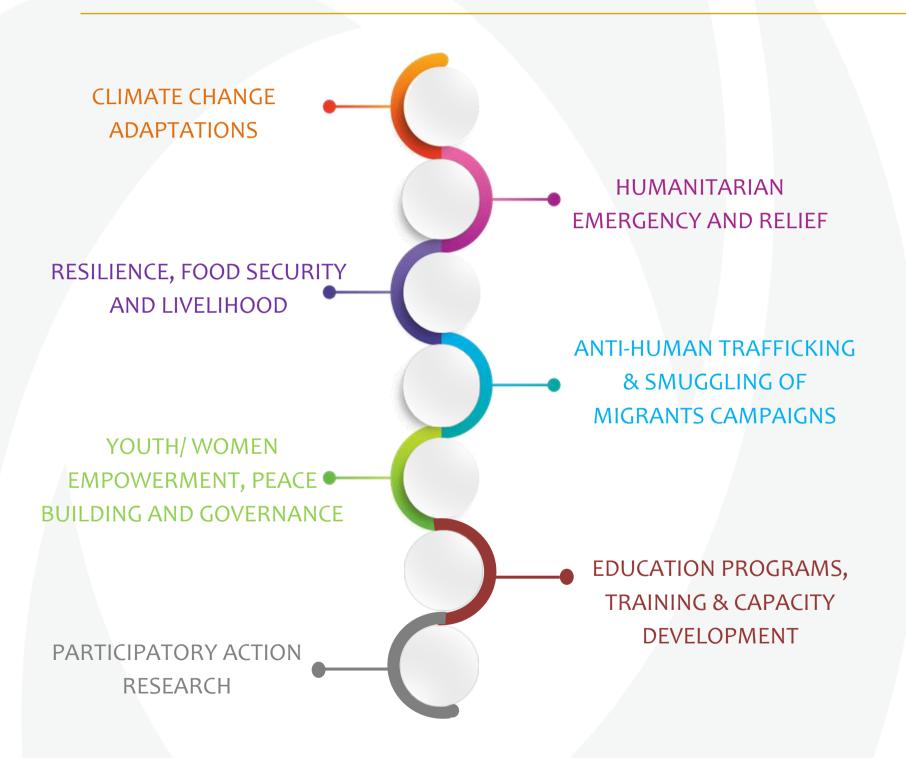
COHF has its presence across Somaliland and Kenya. In recent years, our organization has achieved significant growth, both in terms of the number of beneficiaries we target as well as the overall partner collaborations in the regional Humanitarian Aid sector.

COHF has its head and field offices in Nairobi, Busia, Kajiado, Makueni, Kitui, Turkana, Isiolo, Moyale, Wajir, Marsabit, Mandera and Garissa, in Kenya as well as in Hargeisa, Berbera, Burco and Owdweyne, all in Somaliland





### THEMATIC AREAS



### **CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATIONS**

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With the growing impacts of climate change existing threats to safety and resilience are being significantly exacerbated, tremendously increasing the vulnerability of those already at risk. Areas of particular concern include communities with vulnerable livelihoods, food and environmental insecurity, HIV/AIDS, gender inequalities, weak security and governance, lack of infrastructure and education, and lack of access to appropriate resources and capacities.

Experience has shown that safety and resilience can be addressed most effectively by building communities' capacities to reduce their vulnerabilities to hazards, recognizing that risk is ultimately driven by the combination of the hazard environment and vulnerabilities to those hazards. Without addressing the vulnerability side of the equation, community exposure to natural hazards cannot be reduced in a sustainable way that contributes to resilience. Communities must also be willing to ground their efforts in the broader risk context, otherwise distributional issues between communities may arise.

