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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your willingness to learn more about **Bani'Adam Relief and Development Organization** and South Central Somalia context.

By signing up Bani'Adam newsletter you will get latest from the field and stories about women, men and children supported by our projects in South Central Somalia. You will also get reports about our relief workers who implement projects in sectors like WASH, livelihood, education, peace building and human rights. Through this newsletter we want to give you a better picture of what Bani'Adam is and what kind of support we give to the most vulnerable.

We hope you will find this newsletter an interesting tool to get relevant information about Bani'Adam activities and the areas where we work.

Regards

BaniAdam Staff.



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Welcome!



This is the first number of BaniAdam newsletter. We are happy to share with you stories, projects and snapshot of everyday life in South Central Somalia. But first of all let us present who we are.

We are Bani'Adam!

Bani'Adam is a regional non-governmental organization with deep roots in Somalia, founded immediately after the collapse of the Somalia Government in 1991 by a group of Somali professional and intellectuals. We are currently present in the following regions: Mudug, Galgadud, Hiran, Lower Shabelle, Middle Shabelle and Banadir



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Snapshot from South Central Somalia



- ✓ The number of **people in need of food aid has halved to 1.05 million**. This is an improvement in the Somalia context but one of the worst results in the world malnutrition rates. However the good result is due to both the continued humanitarian assistance and the good impact of the *Deyr* rains on harvest and livestock.
- ✓ **Shortage of irrigation water in Lower Shabelle** affects the food production of the poor households. Many families have already started evacuation to Mogadishu and Northern regions of Somalia.
- ✓ A high profile **delegation of Ministers** led by the Prime Minister **Abdi Farah Shirdon** were **travelling the capital cities of recent recovered regions** like Merka- Lower Shabelle region, Baidoa- Bay region and Beledweyn of Hiran region. They met with community leaders to discuss current challenges and ways forward. The governors of

Lower Shabelle and Bay regions were excelled from their power after requests from the communities.

- ✓ Turkish Development agencies started repairing roads and public infrastructures which created more jobs to the unskilled people
- ✓ Banadir regional administration is doing the phase two of the **street lighting** after Maka Almukarama Road lighting, **solar powered** lights are being installed at the **Wadnaha Street in Mogadishu**
- ✓ **Sports competitions** have started after repairing of **Stadium Conis** and laying the artificial grass for the first time in history.



Good News from Bani'Adam



We are currently implementing two different projects:

- ✓ BaniAdam is undertaking a fishing assessment in **Hamarweyne** district Banadir Region in readiness to implement a **fishing project** supported by **Caritas Somalia**. The main objective of the intervention is to build the fishing assets of most vulnerable famine and conflict affected fishing IDPs in Humanitarian Emergence. Most of the beneficiaries are youth and they will receive fishing kits to boost their daily catch in order to increase their income and improve their food security assets. One kit has the value of 43 USD and contains a fishing net, hooks and small fishing accessories.
- ✓ Thanks to **Christian Aid**, Bani'Adam has started a new agriculture and **livelihoods** intervention. The goal of the project is to contribute to improving food security and nutritional status of most vulnerable beneficiaries in **Jowhar Awdhegle, Ay Butey and Gumeysi diid**. The direct beneficiaries of the project are 300 households identified as the most vulnerable in the villages (among them families who totally lost their livelihoods for the sake of the recent droughts/famine; families recommended by the community elders who are the poorest amongst the community; women headed families). The intervention includes preparing one hector of farm land to each of the target people, canal rehab, extension training and seed distribution.

- ✓ On 12th February 2013, Bani'Adam Relief and Development Organization has been elected by the Food Security members in **Lower Shabelle Cluster Vice-Co-coordinator for the region.**

Giving Voice to the Voiceless



Madina Mohamoud Jim'ale is a 55 years old mother of 5 sons. She lives in the Liban IDP settlement in Bondhere district, Mogadishu. A year and half ago Madina together with some of her neighbors were displaced from Deganley village of Bal'ad district, Middle Shabelle region as a result of the ongoing conflict. She says:

“When we came here we used to buy a jerry can of water at 1,500sh to share with the entire household for cooking, cleaning and drinking. We would queue for hours to buy water from vendors. We found it too expensive since we had no reliable source of income. But since Bani'Adam started the water supply project, we get water absolutely free anytime we want”

Asked about sanitation situation she had this to say,

“We currently access latrines a few steps away from our doorsteps, women feel safer and their dignity has been enhanced initially the situation was pathetic, people used to defecate in the open fields; others dug small pits inside the IDP. At night women usually feared going out to the unprotected makeshift latrines”. We give thanks to Allah for bringing help to us through Bani'Adam Relief and Development Organization.



Madina Mohamoud, 55 at Liban IDP settlement.
Photo: Sid Ali, Bani'Adam Organization

From all Bani'Adam Staff,

Thank you!