



Puntland Youth and Social Development Association (PSA)

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PSA Profile

NGO Name: **Puntland Youth and Social Development Association (PSA)**

Location (HQ): Bosaso-Puntland- Somalia

Establishment Date: 2002

Governing Body: 5 Members

Geographical Coverage: Bosaso, Garowe, Gardo and Galkaiyo

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1.0 Brief Description of the Organization

Puntland Youth and Social Development Association (PSA) is local non-governmental, non-profit organization established in 2002 by a group of enthusiastic young educated members of society. This was after being alarmed by the devastation of war and natural disasters and the subsequent political instability. During the entire period of turbulence, in-school and out of school youth faced the brunt. Many were orphaned at a tender age, dropping out of school. Others faced the trauma of family instability and displacement and others were forcefully conscripted to fight in wars that they essentially knew little about. The youth-the most hopeful, most dynamic and most productive were instead being plunged into despair and a forlorn life. In the absence of any protection and proper guidance, the youth turned to drugs, to vice, to hate for one another and were wholly sucked into the hate cycle.

PSA was established with the hope that in the Youth lay immense potential for self-protection and national development. Youth offered an excellent avenue to restore the nation back to its course of independence, stability and development. As a united front, we were a big proportion of the population. We prayed for peace and at the same time resolved to do everything to protect young and old from various threats.

There is a saying that “Two shorten the road” which is our motto and depicts our commitment to proactively and collectively act as a positive force on the road map for rebuilding our country.

2.0 Vision:

An environment where youth move together in playing a pivotal role in self-preservation, enlightenment and peaceful co-existence amongst groups that contributes positively to development.

3.0 Mission:

PSA exists to mobilize, nurture and support youth to collectively appreciate and uphold universally positive values like peace, human rights, freedom, family stability, peaceful and effective governance structures, environmental conservation, positive culture and improved livelihoods for all.

4. CORE VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

Relevance: Each intervention will be appropriate to the community in which it is being implemented; the project should change the way things have been done and be seen to be.

Impact: Unlike projects that have come and gone without leaving a legacy, we want all stakeholders to attest that change has been created. If it is water shortage, there should be undisputedly more water than before.

Efficiency & Effectiveness: Partners mobilize their resources to support us and for this; PSA is committed to being transparent, accountable and efficient in use of the resources and donations.

Humanity: our actions and dedications are grounded on the desire to contribute to the wellbeing of human society in the world.

Neutrality: PSA is non-aligned, non-affiliated and dissociates itself with any political actors or interest groups in Somalia. We are operationally independent, and our activities are impartial with no favoritism to any particular groups or players.

5. OUR ETHICS

Human Rights and Dignity: fundamental human rights should never be violated; PSA recognizes that all people are born free and equal in dignity. As an organization, we are sensitive to the moral values, religion, customs, traditions, and culture of the communities we serve and we respect the integrity of families and support family-based life.

Transparency and Accountability: PSA strives for openness and honesty internally and toward donors and members of the public. We are transparent in all of its dealings with the government, the public, donors, partners, beneficiaries, and other interested parties. Our basic financial information, governance structure, activities and partnerships shall be open and accessible to public scrutiny.

Honesty and Professionalism: PSA adheres to international universal standards operations procedures (SOPs) on humanitarian intervention; the manuals help us to carry out complex routine operations that aim to achieve efficiency, quality output and uniformity of performance. Through the all protect activities we will make sure accountability is incorporated into the project implementation, monitoring and evaluations, staff hiring, trainings, partnership agreements, and in all aspects.

6. THEMATIC SERVICES

PSA Strategic objectives (2021-2025)

Focus area 1: Education Skills & Training

Strategic Objective 1:

Continue the emphasis on building a quality education system that is affordable to all through strengthening the infrastructure of educational institutions and acquisition of instructional resources.

Strategic Objective 2:

Enhance the educational opportunities for all young Puntlanders to all levels of the educational system which is commensurate with their interests and abilities, through achieving universal free primary schooling system, introducing mobile schools in rural areas and introducing school nutritional and feeding program in all schools.

Focus area 2: Youth Participation & Leadership Development

Strategic Objective 1:

Strengthen the awareness of young people and the wider community regarding active and responsible citizenship through playing part in formulation of school curriculum relating to citizenship and Islamic values education. Including encouraging initiatives which train young people on mutual respect and tolerance; gender equality, forums and training opportunities on leadership skills through identifying and implementing programs and actions that build patriotism.

Strategic Objective 2:

Provide support for young people to actively participate in community affairs through supporting programs that encourage and offer community service, volunteerism, and youth peer support.

