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# 2020 Annual Report

## The way of Liberation from Illiteracy

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# Word From Executive Director

The year 2020 has been a rather eventful year for us, despite the enormous challenges including COVID-19 pandemic we have had many achievements and made progress on humanitarian intervention in Somalia. The annual report covers these in detail. TASS continued its mandate of improving survival of the poor and marginalized population including IDPs, host communities, Refugees and returnees. Our ambition is to drive a high-performance culture, greater accountability and transparency in humanitarian & development sector. It is our duty to respond to the ever-growing humanitarian needs, alleviate the tremendous suffering and bring hope to people in Somalia affected by the crisis.

In the year, 2020, TASS implemented different projects grouped as follows: protection, education, Health & Livelihoods. It is extremely important for us to realize projects in harmony with the customs, needs and ideas of the local population. This year we reached more than 43,553 people directly or indirectly in different locations of Somalia. I am proud of what we have achieved in collaboration with the local community and authority this empowers us to leverage the scale of our organization and the knowledge of our people.

The COVID -19 pandemic has created an unprecedented crisis for all of us. TASS has increased its responsibilities and role in surviving people through prevention awareness raising and provision of life saving foods to marginalized and vulnerable populations. Finally, I would like to thank our donors and partners, who have supported us in implementing meaningful humanitarian & development programs in Somalia. I

would like to offer my deepest gratitude to our staff who realized this greater achievements. We are committed to transforming lives and communities, and we will continue to do so, with your unwavering support.

**Abdirahman Abdirisak**  
Executive Director



# Abbreviations

<b>TASS</b>	Tadamun Social Society
<b>IDPs</b>	Internally Displaced Persons
<b>WASH</b>	Water Sanitation & Hygiene
<b>SOMGEP</b>	Somali Girls Education Project
<b>CEC</b>	Community Education Committee
<b>ABE</b>	Alternative basic Education
<b>ALP</b>	Accelerated Learning Programme
<b>TB</b>	Tuberculosis
<b>MTB</b>	Mycobacterium tuberculosis
<b>HIV</b>	Human immunodeficiency virus
<b>GBV</b>	Gender Based violence
<b>CP</b>	Child Protection
<b>IDTR</b>	Identification Documentation Tracing and Repatriation
<b>UASC</b>	Unaccompanied and Separated children
<b>CPC</b>	Community Protection Committee
<b>FGM</b>	Female Genital Mutilation
<b>IWD</b>	International Women's Day
<b>DAC</b>	Day of African Children



# The Organization



## Mission Statement

To alleviate human suffering, build resilience, foster growth and development towards a stable society where all people meet their needs and enjoy their rights.

