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## Message from the Executive Director

Consolidating our base for an organization like SFH, each day provides opportunities to transform lives in places where the needs are urgent and the obstacles challenging. Since our founding in 2008 as Solutions for Humanity, we have grown rapidly – from a grassroots professionals-led charity operating exclusively in a small region of Somalia to a major player on the regional stage, with 5 field offices in Somalia, and Kenya and almost 100 staff, both permanent and contractual. This growth has provided great opportunities, and challenged us to critically examine our own strategy within the broader landscape of relief, reconstruction and development context. In 2012, we focused on consolidating our expanding organization, and ensuring that we continue to support the livelihoods of the most vulnerable populations. I am proud to report that our efforts reached nearly 365,000 people in Somalia. To change the way people think about and deliver aid in Africa, we build programs that demonstrate African resilience, not weakness. In Somalia, some of our field staff members were once those who benefited from our pastoral education programming. On behalf of Solutions for Humanity, we wish to thank our donors, partners, local authorities, staff, and beneficiary communities for the continued support in ensuring effective aid delivery to those in most need.



Sincerely,

**Board Chairman, Mohamed Bashir**

## Where we work

to apply improved farming techniques and improved management practices on 17.5 acres of community land. Agro-pastoralists made significant progress in diversifying their incomes through support from SFH. The funds have helped 485 farmers, many of whom are women, purchase certified, improved seeds that offer great drought resistance and that promise increased yields: In 2012, we provided farming inputs and agricultural training to 3,640 people while 84,000 people gained access to clean drinking water, sanitation and hygiene. In Nairobi liaison office, by the end of 2012, approximately 17 people worked in our Nairobi office, providing continuous support to our field staff in Kenya,

**SOMALIA**

**GULF OF ADEN**

**ETHIOPIA**

**KENYA**

**INDIAN OCEAN**

**Disputed Area**

**Regions (Gobolka) and Capitals:**

- Awdal:** Baki
- Bari:** Iskushuban
- Banadir:** Mogadishu
- Sanaag:** Erigavo
- Sool:** Laascaanood
- Nugaal:** Eyl
- Mudug:** Hobyo
- Galguduud:** Beledweyne
- Hiraan:** Buulobarde
- Shabeellaha Dhexe:** Gaohar
- Shabeellaha Hoose:** Baraawe
- Bakool:** Oddur
- Baidoa:** Baidoa
- Gedo:** Baardheere
- Jubbada Dhexe:** Jubbada
- Jubbada Hoose:** Jubbada
- Kaabooni:** Kaabooni

**Other Cities:**

- Saylac
- Berbera
- Burao
- Maydh
- Qandala
- Bargaal
- Hurdiyo
- Xaafuun
- Gardhe
- Jiriban
- Galcio
- Dusa Marre
- Ceelbur
- Ceeldehere
- Cadale
- Balcad
- Afgoye
- Awdheegle
- Buurihakaba
- Gaarbahaarey
- Merca
- Builaale
- Chisimayu (Kismaayo)

**Legend:**

- International Boundary
- - - Disputed Boundary
- Region (Gobolka) Boundary
- ★ Region (Gobolka) Capital
- Region (Gobolka) Capital
- Other Cities

**Map not to Scale**

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South Central Somalia: 154,574 people were empowered through unconditional cash transfers, allowing them to meet their basic needs and decide for them selves what they need - better than we ever could.

## Who we exist for:

Marginalized and vulnerable communities who are yet to realize their full potential.

### Our vision:

Upgraded living standard of the vulnerable groups, men, women, children and young generation by mobilizing their conscious awareness on ownership feeling and transforming it into self-reliance.

### Our mission:

To eradicate poverty, the suffering of vulnerable groups, war affected children and young generation in Somalia and get sustainable solutions for Somalia people.

### Our values:

- Transparency
- Integrity
- Commitments
- Volunteerism
- Respect of Human Rights
- Excellence
- Efficiency & Effectiveness

### Our Approach:

Our programs fall into five core key areas with additional four in crosscutting themes. All five are underpinned by our belief that the growth and development of region's marginalized communities is key to holistic and equitable success of the region. This conviction is at the heart of everything we do:

1. We equip people with skills for life and work - our education and entrepreneurial skills trainings have given people, particularly women and pastoral youth, the skills they need to live productive, fulfilling and self-sufficient lives.
2. We help reinvigorate local economies - our work to support people's livelihoods and put in place infrastructure has helped strengthen economies and build community resilience.
3. We provide humanitarian aid - when people's needs have been urgent, we have delivered responsive and efficient humanitarian aid.
4. We influence policy - we've ensured that the interests and voices of African communities are heard and considered at the highest level.

