



# Shabelle Relief and Development Organization (SHARDO)

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<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Procurement &amp; distribution of 1,000 dignity kits adolescent girls, pregnant and lactated women in IDP camps in Middle Shabelle region</b>
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## **INTRODUCTION**

**Middle Shabelle:** This is an administrative region in Southern Somalia named after the River Shabelle that passes through this region.

The region is principally inhabited by various sub-clans of the Somali Mudulood clan, most notably the Abgaal. Other Mudulood sub clans that live in this region include the Moobleen and Hiilebi. However, the Abgaal sub-clans are the predominant clan in Middle Shabelle.

There are also members of the non-Somali ethnic minority Bantu group (Kaboole). The region supports livestock production, rain-fed and gravity irrigated agriculture and fisheries, with an annual rainfall between 150 and 500 millimeters covering an area of approximately 60,000 square kilometers, the region has a 400 km coastline on Indian Ocean. Middle Shabelle is an administrative region in southern Somalia comprising of seven districts- Jowhar (the regional capital), Bal'ad, Adale, Adanyabal, Warsheikh, Mahaday and Runnirgod. It is bordered by the Somali regions of Banadir and Lower Shabelle to the south, Hiiraan to the west and Galgadud to the north, as well as the Indian Ocean to the east with coastline of 400kilometers, inexpensively; the region is dependent on livestock and agriculture as the two main sources of income.

The dignity kits distribution project is one of the important activity initiated by UNFPA to support the female population in Middle Shabelle region particularly those who cannot afford to buy it due to financial reasons. However, this kind of project had not been implemented in the region prior to this. Therefore the dignity project planned by UNFPA through SHARDO has been welcomed by female population in the region and most of the community highlighted that the project is necessary to marginalized women population that live in IDPs settlements and poor female that have no access to such materials and necessities to dress the women and adolescent girls' issues. As such, the project has given encouragement with regards to

spiritual respect and value of the vulnerable females particularly those who are mainly living under poverty condition.

### **PROJECT BACKGROUND**

There are hundreds of thousands of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in middle Shabelle region particularly the five selected location such Jowhar, Balad, Warsheikh, Ceel-Ma'an and Cadale. These five locations are quite a bit different geographically in terms of resources in nature. Therefore these five selected locations from Middle Shabelle districts are divided into two geographical twins by interrelating characteristics of resource and population size. Though each twin location has some geographical similarity, Jowhar and Balad are most populated districts in Middle Shabelle region and also the stronghold of agricultural productivity in Middle Shabelle and even the other similarity of two districts is the Shabelle river bisected east and west by the two districts. The other remaining district & locations of Warsheikh, Ceel-Ma'an and Cadale are located along coastal side. These locations mentioned above have shared the same economic situations such as fishing, livestock and rain fed farming with low production levels, while the population figure are the second greatest compared to the two districts of Jowhar and Balad.

These populations, displaced by wars, natural disaster, violence and/or internal conflict, often flee volatile situations with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. People living under such conditions may lack provisions such as torch with its batteries; Somali dress "Dirac" head cover, masar, Xafaayd comp, soap, slippers, cotton wool, whistle and bags to help carry their wares. In an effort to help & restore some of the lost dignity and assist in the maintenance of their basic life, SHARDO distributed 1,000 dignity kits to vulnerable adolescent girls, pregnant and lactated women in IDP camps in targeted locations in Middle Shabelle region to improve their quality of life in this time of humanitarian crises.

#### **General Objectives:**

Restoration of dignity to 1000 adolescent girls, pregnant and lactated women in IDP camps in targeted locations in Middle Shabelle region

#### **DIGNITY KITS DISTRIBUTION ACHIEVEMENTS REACHED BY SHARDO DURING PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LIFE.**

**SHARDO has achieved the following during dignity kits distribution project;**

S/N	District	Location	Total IDPs	Planned Dignity Kits Distribution Beneficiaries	Selection date
1	Balad	BaladTown	9,235	223	04-06/08/2012

2		Warsheikh	6,825	183	06-08/08/2012
3		Ceel-Ma'an	2,016	100	08-11/08/2012
4	Johar	Jowhar Town	18,929	273	11-13/08/2012
5	Cadale	Cadale Town	8,145	221	13-15/08/2012
<b>Total</b>			<b>45,150</b>	<b>1,000</b>	

SHARDO has set up target beneficiaries schedule plan for inclusion in specified selected locations with their beneficiaries and meeting dates in the above matrix.

Major accomplishments;

- screening project undertaken by all selected project locations and completed
- project beneficiaries registration exercise fully implemented
- Numbers of adolescents girls and women of the project beneficiaries has been classified
- Distribution committees have been nominated based on discussion between SHARDO team and project beneficiaries community in selected areas in order to assure them of the coming kits. The eligible selected beneficiaries received.
- Awareness has been given for the nominated committees that will ensure the distribution of dignity kits.
- Community awareness regarding the objective of the project accomplished.

#### **SHARDO's successes in completing the dignity kits distribution ;**

- SHARDO has distributed 221 dignity kits to adolescent girls, pregnant and lactated women in Cadale town.
- In Warsheikh township, SHARDO has distributed 183 dignity kits to adolescent girls, pregnant and lactated women.
- 100 encompassed adolescent girls, pregnant and lactated women have received dignity kits by SHARDO in Ceel-macan
- SHARDO has fully distributed 223 dignity kits to adolescent girls, pregnant and lactated women in Balad area.
- In Jowhar township, SHARDO has provided 273 dignity kits to adolescent girls, pregnant and lactated women.

The total number and beneficiaries of dignity kits have distributed by SHARDO were 1,000 as per scheduled from 27-30, September 2012.

### **MALOR CHALLENGES MET DURING PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION:**

- A view area political Islamist groups needed to be contacted and have a direct negotiation on the implementation before the commencement of the project activities.
- Insecurity is an existing problem, as there are different ideological groups in the region although the district commissions mostly operate jointly
- Frequent and unpredicted change of authorities(groups in command of the region) always call for a renewed line of approach and meetings
- Unemployment level in the area is still higher than expected despite the project's effort in generating employment.
- Early Pre-empting preparation of the security issue plus SHARDO's previous track record has supported SHARDO to operate in the area.
- SHARDO mobilized community leaders, youth and women on the importance of conflict prevention and conflict management strategies

### **CONCLUSION OF THE PROJECT**

In fulfillment of the project indicators and expectation in regards of the line indicator of the dignity kits distribution status achievement of the project has been reached, as SHARDO, has tried to attain the project overall objectives to 100%. SHARDO since the start of implementation of the project gained number of significant reputation within the community grassroots as the project was covering and meeting the dire need of five selected sites community beneficiaries, hence the project was especially addressing the vulnerable communities particularly adolescent girls, pregnant and lactated women IDPs in target areas in Middle Shabelle region. Likewise, SHARDO Managed to report the progressive of the project subsequently within the project deadlines frames. The reports however, included the need to continue the project with a wider target number and gender. The target beneficiaries asked that the project should have had a package for men and boys especially targeting rehabilitation of ex combatants to help them regain their dignity.

### **RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROJECT**

After learning and seeing the hardship situation that adolescent girls, pregnant and lactated women IDPs in Middle Shabelle region live in, SHARDO is proposing to expand such project to include improving the welfare of vulnerable persons that were not targeted during this implementation phase within community IDPs in Middle Shabelle region.