



PUNTLAND YOUTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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Acronyms and abbreviations

CICL	:	Children In Conflict with Law
CRC	:	Child Rights Clubs / Child Rights Committees
FGM /C	:	Female Genital Mutilation/ Cutting
GBV	:	Gender Based Violence
GEWE	:	Gender Equity and Women Empowerment
HIV	:	Human Immune Virus Syndrome
HRAP	:	Human Rights Approach to Programming
ICT	:	Information, Communication Technology
IDP	:	Internally Displaced Persons
IEC	:	Information, Education and Communication
INGO	:	International Non-Government Organization
IWD	:	International Women's Day
IYCF	:	Infant and young Children Food
LSBE	:	Life Skills Based Education
MOE	:	Ministry of Education
MOWDAFA	:	Ministry of Women Development and Family Affairs
M & SS	:	Monitoring and Support Supervision
NFE	:	Non Formal Education
PAC	:	Puntland Aids Commission
PAHCO	:	Puntland Aid for Homeless Children Organization
PLWA	:	People living with AIDS
PMN	:	Protection Monitoring Network
PSA	:	Puntland Youth and Social Development Association
PSS /PST	:	Psychosocial Support / Psychosocial Therapy
RECEIVE	:	Relevant, Efficient, Coordinated, Effective, Impactful & Empowered
SBC	:	Somali Broadcasting Corporation
SMS	:	Short Message Sending
TOT	:	Training of Trainers
UNDP	:	United Nations Development Programme
UNHCR	:	United Nations High Commission for Refugees
UNICEF	:	United Nations Children's Fund
UNHCR	:	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Acknowledgement to Our Partner Friends

Through the support of our donors, partners and well wishers, PSA over the last two decade has established itself as an organization committed towards welfare and empowerment of vulnerable groups Puntland. The organization has worked with multiple stakeholders: governmental bodies, media, private sector, international and national NGOs and multilateral organizations to create a platform and an understanding towards this marginalized and voiceless section of the society.

PSA enters into its nineteenth year (2021) with a remarkable confidence. With sharpened clarity on approach and improved knowledge and talent base, the organization is poised to leap ahead to cover other untouched marginalized groups. With the turn of this year, PSA feels proud to present its Annual Report 2020, which provides you a glimpse of what we did and achieved this year through our synergised effort.

We at Puntland Youth and Social Development Association (PSA), consider the partnership beyond the projects. For us it's an investment in long term relationship which lays down the foundation of trust, empathy and serious understanding of the core business of friends who have common Purpose.

Without the guidance of our Board Members and Hard work of team PSA, it would not have been possible to achieve the goal. With love, we appreciate our Partners and friends for their consistent support and be together to reach out to thousands of underprivileged individual families, women, children, youth and Community People.

VICE- CHAIRPERSON'S

MESSAGE

The year 2020 was a rather eventful year for us. We had many achievements and made progress on several fronts despite the COVID –19 pandemic that created an unprecedented crisis for all of us. We are all living amidst extreme uncertainty which affects the marginalized and vulnerable populations the most. It is indeed heartening to see how NGOs and organizations like PSA have risen to the occasion in helping these communities during these trying times. As soon as the pandemic broke out in Somalia, we had to re-prioritize our activities.

While we continued to work on our long-term mission we identified areas where PSA could make an impact. We raised an appeal to mobilise resources for the vulnerable groups impacted. Our teams have been deeply engaged in coordinating with our partners to reach out to IDPs, essential service providers and frontline workers. While we have been overwhelmed by the support we have received from our partners - both existing partners and new donors, we realise that the job carved out for us in the years to come is enormous. There will be several societal changes that will be permanent in nature.



We realize our increased responsibilities and the role of PSA will become even more meaningful in the times to come. The task is large and our association with UN agencies will help join with others to scale our efforts in rolling more programs and projects on socio—economic development.

On behalf of the Board of directors I would like to thank the PSA staff for working so tirelessly and also thank both our donors and NGO partners including Puntland state government for supporting us throughout the year. Our affiliation with them has helped us stay in tune with the global trends and best governance practices. This helps us in building trust with.

Finally, I would like to categorically thank UNHCR and UNICEF, who have supported us in implementing meaningful development programs across the region. We, at PSA are committed to transforming lives and communities, and we will continue to do so, with your unwavering support.