To achieve this, COHF has been in forefront in promoting Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) in partnership with FAO & CBOs (Community Based Organizations) in our areas of operation as an integrated approach to managing landscapes—cropland, livestock, forests and fisheries--that address the interlinked challenges of food security and climate change. Besides it promotes establishment and management of tree nurseries and promoting sustainable agroforestry. Agroforestry practices integrate diverse trees or shrubs with crops and livestock. In particular, pastures with trees can sequester five to 10 times more carbon than treeless areas of the same size. Farmers can also be more productive by growing crops and raising livestock simultaneously using significantly less land. Diversifying crops and including livestock on these lands can give farmers additional sources of income and reduce the risks to livelihoods caused by climate change and unpredictable weather



### HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY AND RELIEF

### HEALTH, NUTRITION AND SUSTENANCE

COHF endeavors to strengthen access to maternal health and nutrition services to the vulnerable communities. We use internationally recognized community-based peer education platform to build community capacity to address undernutrition and other key causes of mortality among children under five years. COHF also links with other sectors, including WASH and Food Security & Livelihoods intervention focusing on social safety nets, care for child development (CCD) to address the underlying causes of poor health in order to improve hygiene practices that reduce cognitive underdevelopment and undernutrition.

COHF health program provides treatment of communicable and non-communicable diseases as well as Maternal and child health.



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### WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) are critically important for communities affected by disaster and conflict. COHF works to improve hygiene practices and increase access to safe, sustainable water and sanitation services. COHF helps families to gain equitable access to safe water through rehabilitation and installation of water systems that meet family and livelihood needs.

COHF also trains Water User Committee members and caretakers from the local community to operate, and maintain these water systems. This helps to ensure that the water systems are serviceable every time and regularly thereafter

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### FOOD AND NON-FOOD ITEM ASSISTANCE

COHF delivers food and non-food items assistance to communities affected by food insecurity. Our food assistance programming includes population-wide distributions, school feeding and nutrition support. We respond directly or through support from our partners. We work in close collaboration with other actors and the affected communities and government authorities, prioritizing protection and the needs of the most vulnerable, and promoting meaningful, community-led engagement.

COHF provides essential Non Food items (NFI) to vulnerable populations affected by conflict or natural disasters as part of its first line emergency response. COHF also considers the use of cash transfers as a modality to provide timely and relevant assistance, as well as enabling people with purchasing flexibility



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### PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE VICTIMS

COHF works in some of the most volatile areas of Kenya and Somaliland to protect victims of violence. We are committed to creating and maintaining an environment which promotes core value of human dignity and prevents abuse.

To ensure that we hold ourselves to the utmost standards, we have rigorous systems in place to ensure that community members can report harassment and safeguarding concerns, protected from the threat of retaliation. In partnership with the local authorities and our affiliates we conduct thorough assessment which may include investigation leading to appropriate action by the appropriate local authorities.

### RESILIENCE, FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

### CASH FOR WORK INTERVENTIONS

COHF is helping communities in Somaliland to recover from natural disasters and conflict to generate income by rehabilitating their productive assets and enhancing their resilience. Our group-based approach that is gender responsive and conflict sensitive, COHF engages young men and women on cash for works as the preferred alternative livelihood option. The approach helps locals build sustainable livelihoods through a phased process of recovery, rebuilding and long-term growth.

Our approach also promotes systemic change where we support improving the existing infrastructures such as water catchments to improve water security and building other extension sustainable setups such as contour bands to mitigate soil erosion.





### AGRICULTURAL INPUTS DISTRIBUTION

COHF assists vulnerable agricultural communities in Somaliland to pull through from natural disasters, restore their productive lands and engage with markets on equitable terms. We support the transfer of new and improved agricultural practices by providing access to seeds, tools, trainings and extension services.

Using a group-based approach, COHF encourages subsistence farmers to embrace commercial farming as the ideal livelihood option. This helps direct their focus away from conflicts and towards productive income generating activities.

### CASH AND LIVESTOCK INPUT DISTRIBUTION

COHF is facilitating pastoralist communities in Somaliland build their resilience against drought and other natural calamities.

Our line of initiative helps vulnerable pastoralists through provision of livestock inputs such as Mazzicans and animals feed blocks. Livestock owners also gain access to veterinary services through our well trained, equipped and supervised Community Animal Health staff.