## Vision Statement

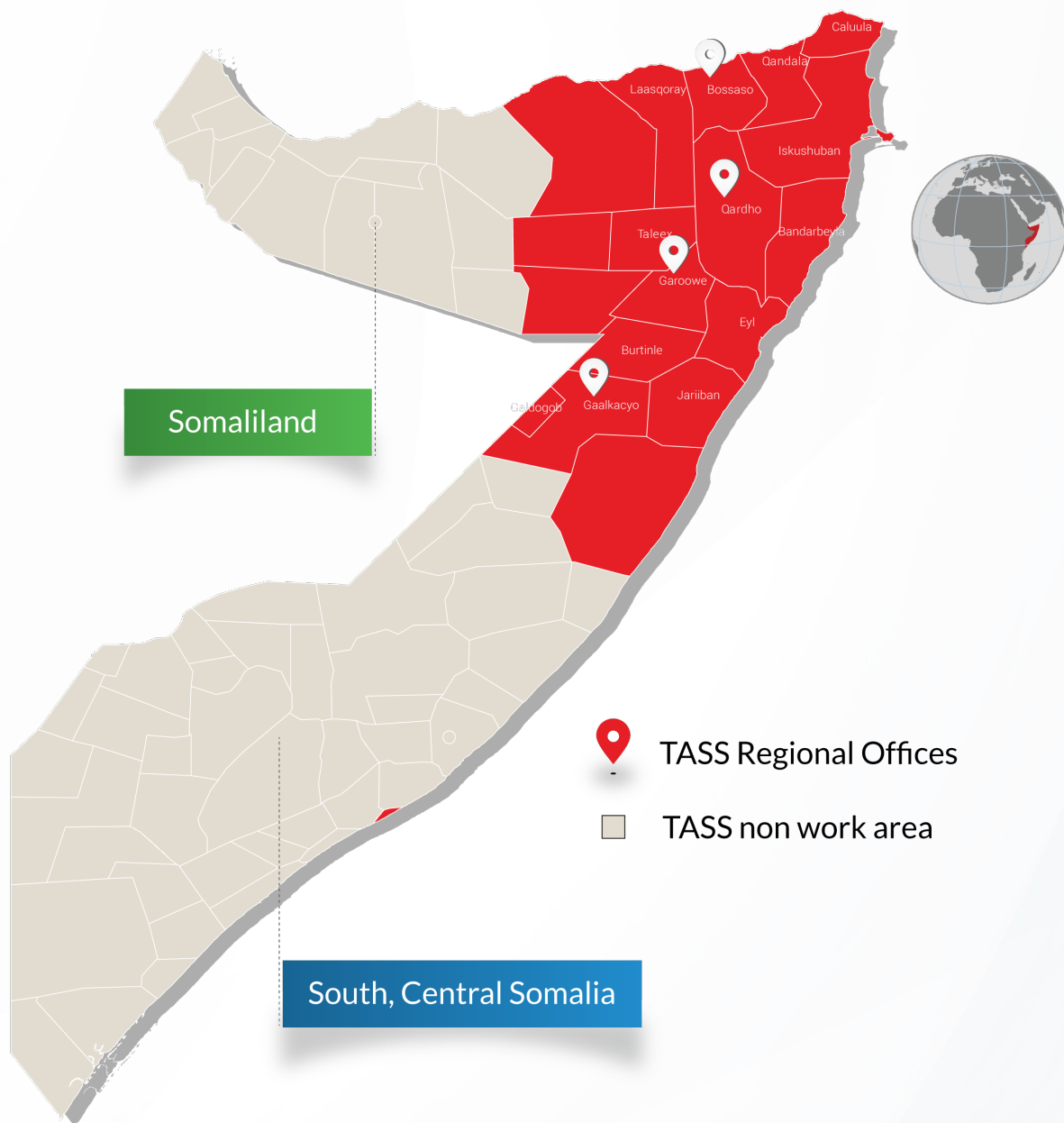
To provide humanitarian assistance to people in need, create space for human rights and freedoms, foster social and economic prosperity and good governance to improve livelihoods and human dignity.

## Who we are and where we operate

We are a National Not-For-Profit, Non-Governmental Organization with our headquarters in Bossaso. We have branches in Garowe, Gardo, Mogadishu and Galkaiyo. Our program intervention reaches part of Somaliland regions, our organization was established in 1992 by Somali professionals. We are legally registered in Somalia and Somaliland. Whereas we closely collaborate with public authorities, community leaders, we maintain autonomy which allows us to always act to provide much needed humanitarian assistance. We are guided by the core humanitarian standards in our operations.

Our core programs are in disaster management operations, education, health nutrition and livelihoods, protection and water, sanitation, and hygiene. TASS is governed by a board of directors. Our operations are spearheaded by a management team led by the executive director while our branch offices are led by field managers.