## Food Security and Livelihoods

We provided livestock -goats, and cattle—these can provide innumerable benefits to nutrition, food security, and livelihoods for vulnerable rural people. In lower Juba, we distributed a total of 30,000 healthy, vaccinated female goats to 600 households, benefiting a total of 3,600 people. By the end of the year, 37% of recipients and their families had used by-products from their goats, while 81% of goats had conceived. The distribution also helped boost these households' self-esteem and social status, as camels are highly valued in Somali culture.



We helped individuals start or expand their own small businesses



Kismayu influx of returnees from Kenya, many of who were looking to re-establish, or expand a business. SFH identified these community members and targeted them for business skills training. Those who lacked the capital to establish their business were given livelihood support grants, while others received



training in tinsmith, poultry keeping, and food processing. Following the business training, 125 individuals were placed as apprentices in local businesses, assisting the owners and learning practical skills including vegetable growing, carpentry, baking, tailoring, masonry, restaurant work, tea making, retail, bicycle repair, textile crafts, and electrical wiring.

**We provided skills for life and a living wage – people earned dignity**



Cash for Work is based on a simple premise: people in impoverished regions need dignified paying jobs, and communities need infrastructure for development. Under our Cash for Work programs, individuals receive cash for their labor in small-scale community projects. In 2012, over 11,872 people benefited from temporary paid employment on projects that included road clearing, pre - paring communal farming and settlement land, building classrooms and community centers, fencing around schools and hospitals, and constructing community latrines. Not only did the workers gain new skills, but also their families benefited from additional income and their communities from the infrastructure and creation of community assets. Food household level improved, and participants were able to pay children's school fees and pay off debt. Activities undertaken:

Total Households served: **1400**

Districts served: **Kismayo, Afmadow and Baidoa**

## WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene)

In the arid and semi-arid lands where we work, communities are water-stressed for many months of the year. Even where water supply is adequate, its quality is often poor. In Northern Kenya and Somalia, most of the population relies on pastoralism to earn a living. Water is sufficient during the rainy season only, and yields decrease as dry spells progress. With the onset of the rainfall, outbreak of AWD is prevalent. Droughts have increased dramatically over the past several decades, resulting in the deaths of many animals, reducing the availability of pasture, and increasing the distance between water sources. To address this, we designed innovative water management and treatment interventions tailored to local needs, and trained community members on how to better manage water resources. In Somalia, we trained Community Hygiene and Sanitation Committees to improve hygiene and sanitation practices and empowered them to act as agents of change. Committee members conducted monthly outreach sessions and organized garbage collection and disposal. Households in the targeted areas now practice safe potable water management and have improved their hand washing, water treatment, and waste disposal.

Activity	Number	Sanitation and Hygiene	Number
Latrines		New Latrines constructed	30
		Old latrines Rehabilitated	5
NFI distributed	<b>1500</b>	Bars of soaps distributed	2000 bars
Shallow wells Rehabilitated	18	Jerry cans 20 Lt. distributed	4000
Shallow wells constructed	10	Sanitation tools	-
		Sanitary protection kits	400 kits
		<b>Public Health</b>	
		Community Hygiene training	25 persons (15 women/10 men)

## Protection (Child protection, Mine risk education and GBV)

Following protracted and cyclic natural disasters, threat of drought, clan conflict, military offensive and evictions, the number of IDPs and other affected vulnerable people in southern Somalia in undoubtedly doubling day by day as Somalia move towards achieving stability. Appropriate responses and in-line with the 'do no harm principles' is indeed inevitable.

SFH protection activities focuses on the South Central Zone, which has the highest level of displacement and where cases of gender-based violence (GBV), separated and unaccompanied children, children formerly associated with armed forces and groups, rampant ERW (explosive, remnant of war) and IED explosives, and violation of basic rights become the order of the day.