Through an innovative program, our field officers provide technical and extension services to herders, while also building their technical and management capacity. This helps vulnerable pastoral communities transition from dependence on emergency relief to engaging in a vital role in their recovery and prosperity.



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### CASH AND FISHERIES INPUT DISTRIBUTION

COHF is training communities living in the coastal areas of Somaliland to engage in new and improved fishing techniques, preservation methods, hygiene as well as nutritional practices so as to build sustainable livelihoods and healthy long-term growth. We also support the Fishery groups by providing access to cash transfers, modern tools and extension services to enhance fish quality and group earnings hence helping them switch from dependence on emergency relief to engaging in sustainable economic activities.

Through this initiative also, our field staffs provide practical and supervisory services to fishery groups while enhancing their technical capacity, coping mechanisms and mitigating the effect of climate change.

### WADATASHI IYO HORUMAAR ('let's talk, dialogue and succeed together'



In June 2022, COHF partnered with; Focus Women Foundation (the funding partner) to implement a livelihood support project in Eastleigh, Nairobi. The project objective is to enhance households' income of marginalized women through Income generating activities (IGAs) and capacity building on access to basic social services rights in Eastleigh, Nairobi Kenya with the primary target groups being vulnerable women living in Eastleigh, widows and women heading households.

The project envisages the following results:

- Increased and more consistent household income and improved employment opportunities for women and girls. To achieve this, 10 women IGA groups were created and trained in business management, financial and procurement procedures and record keeping, technical aspects of IGAs, sales and marketing. Cash grants were transferred to the 10 IGA groups.
- Increased access to financial services, basic rights and justice for the women and girls. To achieve this, we facilitated improved capacity of the 100 women in cash management, savings, and investment. Existing groups also accessed basic rights like licensing and permits for small scale businesses

During the project we conducted proper Mobilization, Sensitization. Identification and Selection of beneficiaries was also done after assessing level of vulnerability of the selected communities. Trainings was conducted on Group Formation, Access to Basic Social Services, Business Training (Start-ups and upscale) for the 100 Selected Beneficiaries. We also distributed Cash Grants in support of the IGA.

### ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING & SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS CAMPAIGNS

### PREVENTION, PROTECTION AND REINTEGRATION

#### Prevention

COHF uses value-based trainings targeting trafficking hotspots as a principal tool to prevent a possible trafficking occurrence.

### Rescue. Protection and Prosecution

We regularly collaborate with the law enforcement officials to conduct joint rescue operations. COHF also works with the identified shelter homes to provide a safe and healing environment for the rescued victims while offering psychosocial support and therapeutic programs to aid the healing process. To ensure that victims find justice, we cooperate with relevant agencies for investigations and prosecution of the perpetrators

### Rehabilitation and Re-integration

In order to prevent re-exploitation of rescued victims, COHF offers life-



human trafficking.

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requisite understanding and skills to effectively handle cases of

level inter-state coordination and multi-sectoral approach to address

the issue. Additionally, we always conduct sensitization workshops for the media, public transport actors, law enforcers, judges, prosecutors and Child Welfare Committee members to equip them with the

### WOMEN/ YOUTH EMPOWERMENT, PEACE BUILDING &GOVERNANCE

### WOMEN AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

This program empowers and creates a space for women, and youth to advocate for their rights and strengthen their social organizations. The also program focuses on women's economic and political empowerment, their reproductive health rights concentrating on FGM and teenage pregnancy.

In addition, the program promotes women and youth in combating violence extremism with focus on the prevention measure

On cross cutting themes we enhance Protection through conducting Research on Community Behavior Change & Communication (CBCC) and by conducting Capacity building to Communities and State Agencies.



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### PEACE BUILDING AND SOCIAL GOVERNANCE

COHF believes that peacebuilding and social governance are related, the lack of former makes the latter impossible to realize and vice versa. Therefore, COHF tries to initiate sustainable development projects in tandem with its peacebuilding efforts. COHF supports communities to reconnect and build resilience in the face of the catastrophic impact of conflict-related trauma. Social cohesion requires more than the absence of conflict. It calls for the reknitting of social ties severed by violence.