## TASS Work Areas





# Education



## TASS Run Community Schools

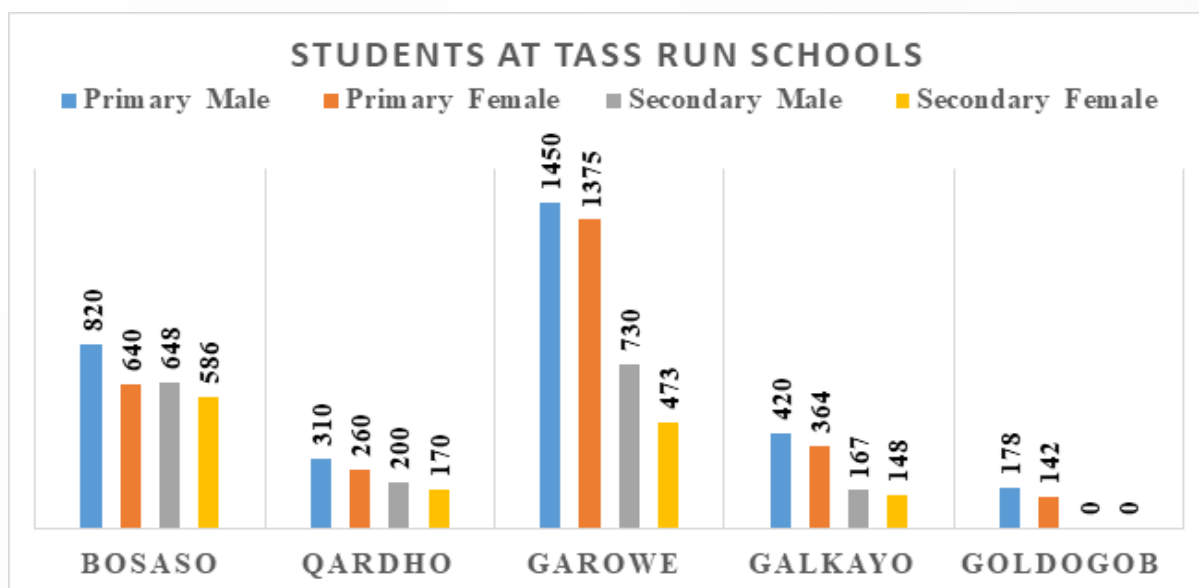
Education is central to development and it is one of the most powerful instruments for reducing poverty and inequality, it lays a foundation for sustained economic growth of the country, for this consideration, TASS established and runs 22 community schools (17 primary and 5 secondary schools) in Puntland-Somalia, the schools are first and quality schools in the regions with over 9,000 students and 327 staff composing of teachers, administration personnel and support staff, this number increases annually. The Management of the schools is concerned with the increasing effort in keeping the quality of the education, records of the students and recording their activities and schools also keep the information of its employees in collaboration with the government. This huge education programme is supported by the local community and Somali diaspora.

## Summary Achievements

Enrolment in TASS run formal primary and secondary schools increased 7% of the total students which is 9,081, this increment done through expansion and improvement of school infrastructure rehabilitating and building additional classrooms and offices at Nawawi schools in Bosaso and Garowe. Formulation and implementation of sustained school campaigns towards enrolment of children with

engagement of parents committees improved. TASS also enhanced Provision of social protection support by providing free education to 500 marginalized and orphanage students in its schools. Quality of teaching and learning in improved in collaboration with ministry of education in quality and relevance of curriculum and availability. The schools management team promoted inclusive, protective and gender responsive practices at school and community levels.

Management of school levels strengthened through systematic periodic monitoring and support supervision of schools/centres and training of teachers in class management, this enhanced accountability and quality of TASS run schools. TASS run schools became one the best ten schools in Puntland according Puntland central examination results.