Abdifittah Mohamed Sugule

Vice-Chairman Board of Directors

FROM THE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK



This is a time for reflection, both on our accomplishments and also on the way forward for continued, swift and sustainable transformation of lives and communities. The year 2020 brought with it a time of immense uncertainty and challenges. COVID-19 and its aftermath have put the world at risk of reversing all that has been achieved. With our two decades long history of humanitarian response and disaster relief work, we have quickly mobilized and channelized resources and partnerships to respond to the crisis. PSA has been at the forefront of working with civil society, government, frontline workers, IDPs and deprived communities across our areas of operations to respond to the immediate consequences of the pandemic while also sustaining a long-term vision of reviving communities whose lives and livelihoods have been severely disrupted. Our programmes have been strategically enabled our donors to use their grants to drive transformative change.

Today, PSA is in an exemplary position thanks to the skills and commitment of our teams, which remain dedicated to provide quality service to all our beneficiaries. As the Executive Director, I am proud of PSA. Proud of an organization that was able to professionalize itself and adapt to the challenges of our times while staying attentive to what we do best: contributing to the development of people, communities and households in the social and humanitarian spheres. We need to keep up this work, day after day. We need to reinforce our position while remaining united and committed to our mission. At the same time, we must keep in mind that our organization does not exist on its own, but through the interaction and integration of the people who are part of it. It is our reason for our existence.

Lastly, on behalf of the Members of the Board of Directors (BOD) and the entire PSA family, permit me to acknowledge the support from each one of you for the success we recorded in 2020. To our Donor Partners and members namely UNICEF, UNHCR and government of Puntland including other well wishers, who contributed financially and technically, we fully appreciate your support, without which we would not have been able to achieve the results we are reporting today.

Faisal Abdirahman Abdulahhi

Executive Director, PSA Somalia

Executive Summary

The report covers various projects and activities that were undertaken by PSA over the year under review-2020. While presenting the annual report 2020, it is a matter of great satisfaction for the entire team that we achieved what we strived for.

It is by no means exhaustive, but still, we believe we have been able to give ample account of what we are mandated and supported to do; which includes accountability to the community and funders we work with.

I am thankful to the members of management board for their guidance and support. I sincerely extend my whole hearted thanks to the all the funders and partners, UNICEF, UNHCR, WFP, SSF and Puntland government agencies by making our programmes and projects successful.

As we step into 2021, we stand less than a decade from the 2030 targets for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Immense progress has been made towards the achievement of the SDGs, but much work remains. This is a time for reflection, both on our accomplishments and also on the way forward for continued, swift and sustainable transformation of lives and communities.

Last but not the least I welcome feedbacks/suggestions for further improvement in our earnest endeavor to serve, and be able to serve, better

1.0. INTRODUCTION

The year 2020 was a rather eventful year for us. We had many achievements and made progress on several fronts despite the COVID –19 pandemic that created an unprecedented crisis for all of us and the consequent negative impact on various angles, the year 2020 was particularly a busy and demanding year in resolving the underlying effects of COVID-19 pandemic and supporting communities to pick themselves up and be self-sustaining and self-reliant once again.

The COVID-19 pandemic will put additional people at risk, not only as a deadly virus but also for its secondary effects, including food insecurity, disease and malnutrition as well as sexual and other forms of violence. All these factors increase the need for new ways to reduce the human impact of emergencies.

2.0. PROGRAMME ACHIEVEMENTS

Puntland Youth and Social Development Association (PSA) core scopes are livelihood, child protection, GBV, health, education, HIV/AIDS, cultural conservation, emergency aid, peace building and human rights based development as well as an advocacy programmes.

PROTECTION PROGRAMME

GBV Prevention and Response Project

In 2020, PSA in partnership with UNHCR implemented GBV project, the project's overall Project objectives was to improve the living conditions and protection of IDPs in sites and ensure equitable access to services and assistance of all persons in need, with a clear focus on moving toward attaining durable solutions with full participation of all stakeholders and to reduce and mitigate all forms of GBV abuses against women, men and children in the target districts of Puntland through community empowerment and sensitization in Bosaso, Qardo, Garowe and Burtinle.

Output 1: Material assistance provided

Access to medical services facilitated:

A total number of 548 GBV survivors (physical 439, sexual abuse 109) received emergency medical support where contracted hospitals in Bosaso, Gardho and Garowe provided all medication and services including PEP kits, emergency pregnancy pills and all relevant medication.