COHF integrates trauma awareness, stress management and social cohesion training into livelihoods activities. This helps to build the ability of individuals to manage stress and reduce conflict.

### EDUCATION PROGRAMS, TRAINING & CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

### ACCESS TO EDUCATION PROGRAM

COHF assists children who are educationally disadvantaged through our Access to Education Program (AEP). AEP in particular target children who miss out of formal education due to conflict related challenges (IDPs, Refugees/Returnees) or marginalized groups such as nomadic communities with emphasis given to promoting participation of girl child in basic education.

We are working closely with key agents of change, such as teachers, school heads and management committees to develop innovations that improve the quality of education.

To encourage learners to stay in school, we also have assimilated a school feeding programs to ensure a supportive and nurturing environment for the underserved children.



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### TRAINING & CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

COHF provides support to institutions, civil society organizations and other stakeholders in developing capacity on mainstreaming sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), its prevention, risk mitigation and response strategies.

We also focus on awareness raising against the risks of female genital mutilation (FGM) and its health consequences. We usually target religious, local and administrative leaders as opinion makers to influence the community against the harmful effects of FGM.

### PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH

### OUR APPROACH TO LEVERAGING RESEARCH FOR ENHANCED

### HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Candle of Hope Foundation (COHF) serves as a beacon of hope in the challenging humanitarian landscape of Arid and Semi-Arid Regions (ASALs) in Kenya and Somaliland, addressing issues such as poverty, conflict, and natural disasters. This profile emphasizes COHF's reliance on research as a foundation for its humanitarian response, tailoring interventions based on comprehensive needs assessments and contextual nuances. The foundation employs data-driven decision-making, engaging in community participation through participatory research methods and ensuring ongoing monitoring and evaluation for accountability. COHF collaborates across sectors, fostering innovation and adaptation to emerging challenges, and strategically uses research findings for advocacy and policy influence.

In summary, COHF showcases the transformative power of research in driving informed and effective humanitarian action, contributing to sustainable development and resilience-building in communities facing complex challenges in Kenya and Somaliland.



### OUR APPROACH

### PROJECT DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION:

COHF adopts a participatory and consultative approach to project design and implementation. Each project commences with a thorough needs assessment. This is aimed at understanding the community needs so as to facilitate implementation of programs that address those needs as appropriate. The community and the local administrative structures are involved in projects designing and implementation to create an ownership of the projects for sustainability at all levels.

During the project implementation, community mobilization and sensitization is an on-going process throughout the projects circle and the local community actively participates in the entire processes and in this way, it builds the local community's capacity to initiate, implement, monitor, evaluate and sustain the projects.

### MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

COHF has a robust M&E framework that clearly indicates goals, outputs and outcome inbuilt in each project before the commencement of a project and assigns responsibilities to specific staffs in the organization.

COHF uses the USAID and UN monitoring and evaluation toolkits as guideline in its M&E approach. Each project is designed to include pre-project monitoring, mid-level monitoring during the project and an end line evaluation at the end of each project.

Each project & activity seeks to incorporate the objectives of the National Government, donors, beneficiaries, and COHF. This all- inclusive approach ensures that all parties are involved in the M&E process. Reports are generated to document the progress and are acted upon appropriately. This M&E process will evaluate project progress, resource utilization, sustainability & level of community involvement & contribution.

### MAINSTREAMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

COHF mainstreams climate change adaptation in all her programs and projects. The Climate Mainstreaming adaptation entails integrating climate risks and actions into development planning across all our thematic areas and from the national to the grassroots level. This is essential for making development more resilient to climate change. One of our major achievements is ensuring continued build the capacity of our beneficiaries on Good Agronomic Practices and Agroforestry among other climate smart farming practices. Of great significance is training the farmers, communities and institutions in our areas of operation on tree nurseries establishment and management, tree planting to enhance vegetation cover as a major way to mitigate climate change and the adverse effects of global warming. We endeavor to partner and collaborate with both state and non-state actors in the fight on climate change by each year holding major tree planting days and events to realize our motto "one tree at time to make Kenya and Somaliland green"

# OUR CAPACITY

### HUMAN RESOURCES

COHF has a well-defined and functional internal organizational structure. COHF works through a number of well resourced (staff, infrastructure, equipment's) field offices. Policy and strategic guidance, leadership and oversight are offered by a diverse and competent Board of Directors (BOD).

COHF has heavily invested in staff training and capacity enhancement at all levels ensuring that its staffs are not only knowledgeable but also well equipped to perform and cope with arising challenges effectively as per the international standards.

### FINANCIAL PLANNING

Coupled with a robust finance policy, COHF has a tamper-proof accounting system that has checks and balances ensuring that financial decisions aren't made by one designated officer.

There are in-built internal controls plus a quarterly internal audit that is mandatory. COHF retains the services of an accredited auditor responsible for annual audit its books.

### ORGANIZATIONAL CAPABILITY

COHF is committed to meeting international standards of quality and accountability in all its activities. All programs are geared towards benefiting the target community in the long run without hampering progress none the less. COHF has a robust and dedicated team of professionals who undertake their tasks with zeal and enthusiasm aimed at setting and establishing standards that are a replica of efficiency and Success.

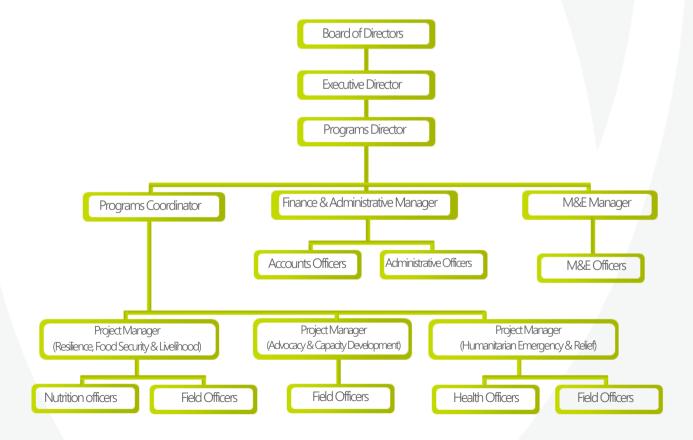
### COMMUNICATION AND LOGISTICS

All COHF offices are equipped with GSM Phones & Internet access. A communication policy sets guideline for both internal and external communication. A fully-fledged department handles all logistics issues to ensure that all organization resources and needs are met according. All these are set to acceptable standards.

### STAFFING

Contract Type	Title	Area of Expertise	<b>Duty Station</b>
National	Project Managers/ Coordinators	Overall management of the project and Smooth running and coordination of day to day activities and reporting of the project	Nairobi/ Somaliland offices
Fixed-term	Admin/ Finance	All the administrative work and Financial activities and reporting	Nairobi/ Somaliland offices
Casuals	Field Supervisors	Responsible for checking and reporting on the progress of the project.	Nairobi/ Somaliland offices
Daily Laborers	Foremen	Listing the workers and workload measurement for each beneficiary.	Nairobi/ Somaliland
Volunteers	Interns project management	Project development, evaluation & monitoring	Nairobi office

### ORGANOGRAM



## ACHIEVEMENTS

In partnership with FAO, we successfully completed Cash for work activities and Unconditional cash transfer in Berbera District between August 2018 and June 2019 targeting 800 Households In a project funded by FAO, we successfully distributed cash and fisheries input to 800 Households in Berbera District between July 2020 and March 2021

FISHERIES

PROJECTS

In collaboration with Trace Kenya we implemented a Better Migration Management (BMM) project supported by European Union and German commission through GIZ. The project which was implemented between January 2021 and June 2022 targeted various actors in the public transport sector with an aim of coming up with a communication strategy to disseminate information in the prevention campaign human trafficking in Kenya.