Focus area 3: Disarmament, Security & Peace Building

Strategic Objective 1:

Develop awareness of peace building through campaigns that will motivate youth organizations to be involved in peace building programs, formulation of national educational curriculum peace building courses, organize a annual youth peace conference and create a youth organization that is dedicated to, and works for peace.

Focus area 4: Sustainable Development and Environment

Strategic Objective 1:

Enhance environmental knowledge and awareness among the youth through enhancing school curriculum in regard to environmental awareness; including encouraging involvement of young people on environmental initiatives and programs through holding special days, events and awards that encourage and celebrate youth involvement in sustainable development and environmental projects.

Focus area 5: Gender & Human Rights

Strategic Objective 1:

Educate and sensitize youth on their rights and obligations by developing youth friendly materials on human rights that include gender and human rights, protection of children and young people.

7.0 Organization's Management and Operational Set-Up

PSA has a Board of Directors consisting of 5 members who guide and determine the organization's policy direction as well as exercising overall supervisory mandate over the organization. The Board is assisted in the day to day management of the organization by a capable Management team made up of 7 senior Managers in charge of the various departments such as Governance & Conflict Resolution, Skills Development & Education, Food Security & Livelihood, Community & Women Empowerment, Health, WASH, Emergency Shelter, Nutrition and Administration/Finance.

The organization has 3 operational offices in Bosaso which is the headquarters and branch offices in Galkaiyo and Garowe.

8.0 Summary of the Organization's Experience

Up-to-date PSA has implemented projects worth over USD 4,000,000 over the period 18 years (2002 – 2022) supporting both humanitarian and development portfolio. PSA has within the stated period managed to reach 100,000 in protection, Food Security, Livelihoods, Emergency Shelter, WASH, Nutrition, Education, Health, Governance and Vocational skills training.

i. **Yemen refugees and returnees intervention**

- Advocated and chaired the establishment of the local community committee for mobilization of assistance and resources for refugees and returnees, the committee comprised sheikhs, businessmen, youth and Islamic charity organizations.
- This intervention benefitted 30,000 returnees / refugees, in a number of ways. It helped in improving dietary diversity and meeting their basic food necessity for their wellbeing.
- We provided special care to pregnant women and lactating mothers who were part of the refugees and returnees by ensuring they received quality food that meets their nutrition requirement in addition during the summer, we ensured they were provided with enough drinks as possible due to the harsh weather conditions.
- Distributed dry food and non-food items (NFI) to Yemeni refugees and returnees in Bosaso including 2,000 rain harvesting plastic tanks.
- We made Iftar in Ramadan month, where more than 3,785 people from Yemen both refugees & returnees benefitted, the It was fully funded by **E.A.U RED CRESCENT**.

ii. **Emergency interventions**

- In 2020, with the support of UNHCR, we distributed NFIs materials and cash assistance to Qardo floods victims in Gardo that benefitted 920 families.
- In 2019, we participated in the assessment and intervention to PAWAN affected communities in Bari region.
- Participates in the Ethiopian immigrants feeding program jointly implemented by UNICEF and DRC which benefitted 700 Ethiopian migrants.
- Food aid distribution activities for 146 families in Bulo-elay, 100 Buush camps, 500 families of Bosaso IDPs in 2010 funded by Towfiq trading Company.
- Cloth and home need material distribution to more than 700 IDPs families in Bosaso in year 2010 jointly implemented with Bari Region Administration.
- In 2013 Puntland was hit by tropical cyclone, many lives and property were lost, we took part in collection of food, clothes, beddings and cooking materials, livestock for restocking was also provided to the victims.

iii. **Health**

- PSA in partnership with UNICEF in 2018-implemented Community based IYCF intervention in Bossaso Puntland, the project's goal is to protect, promote and support breastfeeding In Bossaso city with target population of 448,009 IDPs and host communities at community level, the timeframe for the project is twelve (12) months.
- Conducted various sanitation campaigns; in Bosaso, Garowe and Galkayo between 2012 and 2020.
- Raised awareness and sensitization to the youth on the FGM/C abandonment in Bosaso, it involved 50 youth in Puntland.
- 5,000 youth members were educated and sensitized on the effects of FGM/C and the need to abandon the practice; in addition 37 girls were rescued from FGM/C and received psychosocial support. In 2013 and 2014 youth groups issued public declaration on the urge to abandon FGM/C.

iv. **Education**

- For 14 years, we have been organizing and conducting academic quizzes for secondary school students in Bosaso, supported by local business community.
- Facilitated access to higher education opportunities for more than 500 secondary graduates, through support of PSA members in China, Pakistan, India, Ethiopia and Sudan
- Achieved increase in enrolment and retention of girls education through advocacy activities and conducting of 6 girls' academic quizzes between 2009 & 2015 by local business community.