Food Assistance:

Under the project, we provided live-saving assistance in form of foodstuff to 185 of the most vulnerable GBV survivors who lacked food, this was part of other support services available in the project site, the Food kits were readily available as soon as cases were assessed and evaluated, not only for the survivors but also for women and girls at risk, more so, most vulnerable women were provided with life skill training including referring some of them to livelihood opportunities, more so we will engage

men and boys in prevention works and present them as partners, role models and influencers.

Dignity kits:

We provided a set of dignity kits to 185 of the GBV survivors in project sites, the kits were imperative in helping women and girls maintain their dignity, which are essential in maintaining their self-esteem and confidence, it also helped them to cope in stressful and potentially overwhelming humanitarian situations, we made sure that the kits were available as soon as cases were assessed and evaluated, not only for the survivors but also for women and girls at risk, the dignity kits also include torch/lamp.

Psychosocial counseling

In order for GBV survivors heal their psychological wounds and rebuild social structures after the ordeals they went through, including making them be active survivors rather than passive victims, we offered psychosocial support to 314 survivors, this also included women to women support groups/peer to peer groups where women supported each other and shared their experiences.

Output 2: Participation of community in SGBV prevention and response enabled and sustained

Orientation & refresher training:

Orientation and refresher training to GBV Case Workers was conducted, the training was on case management and on the whole project as whole, we also used the event to engage community members.

Community Engagement and Advocacy:

Under the project, we conducted five (5) advocacy forums on SGBV prevention and response; in Bosaso, Qardo and Garowe attended by 125 participants.

This also included GBV outreach awareness through mobile teams in PAWAN affected communities in Bari region which comprise Calula, Bareeda, Murcanyo, Qandala, Buruc, Hafun, Gardush, and Hurdiyo sites, this mission was aimed at increasing their understating on GBV issues including women rights.



Figure 1 Community engagement

More so, we conducted GBV outreach awareness through mobile teams in Arta which was attended by 30 participants.

The activities comprised IEC materials printing and distribution and three Radio messages, they will be part of sensitization and awareness raising initiative, where religious leaders and traditional leaders will play an integral role, this will include the host community playing a centre role.



Figure 2 MOWDAFA official giving a speech

Commemoration events:

We also financially contributed and attended the international Women's Day (IWD) commemoration event and 16 days of activism event that was chaired by MOWDAFA.

Community Dialogue Sessions:

Within the period, we conducted a community dialogue session, which was an interactive participatory communication process of sharing information between people or groups of people aimed at reaching a common understanding and workable solution on GBV prevention and response. The event was attended by 50 participants, the participants deliberated on various issues touching on GBV which include the impact of GBV on families, elimination of GBV cases and voluntary awareness sessions by community members. During the event the participants narrated the level of their vulnerability and men being the perpetrators.

The event was held in Bariga Bosaso IDPs camp that was attended by 50 participants. The community dialogue session was designed for the participants to exchange information face-to-face, share personal stories and experiences, honestly express perspectives, clarify viewpoints, and develop solutions to community concerns on SGBV.

Outreach awareness through mobile teams on GBV:

We also organized outreach missions to the rural areas especially the identified areas aimed at increasing their

understanding on GBV issues including women rights with the participation of community leaders, traditional elders and all other stakeholders.

Social Media campaigns:

Through social media, we conducted campaigns by posting GBV messages with the aim of reaching more youth. An estimated 60,000 active members of our facebook page were reached, majority being youth.

The presence of the project activities in the social media helped to increase participation and ownership of the project by the youth including awareness as the result of the recent gang rape reports perpetrated by youth across Puntland.

Develop and Printing of IEC Materials:

Under the project, we Printed 600 posters on GBV advocacy, the materials were printed with GBV messages with the aim of using them as community attitude change agent, we also fixed the IEC materials at community centers, markets, vehicles, MCH's, IDP committee Centers, schools and streets

Release Radio Messages and Talk Shows:

Within the period, we produced three radio broadcast messages that reached 90,000 target beneficiaries as part of attitudinal change approach on GBV issue, the messages used were very usefull and effective in awareness raising

More so, the radio awareness spots gave advice to women and children on what can be done in case they are exposed to GBV. The spots also share positive messages on the culture of peace and working together side by side (women and men) to combat GBV.