ANTI-HUMAN

TRAFFIKING

PREVENTION

We successfully distributed Cash transfers and Agricultural inputs in Owdweyne District, between April, 2022 and Sept, 2022. The project which targeted 1550 Households, was funded by FAO

We partnered with FAO to distribute cash and livestock input to 840 Households in Berbera District between February 2020 and October 2021

LIVESTOCK

PROJECTS

UNCONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFERS

AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS

We successfully distributed cash and livestock input to 600 Households in Berbera District between October 2021 and March 2022. The project was

funded by FAO

In collaboration with FAO, we distributed Agricultural Inputs and Tractor hours to farmers in Burco and Owdweyne Districts which benefited 2337 households between April 2021 and October 2021

We implemented a Cash for work project in partnership with FAO and successfully distributed Unconditional cash transfer in Berbera District between August 2018 and June 2019 targeting 800 Households In partnership with FAO, we successfully distributed cash and fisheries input to 400 Households in Berbera District between August 2019 and June 2020.

We are currently working in partnership with Focus Women Foundation in a project dubbed "Waadatashi iyo Hoorumar" (Let's Talk, Dialogue and Succeed Together). The project which began in June 2022 aims to contribute towards women empowerment through social dialogue on social protection

WOMEN

EMPOWERMENT

### INSPIRATIONAL SUCCESS STORIES

We selected a few testimonials from beneficiaries that have inspired us to strive even more to attain our objective; to promote empowerment, sustainability and resilience to issues affecting the vulnerable members of the communities



"Since I was selected as one of the beneficiaries of this fisheries project, my life and that of my family has tremendously improved. With the monthly cash I have been receiving, I have bought appropriate fishing tools that have enhanced my source of livelihood.

I am also more informed on how to better handle fish and how to preserve them. Secondly before I forget, I would like to thank Candle of Hope Foundation for teaching us how to cook fish properly and the importance of nutritious and healthy meals.

I believe that right now I can no longer depend on handouts for survival"

- Warsame Ismaciil Axmed - Berbera, Somaliland

"I was practicing Nomadic pastoralism before this livestock project intervention. Almost all of my animals died due to prolonged drought and water scarcity and animal feeds. As a result, I had debts that I had incurred to purchase food. After the intervention, my animals' health improved due to the supplement feeding because of using range cubes that I received. My animals were dewormed, they have improved in their health and I hardly experienced death in my animals. Thanks to this project for I acquired knowledge and skills on nutrition and food safety. I am also able to handle milk well and reduce chances of its contamination. I met my short-term food needs through the cash transfers that I received from FAO directly to my phone. Thank you so much for this intervention"



### - Maryan Cilm Muuse - Tuulo Barwaago, Somaliland



"Prior to the intervention, I had lost most of my livestock to diseases. Since it's our only source of livelihood, my family was left in a crumbling state: my children were unable to go to school due to lack of school fees whereas also due to food shortage and proper healthcare, they became weak and malnourished. However, since the beginning of the project, we have received livestock inputs, nutrition trainings and cash interventions. I believe that I'm now more resilient and the animals' health has also improved since they were dewormed and supplied with feeder supplements.

We are so grateful."

- Adna Hindi Nuur - Berbera, Somaliland

""Being of Somali origin it's not easy to be a woman, it's a great responsibility and commitment to be a mother, it's a challenge to be an exemplary child, you need compassion to be a sister and it's a sacrifice to demand your rights! I went through all this in my life, which has had its challenges, but I found the strength to succeed.

The development of women's entrepreneurship in urban areas is an opportunity for the economic empowerment of women. Entrepreneurship offers a woman the opportunity to fight for herself, to be strong and to be independent

I stay in Eastleigh and I am a mother of 6 children and a widow. Eastleigh is a neighbourhood in Nairobi, Kenya. It is located east of the central business district. It is known for its business prowess, as well as "its poor infrastructure. Eastleigh is almost entirely inhabited by Somalis, except for a few indigenous residents. The suburb's commercial sector is likewise dominated by Somalis, with most if not all businesses owned by the Somali community. Somalis have invested heavily in the enclave.

