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2014 in Review

In 2014, Solutions for Humanity (SFH) worked to respond to the humanitarian crisis affecting millions in the Somalia.

To do so, our staff confronted tragedy and conflict, putting themselves on the frontlines to ensure effective and timely delivery of aid.

SFH was one of the first organizations to respond to Somalia's devastating 2011 famine, developing and scaling up emergency programs in WASH, Protection, Livelihoods, Health and Nutrition throughout Hiran, Banadir, Bay Bakool, Lower and Middle Juba regions.

During this time, teams worked tirelessly to acquire funds, establish new programs and increase activities; expanding into 2 new districts, employing over a 200 staff both permanent and contractual and providing care to over 65,000 of the most vulnerable.

In these areas, SFH's reputation and attendant ease of access allowed for the provision of continued care throughout the year, despite newly established local authority's strict regulations establishing the organization among one of the reputable LINGO implementers in South Central Somalia.

This success is a product of our people. The willingness of our staff to work hands on and continue regardless of great personal sacrifice is truly the highlight of our programming in 2014. We thank them for the courage and commitment shown and look forward to another year together.

Yours Sincerely,

Solution for Humanity Editorial Team

Message from the Director

In the year ended, SFH's first and most pressing challenge was addressing the day to day needs of its communities throughout Somalia.

Our staff's dedication and ability to adapt in times of extreme crisis, ensuring aid to hundreds of thousands, has not only had a profound impact on SFH's delivery but worked to establish a culture of endurance and commitment.

Since our establishment, SFH has strived to contribute to the restoration of community livelihoods in a larger geographic context expanding programming into Northern Kenya.

In the region, there are no easy or short term solutions for the continued crisis, however it is in this critical moment, as we enter a new year of implementation, we must take into account gaps identified, lessons learnt and begin to lobby for the appropriate changes in funding, such that together we may focus on building the resilience of our communities.

As we continue to pursue our **Vision** and **Mission**, I would like to sincerely thank our Board of Directors, partners and staff for their steadfast support in the delivery of the much wanted interventions.

Sincerely,
Mohamed Bashir Abdi
Chairman



Who We Are

Solutions for Humanity (SFH), is a humanitarian organization dedicated to the humanitarian principles of: Humanity, Neutrality, Impartiality and independence and focused on the Implementation of emergency and resilience programming in the Horn of Africa; Somalia and Kenya.

SFH specializes in the implementation of **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Health and Nutrition, Food security and livelihood, Protection** (Child protection and GBV) and **Shelter** and **NFI** as the core thematic areas. Additionally, SFH also addresses cross-cutting themes; Youth, Women and peace building, capacity building, Governance and Law, Environmental protection.

In collaboration with its donors, SFH is an immediate responder working to provide impartial assistance as guided by its operating principles. As such, the organization works to ensure the safety of its beneficiaries and staff by adhering to a strict policy of transparency, neutrality and accountability.

The organization was founded in 2008; coordinating its activities from Kismayu; Somalia. SFH is among one of the reputable NGO actors in South Central Somalia, providing aid to over 200,000 of the region's most vulnerable.



Front view SFH Kismayo Office

What we do.

SFH is an emergency, relief and development response organization.

SFH understands the impact of protracted war, famine and displacement focusing interventions towards the most vulnerable entering situation of conflict and unrest to ensure aid delivery and resilience building.

SFH endeavors to provide the best care possible, employing the SPHERE standard to ensure risks, needs and services are addressed appropriately before entering new program areas. SFH works to support community development by hiring locally, and with donors, designing programs from the ground up.

SFH staff is drawn from local regions, providing for greater access and community expertise.

SFH beneficiaries are encouraged to participate in the development and implementation of programs ensuring timely and needs based response



How we work.

SFH is a majorly an implementing partner, together with benefactors designing flexible and response driven programming. The organization is mandated to increase opportunities and improve assistance by assessing programs at the community level.