GBV Survivors' Vocational Skill Training:

Within the project period, 30 GBV survivors were linked with Vocational Skill training programs through referrals.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Project

In addition, in 2020 PSA in partnership with UNHCR implemented Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Project that its main objective was to strengthened Coordination and partnerships among CCCM cluster members in Bosaso, Garowe, Burtinle & Qardo.

The project was also meant to strengthen the predictability and effectiveness of multi sectorial interventions at site level and/or areas of concentration of sites. This would result into reinforcement of CCCM coordination mechanisms at appropriate levels, sharing of information with stakeholders and improve sites management, including improving community engagement, participation, living conditions and safe access to services in the sites to increase and ensure involvement and participation of the affected community.

The project was also envisaged to strengthen safe access to multi sectorial services at site level through improved

site management and coordination and improve living conditions of displaced people through site development, care and maintenance, including strengthening community self-management and access to information for displaced populations and support opportunities for displaced people to achieve durable solutions.



Figure 3 Community Training

Capacity Development Supported

Conduct Detailed Site Assessments on 3-month basis:

On quarterly basis there were site assessments as a way of gaining information around the activities taking place in the field, and how to put it into useful form.

The primary gauge for rapid on-site assessment was to monitor the project field key element. This encompasses associated, essential functions, namely; opinion of stakeholders about the project, check on the progress.

The detailed site assessment data collections were done in Qardho, Burtinle and Garowe.

Establish/update master list of sites at appropriate geographic level:

After the establishment of master list, there were regular updating of the master list to ascertain the latest status information related to the projects throughout the all sites. The PML included information concerning: project description, contacts, scheduled start up and completion dates and those responsible for them.

Establish/update service mapping of partners operating in sites:

In order to do service mapping, we collected GPS coordinates of Garowe, Gardo, Burtinle and Bosaso camps, followed by assessing the services being offered by a number of organizations in the 4 camps. Also we did follow ups on the kind of services offered in order to get real information and facts, this was done through collecting information by interviewing key informants and beneficiaries.



Figure 4 Garbage collection exercise

Provide training on-site maintenance and site planning to camp committees:

Under the project, we conducted training on-site maintenance that included garbage collection and site cleaning in Bosaso, Qardo & Garowe IDP settlement through cash for work, 150 households worked on the site for one month each earning \$65. Apart from garbage collection, the residents were also trained on environment conservations in close coordination with the respective municipalities on garbage collection and maintenance of environment within the IDPs settlements and camps.



Figure 5 Garbage Collection

Provide training on CCCM principles to community governance structures:

Case workers and other stakeholders were trained on coordination mechanisms that were meant to strengthen the predictability and effectiveness of multi sectorial interventions at site level through sharing of information with stakeholders and improve sites management.



Figure 6 CCCM Structures Capacity Building

IDP's Solar Lights Needs Assessment:

In regard to solar rehabilitation solar lights in Bosaso, Qardo & Garowe IDP's. we had to do solar assessment to determine the needs and to make a Bill of Quantities for the assessed actual rehabilitation needs. Qualified engineer was engaged to determine the needs of each pole.

The solar lights assessment was conducted in 35 IDPs camps (14 Bosaso, 16 Garowe & 5 Qardo) were covered. The total numbers of solar lights assessed were 501 (Bosaso 299, Qardo 51 & Garowe 151).



Monitor service delivery at site level:

In order to track progress, avoid duplication of activities and attain the standard needed in project performance, monitoring was conducted on monthly basis.

Diversion Program

In 2020, PSA in partnership with UNICEF started the implementation of a diversion programme that ensures

effective reintegration of children in conflict with the law in Garowe District –Nugaal region of Somalia.

The Diversion program will help young people to take responsibility of their actions while keeping them out of court system. The program follows a restorative justice approach aims to deter future offenses and encourages active accountability. The beneficiaries of the project are 300 youth who are in conflict with the law.

Justice officials and police confidence in the design and creation of the programme to divert children in conflict with the law to the pilot programme.

Within the reporting period developed and printed training manuals, guidelines and check list for use by the justice, police, prosecutor officials and social workers, we also organize training for 70 justice and ROL (including police officials, ADR staff, social workers and task force members) on diversion processes, guidelines and tools and supported Ministry of Justice in formation of diversion task force with established TOR/ SOPs in line with the JJ act/ policy, plans for screening, counseling and case management and follow up support to 300 CICL were also kick started.