v. **HIV/AIDS**

- Conducted HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns in Bosaso towns in 14 schools between 2002 & 2021.
- Commemorated 21 World AIDS-days between 2002 and 2020.
- Conducted HIV awareness campaign for the frontier communities in border villages with the support of UNICEF in the year of 2008
- Developed accurate, useful, action-oriented print materials to meet the communication needs of HIV/AIDS and STI prevention and care support.
- carried out 15 LSE training and 15 PE outreach activities in Bari regions of Puntland to reduce HIV/Aids prevalence and stigma among the youth population in Puntland reaching 300 youth directly and indirectly and many other through YAHAN Network-2011, Funded by IOM.

vi. **Youth participation**

- Since its establishment, PSA conducted 19 international youth days memorization activities between 2002 and 2020
- Trained 4200 adolescents and 30 TOT in life skills based education (LSBE) from 2009 to 2020 funded by various agencies.
- We established ICT resource center, which is fully equipped with computers, cameras, LCDs and internet funded by AfriAfya.
- PSA trained 2000 youth on vocational skill training in tailoring, computer, Electricity, TV Installation/programming and mobile repairing.

vii. **Protection**

- In 2022, PSA in partnership with SSF are implementing Strengthening Coordination and Self-Management of Drought Affected IDPs in Bosaso through an Integrated Mechanisms project in Bosaso.
- From 2020 - 2022, PSA in partnership with UNHCR are implementing Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Project that its main objective was to strengthened Coordination and partnerships among CCCM cluster members in Bosaso, Garowe, Qardo, Burtinle & Armo.
- In 2020, PSA in partnership with UNICEF is implementing a diversion programme that ensures effective reintegration of children in conflict with the law in Puntland
- From 2018-2020 PSA in partnership with UNHCR is implementing GBV Prevention and Response, and coordination mechanisms CCCM Project
- From 2017 to 2020, PSA in partnership with UNICEF is implementing Provision Of interim care arrangement and reintegration program for 40 CAAFAG in Puntland.
- Held four capacity building workshops on child rights to IDPs leaders it was funded by Oxfam / Novib
- Several training sessions and workshops to Puntland police personnel and two building contacts.
- Documented and investigated more than 2000 cases in 2009-2020
- Held 20 Radio debates and TV discussions toward Child protection and aired to the community.

- Between 2011 and 2020, 1200 children from violence volatile areas participated in life skills based education, vocational training, and mentorship programs and were later reintegrated back to the community.

viii. Culture

Since 2008 we have conducted 12 cultural reintegration sessions targeting secondary school students and secondary school aged youth drop outs.

During Ramadhan, we mobilized the community and the Diaspora on the IHSAN charity and an amount of \$ 6,500 was raised, we also provided “Afur” food for breaking the fast to many people on daily basis during Ramadhan period.

ix. Peace and Reconciliation

- **Support to Qandala, Alula and Iskushuban District Council Formation**

PSA and SSF in 2021 implemented Support to Qandala, Iskushuban and Alula District Council Formation. 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 Qandala, Iskushuban and Alula that will ensure communities residing in the area coexist peacefully and harmoniously

- **Galkayo Joint Peacebuilding Initiative Project**

PSA/CPD in 2019 and 2020 implemented Galkayo and South Mudug Joint Peace-building Initiative Project with the funding of Somalia Stability Fund (SSF). 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 Galkayo town and South Mudug coexist peacefully and harmoniously.

- **Social mobilization on peace building project in Mudug region**

In 2016 and 2017, PSA conducted a peace building initiative in Mudug after an inter/state conflict over border, the initiative reached 3000 community members from the conflict area and surrounding locations through social mobilization.

The objectives was to save lives and property, create a long lasting peaceful environment and make the communities appreciate peace, manage, mitigate, resolve and transform aspects of the conflict through official diplomacy; as well as through civil society peace processes and informal dialogue, negotiation, and mediation.

- **Peace building and reconciliation programme in Bari region**

In 2012 and 2013, PSA was also involved in peace building initiative between two rival clans as a result of inter-fighting over scarce resources especially water, pasture and land ownership, several people were killed.

With the support of PSA, Bari elders established a mediation team composed of clan elders, religious leaders and the Mayor of Carmo district. The objective of the mediation committee was to bring the two rival sub-clans on the table and sort out the root cause of the conflict.

x. **Development program**

- PSA is a member of Bossaso Development Committee and PSA has participated in various Infrastructural development projects i.e. Roads, protection of environment and social mobilization.
- For 10 successive years now, PSA is continues with projects that improve lives and resilience of the various communities through livelihood and resilience projects in various villages across Puntland.