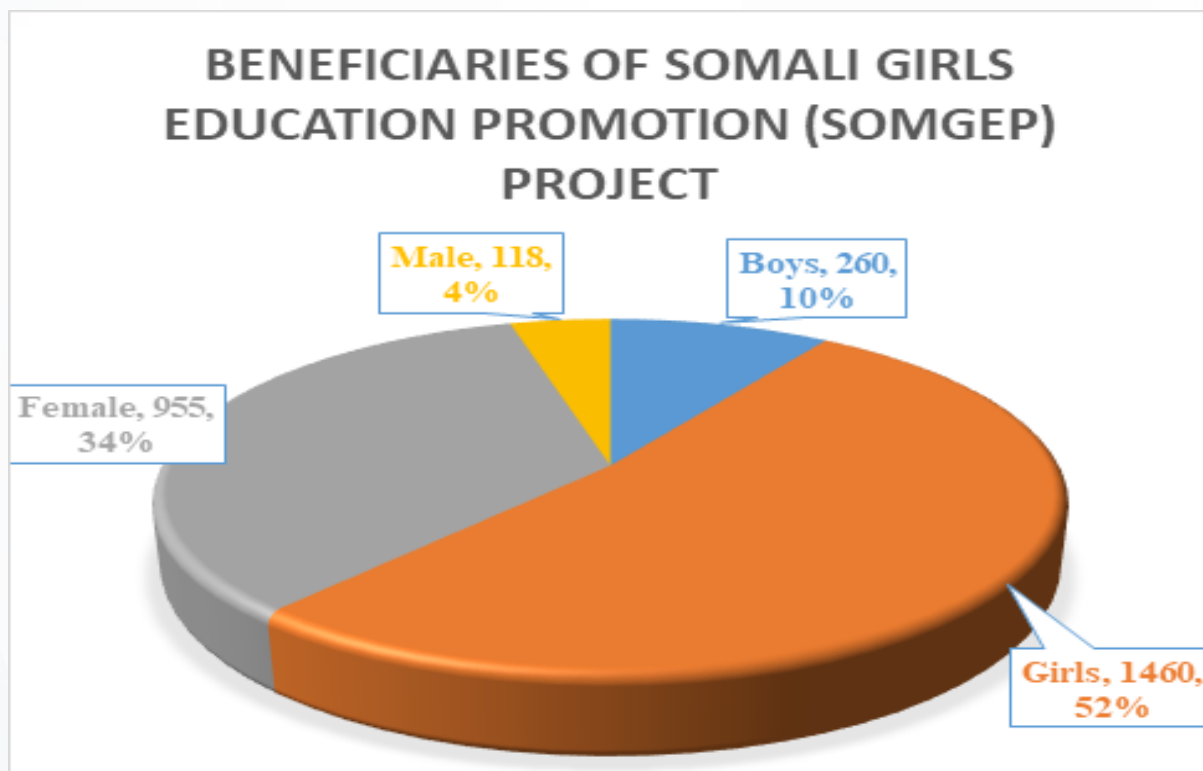
## SOMGEP Project

The Somali Girls' Education Promotion Project {SOMGEP} addresses the barriers that prevent marginalized girls in rural and remote areas of Somalia, TASS particularly targets Sanag, Bari and Karkaar regions – including girls with disabilities from enrolling in school. This SOMGEP project implemented in 31 selected schools in collaboration with the line ministry of education and local community leaders utilizing an integrated approach that includes training teachers in formal schools; providing tailored accelerated learning programs for early primary and upper primary/lower secondary; training community committees; addressing economic barriers faced by parents and gendered barriers at the community level; and developing girls' leadership skills to boost classroom participation and shift traditional gender roles. This project supported by CARE International.

## Summary Achievements

Improved the capacity of 124 community education committees (CECs) members who are actively engaged girls education advocacy in target areas, 497 community members including parents were reached through social mobilization campaigns in positive attitude change, protection awareness on corporal punishment avoidance and Psychological First Aid training provided to 225 school CECs, school administration that positively changed child protection concerns at school level.

235 mothers were trained Village Saving Loan Schemes and enabled them to improve economic status through local resource mobilization, TASS provided monthly incentives to 15 ABE and ALP teachers. 520 students composing boys and girls provided empowerment forum discussion around education and equal participation and this reduced discrimination among students. Girls' enrolment increased in schools. 1200 girls received partial scholarship.







# Health



## Bosaso TB Center

TASS runs Bosaso TB control hospital to ensure that everyone infected with TB is identified, diagnosed and treated. The hospital designed strategies to reach out to vulnerable populations by opening spot centers in corners of Bosaso town and improved access to quality diagnostics, TASS collaborates with ministry of health for guidelines and Mercy US Aid and Development for funding. The center gathers and shares knowledge with the ministry of health TB control department and donor partners to better understand the epidemic and the most effective methods to fight it. The center employs 11 qualified staff composing of management, nurses, lab technicians, X-ray technician and pharmacists.

### Hospital departments

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| A. Out Patient/inpatient unit | C. Treatment unit        | E. HIV / TB Co-management unit |
| B. Laboratory unit            | D. Health Education unit | F. X-ray machine unit          |

## Summary Achievements

Bosaso TB control hospital has helped an improved diagnosis and free treatment care for more than three thousand TB patients of both children and adults. The hospital improved access to early TB prevention and care for patients with all forms of tuberculosis and achieve better individual outcomes and public health impact through outreach community education on TB prevention and diagnoses and treatment. The hospital received 1,938 out patients and 1,454 patients referred to laboratory for testing 13% equalling 189 people had been TB positive and received free treatment from the hospital, in addition 186 Mycobacterium tuberculosis{MTB} detected through Gene-xpert and provided an appropriate care as well. The hospital provided free treatment and nutrition to 376 TB patients. 11 patients with TB Co-HIV positive identified and provided an appropriate treatment and counselling as well. The hospital positively contributed the wellbeing of the community in Bosaso. TASS in collaboration with Mercy US AID and Development expanded the hospital with two in patient rooms and toilets to enhance its services.