Community prevention and awareness raising outreach on CICL and programme implemented

The project also involves developing and dissemination of IEC and C4D messages for community outreach and awareness raising on CICL and their diversion, including conducting community dialogue and mobile outreach for community-based prevention activities and establishment of youth run information services for provision of age appropriate information on CICL and their communities.

Youth forum to guide future implementation of diversion programmes and other youth programmes for children in conflict with the law.

Plans for convening consultations session with child/ youth leaders to design and plan youth forums that will involve organize 10 youth led forums have been put in place.



Figure 7 Diversion Training

GALKAYO JOINT PEACE-BUILDING INITIATIVE PROJECT

In 2020, PSA/CPD and SSF implemented the last phase of Galkayo Joint Peace-building Initiative Project. The project objective was to enhance community capacity to prevent, resolve and contain destructive conflicts through establishment of effective and integrated community management and dispute settlement mechanisms in Galkayo that will ensure communities residing in both north and south coexist peacefully and harmoniously.

Mediation and Conflict Resolution Training

The Joint Galkayo and South Mudug Project hopes to reduce community vulnerability to conflict in Galkayo and South Mudug. The Project works closely with key segments such as the Regional and District administrations of Galkayo and Mudug respectively, the Joint Peace Committee, other local elders, women, youth, businessmen and the general public in the targeted areas. These segments have been instrumental in the achievement of peaceful coexistence in this volatile city of Galkayo which has been a divided city, reeling from the effects of renewed conflict that is fundamentally driven by a struggle for territorial control, land and resources among other reasons.

It is against this backdrop that the Consortia of Centre for Peace and Democracy (CPD) and Puntland Youth and Social Development Association (PSA) with the support of the Somalia Stability Fund (SSF) conducted mediation and conflict resolution training workshops in Galkayo South and Galkayo North respectively for key community segments. The training was held in Galkayo North between 28th December 2019 to 9th January 2020 and attended by a total of 120 participants (63 Male and 57 Female) drawn from women, youth, business people, elders and the Joint Peace Committee members (JPC).

Similar trainings were also held in Galkayo South between January 5th to January 16th 2020 and attended by a total of 117 participants (59 Male and 58 Female) drawn from women, youth, business people, elders and the Joint Peace Committee members (JPC).

Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation Work

Following the Towfiq and Afbarwaqo clashes early December where many lives and property were lost during the skirmishes; the consortium held consultative meetings and conference Galkayo. From December 30th 2019 to January 11th 2020, CPD/PSA facilitated a peace strategy workshop for Mudug in Galkayo, the meeting's agenda

was to oversee a durable and long-lasting solution to the perennial clashes between clans in the area.

The event brought together representatives from the Government both from Puntland and Galmudug States led by the Governors of Mudug Abdirahman Ali Diriye (Galmudug) and the Deputy Governor of Mudug (Puntland) Mohamed Hassan Walore, the Joint Peace Committee members, traditional leaders and elders, religious leaders as well as officials from PSA/CPD.

Community engagement in Afbarwaqo and Lanwaley for peace dividend projects

Development imbalance between the Galmudug and Puntland sides of the conflict axis has been a key driver of conflict. It is against this background that the project aims to implement peace dividend projects in Lanwaley and Afbarwaqo settlements, both in Galmudug side.

The peace dividend project will be identified by the local administration and communities living in these areas and prioritized by the community. CPD therefore held one-day first community wide meetings in both locations followed by 3-day planning process workshops.

The first community wide meeting was used to raise community awareness and introduce project objectives and government-community roles while the planning process workshops focused on need identification and ranking.

Rehabilitation of Galkayo Solar Street Lights

Following the successful award of tender for this activity in October 2019, the solar street light supplies were delivered in Galkayo by the vendors. However, upon inspection against the contractual agreement and specifications, it was realized that charger controllers and the LED lights did not meet the specifications hence the contractors asked to replace them with the right ones. The contractors cited mixed up and a clerical error resulted in supply of 55W LED lights instead of the required 60W LED lights.

Following a series of discussion and exchange of communication with the contractors, it was agreed they replace and supply the right items. However, a re-order they made was delayed by the Covid-19 crisis until May 15th 2020 when the items arrived at their holding facility in Galkayo. The consortium will therefore verify the items and immediately launch the rehabilitation works in collaboration with the district and regional administrations of Galkayo and Mudug region from both sides.