SFH is currently active and a member of the following working groups:

I. Child Protection Working group-National and Hiran Sub-working

II. GBV working group at National/Nairobi level

III. Mine Risk education working group.

**In 2012 SFH undertook the following Mine related activities:**

District	Activities	Beneficiaries	Donor
<b>Kismayo</b>	Psychosocial Support	1060	VISDO
	Dignity Kits	800	UNFPA
<b>MAHAAS</b>	MRE	3600	UNMASS
	Social-Mobilization	5000	MAG-UK

Did you know that: - 1.1.million Somali are internally displaced and live in camps? - 60% of IDPs are children? - Only 30% of the population has access to clean water and only 20% in the worst affected areas of the south? - Living in unprotected and congested IDP settlements, women and girls are particularly exposed to sexual and gender-based violence?





## HEALTH AND NUTRITION

SFH provides emergency health services in South Central Somalia.

SFH's emergency role in health works to address the immediate needs of the displaced by providing health care through static and mobile outreach services. SFH works through its communities to hire local health experts to ensure emergency needs in preventive, promotive and curative care are met as well ensure intervention sustainability.

SFH's activities in health include the provision of primary healthcare services, liaising with bigger hospitals on referral mechanism, treatment and control of communicable disease, immunizations, delivery of safe motherhood services in Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care (EmONC), antenatal (ANC), delivery, postnatal (PNC), and gynecological care through the provision of essential medicines, equipments and expertise.

SFH currently provides support through 4 Mother and Child healthcare clinics, 6 health post and 2 mobile teams throughout 2 districts in the Lower Juba region: Kismayu and Badhadhe district.

In the year under review the health facilities recorded 8,500 general consultations, treatments, births and referrals.



## SHELTER AND NFI

Somalia has continued to face one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world today. Since the fall of the Siad Bare regime in 1991, Somalia fell for a long time into protracted civil wars, with ruling militia dividing populations along clan lines. Intrastate conflicts as well as interstate conflict with neighbouring countries have only exacerbated the situation. Over the years, ongoing conflict and climatic shocks in Somalia have generated the third highest number of refugees in the world, after Iraq and Afghanistan. As of 9th August 2012, 1,011,204 Somali refugees were counted in the region, most of whom being hosted in Kenya, Yemen, Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Tanzania and Uganda. Moreover, in 2012 almost 1.5 million Somalis are internally displaced, mainly in the south-central region. New internally displaced persons (IDPs) mix with displaced populations from 15 years previous and a population of urbanized poor following 20 years of conflict. Usually, Somali IDPs do not plan to return to their place of origin due to conflict and poor livelihood opportunities. They stay settled in and around main cities, living in makeshift shelters that mainly not offer basic security and dignity requirements. In the longer-term, they become urban poor increasing the demand for improved shelter solutions. Due to the deteriorating living conditions in the makeshift camps SFH support the distribution of NFIs, the provision of shelters and camps management moreso in areas with inadequate access to basic humanitarian services.



## Donors and partners:

SFH receives funding from the International Non-governmental and UN organizations such as: - MAG UK (Mine advisory group), Arc Solution (USA), and UNHCR, UNFAO and WFP. The organization further works to ensure the appropriate use of funds and program development through representation on in relevant UN clusters, consortiums and working groups

## Organizational structure:

SFH Kismayu is the main office: Its main task is strategic planning while the Nairobi office is for national level coordination's, information sharing and advocacy purposes. It also engages in fundraising activities, and takes care of project application, administration and reporting. The Kismayu office is now a fully functioning office with about 10 permanent employees. They take care of the implementation of the projects, and support offices in various regions in Somalia, and in Nairobi. We have field offices in Doble (Afmadow District), Raskamboni–(Badhadhe District), Balatweyne (Hiran) regions, Baidoa (Bay region).

SFH also partakes in high-level events in order to raise awareness on the vulnerable in Somalia. These include Child Protection Working group-National and Hiran Sub-working, GBV working group at National/Nairobi level, Mine Risk education working group-In Banadir, Hiran, Galgadud and Lower Juba.

Solutions for Humanity, has (5) gender responsive Board of Directors. The Board is the decision-making arm of the organization charged with networking, fundraising, overseeing, and other important roles. The Board sits once every 3 month and in the case of extraordinary meeting, it may be called by 2/3 of BOD or the Chairperson.

SOLUTIONS FOR HUMANITY (SFH) has an operating team of **24** permanent staffs in all its existing offices and over **150** contractual staffs. They are charged with the day-to-day actual implementation of projects.