Businesses in the suburb range from small stalls to shopping malls and night lodges, and all feature Somali names such as Tawakal, Mogadishu, Qaran and Halal. Products are typically imported from Mogadishu and Dubai, and include designer clothing, jewellery and even camel milk. Starting in late 2012, a mass exodus of Somali residents was reported after a prolonged period of harassment by the Kenyan police and public. Hundreds of Somali entrepreneurs withdrew their savings from their bank accounts, with the intention of reinvesting most of that money back home in Somalia. The collective departures most affected Eastleigh's real estate sector, as landlords struggled to find Kenyans able to afford the high rates of the apartments and shops vacated by the Somalis.

Lack of information and skills, administration, infrastructure and harassment by the city councils officials, lack of capital are some of the obstacles I encountered as a beginner in business. I needed to master the market trends and dynamics in Eastleigh, communication, to deal with customers, be ready to respond to the demands of doing a small business in an environment dominated by heavy investors in the malls and stalls.

Thanks to Candle of Hope Foundation, through the project "Waadatashi Iyo Hoorumar" whose objectives are Increased and more consistent household income and improved employment opportunities for women and girls and increased access to financial services, basic rights and justice for the women and girls.

Since inception of the project in June, we have been organized in groups of 10 women per group and the progress has been impressive. From the on-going trainings on group formation, dynamics and governance, we have improved significantly in conducting our group business than before. We have embraced technology and we have formed whatsapp groups that include and accommodate every one of us. We share our concerns, challenges, fears and problems we are facing as a family where we feel more fulfilled and satisfied. I am planning future investments to improve our camel meat production, diversify our fruits and vegetable selling businesses that in next phase we do not depend on anyone. I work as much as I can and when I can. I have the full support of my family. It is not an easy job, especially during this time Kenya has been going through the electioneering period amid COVID-19 effects, but I have a strong will and when you love your job you can find time for everything.

I want to tell all women from our groups and of Somali origin that they should fight for themselves use all the opportunities that are given to them, become independent and improve their financial situation. It is a special satisfaction when you can prove to yourself and also to others that you can make life better.

In addition to the business, I want to highlight the fact of being active in the civil sector: by becoming members of the business community as women association which brings us together. When we are together we fight for the economic betterment of women, for preserving cultural heritage, for promoting our region, for preserving old crafts, etc. Membership in associations is very important for us as women because it gives us the opportunity to spend time together, to go to fairs together, to promote our own products, to exchange experiences and to learn from one another."

- Sahara Abdi,53 years - Horyaal women group leader, Eastleigh Nairobi

# OUR PARTNERS

### Appreciation to:

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### Subscriptions and Membership

COHF is a member of IFRC and has signed on The Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in Disaster Relief; it takes cognizance of the rights of all people affected by disasters and supports them in reconstruction and recovery.

The organization has also membership at:

- > 8.7 Delta Network Africa region
- > UN Network Migration
- > IOM Technical working group on Migration.
- > East and Horn African Network on Human trafficking (EHAAT)
- > the Kenya CSO Alliance
- > Executive Committee at Freedom Collaborative International

In addition, COHF has signed up to the SPHERE standards of humanitarian work and is also subscribed to the AIDEX NETWORK, and DEVEX.

### Our organization is committed to excellence, serving with passion and commitment

#### **GIFTS**

You can send gifts for people affected by misfortunes, the needy and most deserving through COHF and we will ensure it reaches the rightful intended beneficiaries.

### **RAISING FUNDS**

You can support us in our fund-raising efforts and events. The funds raised will help thousands of needy and deserving people

#### **DONATIONS**

You can support our programs by donating in kind and cash.

We would love to keep in touch with you.

We are available on the details below



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