Reconciliation and conflict resolution conference for Eastern Mudug clans (Afbarwaqo/Towfiq conflict axis) in Ballibusle

This conference was as a result of the initial PSA/CPD meetings involving elders and intellectuals from both

sides, where it was agreed that Ballibusle hosts the conference because of the historic background of the area as a place where the first conflict started and has since been the centre of the conflict.

The conference was held 9th – 20th February 2020 as planned but only delegates from Puntland comprising traditional elders from clans residing in North Mudug attended drawn from the following districts;

- Galkayo district - North.
- Jariiban district
- Towfiiq district
- Harfo district
- Burtinle district
- Godobjiiraan district.
- Other villages in the geographical area

Traditional elders from the following clans in North Mudug attended;

- Majeerteen
- DIR
- Awrtable
- Meheri (Arabsaalah)
- Madibaan



Ballibusle conference Resolutions

- 1) Entire Somali people, especially the people of Mudug, were called upon to support peace and harmony in their communities and end any conflict and always come to negotiation table.
- 2) All the people of Mudug region in Puntland were urged to spearhead peace and security for the sake of their families, lives, and community.
- 3) Sharia law should be practiced as part of governance, as one way of promoting harmony, security and stability.
- 4) All stakeholders to play part in peace initiatives for the sake of people of Mudug region and the communities they come from.
- 5) The elders and the leaders called upon all the people of Puntland, within and outside to take part in peace projects in Puntland especially in Mudug region.
- 6) Galmudug counterparts were also urged to strengthen the peace and cooperate in the implementation of the long-term peace initiatives throughout Mudug region.
- 7) This statement was signed by all the elders and all the participants of Ballibusle conference

Staging Peace Caravans

Staged a two-day peace caravan in Galkayo South on February 25th and 26th 2020. This involved vehicle processions that went through Galkayo South i.e. markets, population centers, schools and governments offices promoting messages of peace and raising awareness on peaceful coexistence. The peace caravan featured local prominent artists, poets and musicians wheremusical shows, dramas, messages, Poems and cultural plays were used to promote peace. The vehicles were mounted with public address systems, stickers and banners.

Before the start of the activity, we mobilized the main participants and outlined to them the objective of the activity including the expected results, which comprised daily updates and reviews sessions in the course of lunch breaks during the two days of the event, during the lunch sessions feedback and opinions were shared on how to improve the activity on the following day as a way to achieve the desired results and targets.



The event was launched at a local hotel in a ceremony presided over by the Deputy Mayor of Galkayo South Mr. Abdirahman Mohamed Ahmed who later flagged off the Caravan. He was flanked by the administrative Secretary of Mudug regional administration, Galmudug, Mr. Abdiaziz Ahmed Bulhan. Women and youth officials also graced the function.

Media ethics and standards training workshop

The Media Ethics and Standards Training Workshop was held 25th – 29th February 2020 in Galkayo South bringing together a total of 62 journalists, media house managers and freelancers from Galkayo South and North (46 males and 16 female).

The training was jointly organized by CPD and PSA and facilitated by a veteran journalist and media practitioner Abdilatif Aden. The training workshop was officially opened by Deputy Mayor of Galkayo South Mr. Abdirahman Mohamed Ahmed flanked by the Secretary to the Galmudug regional administration of Mudug region Mr. Abdiaziz Ahmed Bulhan.

The official opening was also graced by Ali Nur Cayn, Director in the Ministry of Information, Galmudug, Chairman of Mudug Journalists Association Hanad Abdi Farah and the Vice Chair of National Union of Somali Journalists in Mudug region Burhan Abdullahi. It was also attended by local youth and women group leaders and officials.

Peace dividend projects for Lanwaley and Afbarwaqo.

Tenders for both projects were successfully awarded after approval of the BoQs by SSF. Works will therefore begin within this month. Winning bidders are currently undergoing the contracting phase.

The community in Lanwaley prioritized a Peace Centre while their Afbarwaqo counterparts prioritized construction of the local Health Centre.

Women block grant

Tenders for Constructions of women peace centers and rehabilitation of the Pediatric sections of Galkayo South and Galkayo North General hospitals have been prioritized by women. Bidding has already been done and successful

bidders are currently undergoing contracting. This works would also be launched within this month.