The majority of SFH staff comes from its program areas, supported by a twenty four equally significant national staff. In 2014, SFH worked through 204 both permanent and contractual staff to deliver lifesaving programs in Somalia. As members and staff SFH makes a commitment to the following values:

- Professionalism
- Equality and Justice
- Transparency
- Independence and Neutrality

SFH's work is further focused towards bridging gaps in aid through the development of strategic partnerships with stakeholders by participating in consortiums, working groups and clusters. Currently, SFH is a member of the Somali NGO consortium and the five core clusters; Health and Nutrition, Food security and livelihood, WASH, Protection, and Shelter.

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Background and Administration

The organization was founded in 2008 in Somalia, by a collective group of professionals and community members sharing a common vision and in response to the unprecedented crisis following the collapse of the Somalia state; taking the acronym SFH to represent the sought after solutions to the crisis in the horn of Africa.

SFH is headed by an Executive Director and supported by line management in programs and program support. Collectively, these twenty four permanent individuals represent a wealth of knowledge and expertise in program development, management, administration, human resources (HR), logistics, and financial management and governance. To augment the management team there is a 5-member gender inclusive Board of Directors whose role is to fundraise, oversee program implementation and networking.

The organization works through its head office in Kismayu, Somalia supporting 4 country program offices, Doble (Afmadow district), Raskamboni (Badhadhe district), Balatweyne (Hiran Region), Baidoa (Bay region). Additionally, SFH has office in Nairobi for National level coordination, information sharing and advocacy purpose. To effectively deliver on this SFH has 204 staff members both permanent and contractual and over 200,000 beneficiaries.

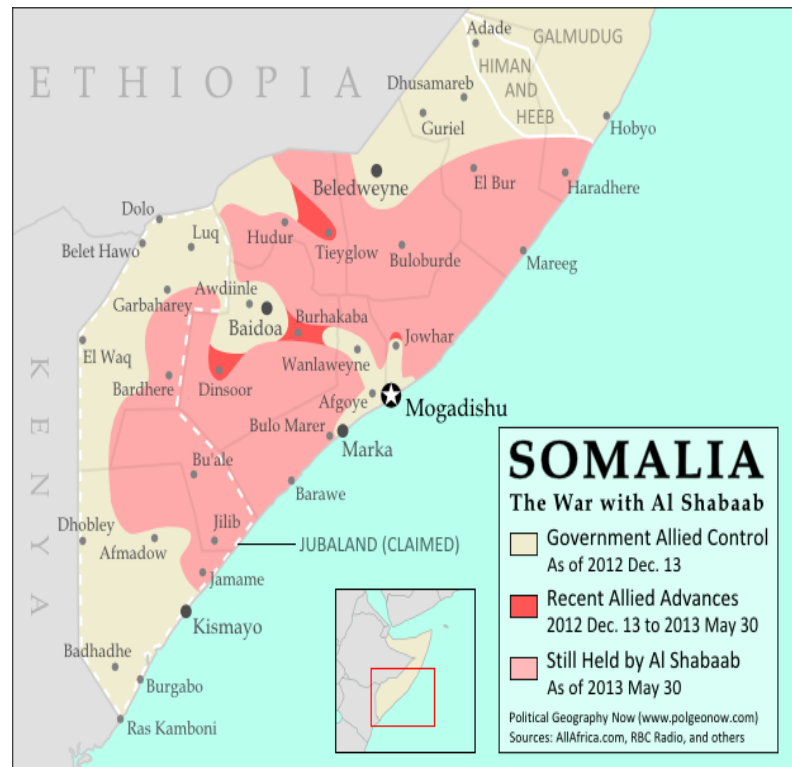
SOUTH CENTRAL

Over Twenty years of armed conflict combined with recurrent droughts with the recent being the 2011 famine have made communities, staff and beneficiaries in Somalia extremely vulnerable to hunger, erratic weather patterns, conflicts and exploitation. The country's precarious nature, characterized by environmental, man-made and political disasters has resulted in the unnecessary loss of millions of innocent lives, leaving over 400,000 Somalis in its South Central regions in need of emergency lifesaving assistance.

In 2014, SFH faced some of the organizations greatest challenges, seeing staff on the frontlines providing the first wave of response in South-Central Somalia.

In this time SFH worked to scale-up and initiate new program activities throughout Gedo (Luq) and Bakool regions.