9. Human Resources

Current Management Team:

	STAFF NAME	CURRENT TITLE	ACADEMIC LEVEL	YEARS OF EXPERIENCE	YEARS WITH PSA
1.	Abdifatah Mohamed Sugule	BOD Chairman	Masters	15	13
2.	Faisal Abdiramhman Abdullahi	Executive Director	PhD	9	11
3.	Edgar Kimutai Kemoi	Project Coordinator	Masters	10	8
4.	Amina Abdikarim	Admin and Finance	Bachelors degree	10	3
5.	AbdalaMohamud Yusuf	Projects Officer	Bachelors degree	8	3

Networks, Linkages Membership

The organization is active in the clusters coordination work for the Child protection workers groups (CPWGs), Gender Based Violence Workers Groups (GBVWGs), Food Security Cluster (FSC), Health, Nutrition and Education. PSA play a pivotal role in protection cluster, where PSA chairs the FGMC workers group and holds monthly meetings with all the stakeholders.

On civil society and activism, PSA is a founding member of Puntland Non state actor Association (PUNSAA) which as a member PSA plays a role in influencing policies and decision-making processes at local, state, national, regional and international levels.

PSA is also an active member of Puntland Aids Commission (PAC), Bari child protection Network (BCPN) and All Bari youth Association Network (ABYAN)

Our UN and international agencies partners:

- UNHCR
- UNICEF
- Somalia Humanitarian Fund (SHF)/UNOCHA
- Somalia Stability Fund (SSF)
- World Food Program (WFP)
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Terre Solidali (TS)
- Oxform Novib
- DRC
- Mercy Corps:
- AFRIAFYA

Networks and work groups membership

- Member of Puntland Non state actor Association (PUNSAA)
- Member of GBV Working groups in Bosaso
- Member of Child protection Working groups in Bosaso
- Chairing of FGM/C workers Forum in Bosaso
- Member of FGM/C Task Force in Puntland
- Member of Puntland Aids Commission (PAC)
- Member of Bari child protection Network (BCPN)
- Member of All Bari youth Association Network (ABYAN)

10. Relations with Community and Local Authorities:

PSA has very cordial good relations with all the communities we work with. PSA is very popular in Puntland state. The local authorities and federal states have all good knowledge of PSA and its activities as a result of PSA's interventions in their areas.

11. Current and Past Implemented Projects

Experience of working with UN/ UNICEF/ other international organizations (please provide evidence for each experience / or references from donors)

Programme/project title	Total budget (USD)	Funding agency	Years	Location
Strengthening Coordination and Self-Management of Drought Affected IDPs in Bosaso through an Integrated Mechanisms	149,655.55	SHF	2022	Bosaso
CCCM Project	184, 695.68	UNHCR	2022	Bossaso, Qardo, Garowe, Armo and Burtinle
Support to Qandala, Alula and Iskushuban District Council Formation	335,500	SSF	2021	Qandala, Alula and Iskushuban
Diversion project	154,663	UNICEF	2020 - 2021	Garowe
CCCM Project	208,540	UNHCR	2021	Bossaso, Qardo, Garowe, Armo and Burtinle
Joint Peace-building Project	1,000,000	SSF	2019 - 2020	Galckayo
GBV prevention and response project	326,289	UNHCR	2018 - 2020	Bosaso, Qardo and Garowe
Relief project - Bosaso IDP's	1,380,000	WFP	2019	Bosaso
Food for Assets project	321,000	WFP	July-Dec 2018	Bosaso District
CAFAAG Project	953,105	UNICEF	2017 - 2018	Garowe
Peace building initiative Project	85, 000	Diaspora /Businessmen	2017	Galkaiyo
Community based IYCF intervention	224,789	UNICEF	Aug 2017- July 2018	Bosaso
Peace building initiative Project	100, 000	Diaspora	2016	Galkaiyo
Voucher Wet feeding Project	85,342.88	WFP	Jan-June 2016	Bosaso
Food for Assets project	745,988	WFP	May-October 2016	Bosaso District
Youth for Change Project	142,104.58	UNICEF	Jan-May 2016	Bosaso

Skills training	50,000	Terre Solidali / IOM	Jan - June 2013	Qardo
Wet feeding Project	2,500,000	WFP	May-Oct 2015	Bosaso
Food for Assets project	456,453	WFP	May-Aug 2015	Bosaso
Youth for change project	202,193	UNICEF	Aug 2014-Aug2015	Bosaso
FGM/C Project	54,720	UNICEF	Jan-June 2013	Bosaso, Qardo and Garowe
Peace building initiative	71, 000	Well wishers	2012 - 2013	Bosaso

12. Organization's Referees

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