Sporting activities

Football team coaches and soccer officials from both sides of Galkayo were engaged and the activity planned. However, due to COVID-19 disruptions and guidelines, the activity could not kick off as planned.

Support for May 15 youth day celebrations

The project has supported youth groups and Ministries of Youth Galmudug and Puntland to facilitate organisation of this year's May 15 Youth day celebrations. Both Ministries submitted request for support to the project through the consortium and SSF. Areas of support include procurement of small Somali flags, T-shirts and caps, stickers and banners, billboards, media and publicity through the radios and TVs among others.

Emergency Responses

COVID-19 Pandemic

After the COVID- 19 outbreak was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) on 11 March we started house to house awareness sessions on COVID-19, a total of 18,000 households across Bosaso, Garowe, Burtinle and Qardho were reached

PSA also developed and distributed IEC materials on COVID-19 in all IDPs settlements that we work in order to enlighten the masses on Covid-19. A total of 35 IDPs settlements (10 Garowe, 3 Burtinle, 7Gardo and 15 Bosaso) were covered.

More so, we entered into an agreement with Daljir radio; which broadcasts across Puntland, the agreement involved production of radio voice messages that were part of COVID-19 sensitization on the prevention and control, the main purpose was to make the IDPs and the host community to be aware of various issues related to COVID- 19 including its prevention and referral pathways by building their capacity. The airing and broadcasting started at the start of October and continued for three months. The messages were aired 2 times a day on daily basis.

Part of the COVID-19 awareness campaigns also included distribution of COVID-19 protection kits comprising hygiene soaps, facemasks and gloves (how many people received) including IEC materials on COVID-19, and circulated them in all public places comprising MCH's, IDP markets, Tea shops, Community centers and other appropriate places.



Figure 8 COVID-19 PPEs Distribution

Floods Interventions

In April 2020, heavy downpour in Qardho District (Bari Region) triggered massive flash flooding with wide-ranging impact on the Qardho City population of 120,000 people; comprising IDPs; In order to address various challenges

such as lack of shelter, food and other basic needs, PSA in partnership with UNHCR intervened by distributing plastic tarpaulin to the affected household families and provision of monetized ESK worth \$131 to 920HH who were greatly affected by floods.



Figure 9 Bargaal and Morocanyo district floods assessment

In addition, in late 2020, heavy rains pounded various parts of Bari, including IDPs camps and settlements and in the process triggering flash-floods wreaking havoc ; in order to ascertain the impact of the rains and obtain official data, PSA participated in a inter-agency rapid assessment carried out by local and international NGOs based in Bossaso in order to Identify priority needs of the affected population, provide approximate number of affected people, provide general recommendations to inform strategic decisions on, resource mobilization and

PSA also took part in the rapid needs assessment of Bargal and its environs which were hardly hit by Gati cyclone, the areas comprised coastal areas of Gardafuu, Bari and Karkar regions. In general, the assessment was successfully completed and shared with the relevant parties.



Figure 10 plastic tarpaulin distribution

Fire Accident

Within the period, PSA in collaboration with UNHCR distributed NFIs to the 5HH that were affected by fire incident at Xalwo Kismayu IDPs camp in Bosaso, the NFIs comprised kitchen set, blanket, plastic sheet, collapsible jerry-cans. In addition, PSA in conjunction with TASS and MOWDAFA supported the families through food and dignity kits provisions.

Challenges

- COVID-19 pandemic outbreak slowed down some of the activities due to the necessity of strictly following the WHO guidelines and protocols, which included social-distancing.
- As a result of COVID-19 we had to put more focus on the sanitation and hygiene initiatives at the camps in mitigating Covid-19 virus infection and spread.
- Women's rights are protected in law but in practice women still face significant official, cultural and social barriers in accessing education and justice, and have experienced restrictions on their family and property rights.
- Evictions of IDPs continue to be a big impediment to IDPs.

Conclusion:

The scale of the impact of COVID-19 is uncharted territory on multiple levels and is affecting our stakeholders –from donors, to beneficiaries, to staff –in multiple ways. Given present uncertainties, we have shifted from forecasting results to application of scenarios.

We are, however, confident that working collaboratively together with community leaders, government, the UN and other NGOs, we will be able to roll out programs that transform the communities.

We urge our partners to continue walking with us in this journey of positively impacting on the communities in the region.