In these areas, SFH's reputation allowed for the provision of continued care throughout the year.



Programs WASH

SFH specializes in the implementation of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) activities aimed at improving access to clean water, sanitation and public health services.

Since the organization's establishment, SFH has focused on innovative delivery methods; emergency latrine construction, capacity building, Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) and communal waste management to address issues of distribution and delivery.

In the course of the year, SFH's emergency WASH programs worked to construct and rehabilitate shallow wells and boreholes, community water treatment, Hygiene promotions, training of community hygiene workers, training of communities on PHAST and CHAST, distribution points supplying (Amount of water) hundred gallons of clean water per day to over 12,000 of the most vulnerable.

The programs Public Health component further works to ensure good hygiene practice through the provision of facilities, and supplies.

Activity	Number	Sanitation and Hygiene	Number
Latrines		New Latrines constructed	30
Water tanks	1	Old latrines Rehabilitated	Non
NFI distributed	2000	Bars of soaps distributed	500 households
Shallow wells Rehabilitated	15	Jerry cans 20 Lt. distributed	4000
Shallow wells constructed	5	Sanitation tools	400 wheelbarrows/100 long brushes
		Sanitary protection kits	400 kits
		Public Health	
		Garbage collection campaign beneficiaries	8,000 beneficiaries
		PHAST training	30 persons (18 women/12 men)



1: Rehabilitation of a well

2. Hand wash hygiene promotion



Community Waste Disposal

In response to the 2011 famine and resulting pressure placed on public health capacities inside Somalia's overcrowded IDP settlements, SFH worked to design and implement innovative waste management disposal systems in IDP and Settlements; The waste management systems are made-up of raised rotating receptacles for wastes hygienic disposal. The platforms; 2 tanks hinged to pivot 180 degrees, allow for easy delivery of waste into community appointed donkey carts responsible for transportation to large municipal dumpsters located at the camps outskirts.

The disposal platforms are constructed in WASH placed on public health capacities inside Somalia's program areas. They are run by WES committee and overseen by SFH public health field officials.

Program Activities Include:

- The installation and construction of elevated waste platforms
- The procurement and distribution of donkey carts
- The distribution of sanitation tools (wheel-barrels, rakes, shovels)
- Community sensitization and capacity building

The initiative was launched in early November and currently serves a population of over 45,000.

Livelihood

SFH's programs in Livelihoods cover a broad range of activities focused on enhancing self-reliance through Agriculture and livestock program, cash, voucher, and non-food programs and food aid.

SFH's livelihood programs work towards wealth creation, stimulating credit systems and empowering small businesses.

SFH's programs further work to be all inclusive, drawing beneficiaries from existing program areas and working to ensure the needs of the most vulnerable are met through linkages within Protection, Health and WASH.

In 2014, SFH's activities worked to respond to the needs of 15,548 in 3 districts of Lower Juba.

Activities undertaken:

Total Households served: 1400

Districts served: Kismayo, Afmadow and Badhadhe.



Figure: Canal Rehabilitation

Health:

SFH provides emergency health services throughout 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, 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 to 2 Mother and Child Healthcare (MCH) clinics and 4 mobile teams throughout 2 districts in the region: Kismayu and Badhadhe district.



Child in one of SFH MCH centre

Protection:

Following protracted 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 principle' 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 2014 SFH undertook the following:

Activities undertaken:

Number of beneficiaries;

Districts: Bay, Bakool, Hiran (Maxaas and Bulu Burte) and Luuq in Gedo



SFH- Mahaas MRE (Mine risk Education) team in refresher training in Mogadishu



SFH MRE team in sessions in Mahaas, Hiran region

Transparency and Accountability

SFH is a non-profit organization which relies on public, private and government funding.

SFH receives 90% of its program funds from donors. Funds collected are earmarked into general program themes and distributed at the country level.

SFH strives to operate efficiently and to minimize fundraising and administrative costs. In compliance with donor regulations, SFH allocates the bulk of funding to direct program costs allowing 5% for indirect expenditures.

Developmental Partners

SFH receives funding from the International Non-governmental and UN organizations such as: - MAG UK (Mine advisory group)/UNMASS, 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.

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