# Protection



## GBV PROJECT IN SOOL REGION.

This GBV project supports three existing GBV one stop centers and three safe spaces in Sool region to confirm sustained provision of GBV services for survivors and also supports referral pathways for service provision. This is a comprehensive Gender Based Violence (GBV) project that attacks the root causes of GBV in Emergencies through mitigating the risk of GBV occurring in IDP and within the host communities of Laas Caanood, Taleex and Dharkein ganyo and provides multi-sectorial services to survivors of GBV through community based programming and strengthening of GBV response systems and promoting community cohesiveness which will promote community-based protection mechanism by ensuring women, men, girls and boys participate in community-based protection mechanisms/sessions. The primary modalities for delivering service are through the scaling up of direct service provision to GBV survivors using integrated referral pathways for clinical management of rape, service mobilization through women and girls' safe spaces.

## Summary Achievements

TASS re-opened a three One-Stop centers where survivors of gender based violence or abuse can access legal aid, health care, referral assistance and posttraumatic counselling by bringing together different services into one center. It did better coordination among stakeholders including line ministry and community leaders so this safeguarded greater effectiveness of the project's activities, streamlined the use of resources and enhanced the sustainability. 2,002 beneficiaries received direct support services case management services like medical, legal, psychosocial and referral services and material support like dignity kits and solar latrines provided to 1,200 beneficiaries out of the total project beneficiaries mentioned above. Additionally A comprehensive mapping exercise of the existing referral pathways in Las Canood, Taleh and Dharkein Genyo done successfully findings are available for service providers and decision makers to plan possible intervention.

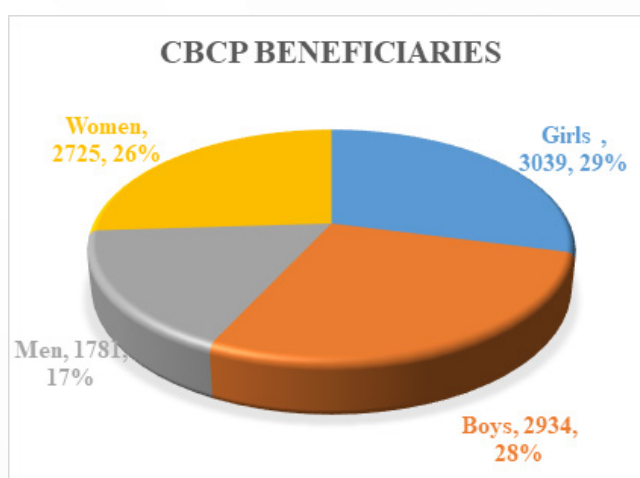
## COMMUNITY BASED CHILD PROTECTION (CBCP)

This project titled of Provision of Multi-sectorial Prevention & Response to violence, Abuse & Exploitation of children and women in six target districts specifically Bosaso, Garowe, Galkayo, Goldogob, Buu-hoodle and Boocame the main aim of the project was to Empower Community Based Child Protection Committees and systems to prevent and respond to child protection/rights violations (GBV, Harmful practices in Puntland through multiple services like case management, medical, material, safe shelter, referral, legal support services, at the same time TASS protection team continued capacity building of community protection committee members, child right clubs in schools and outreach protection awareness raising to IDPs and Host communities to prevent and reduce protection concerns at community level. Government institutions and local community structures including religious leaders, children and women are also engaged discussions on CP/GBV concerns to enhance community participation to prevent and respond the protection incidences.

## Summary Achievements

TASS catered safe space and interim care services plus Identification Documentation Tracing Reunification (IDTR), Psychosocial, medical and material support services to 2,043 being children on move and Unaccompanied and Separated children (UASC) including 725 Ethiopian minors, 216 participants of community conversation sessions on CP led by community discussion leaders in Bosaso and Goldogob districts had shown positive attitude change.

TASS undertook situational child protection



assessment in project locations issuing comprehensive assessment report for partners/stakeholders. 420 CPC members trained and engaged community level protection action support.

7,800 community members including school children received GBV, CP, FGM practices and Mine risk prevention awareness and demonstrated acquisition of knowledge. Coordination among protection stakeholders improved through case management and sub-cluster meetings co-chaired by TASS in collaboration with Ministry women development and family affairs.

## **NORAD-Framework Programme**

### **Theme: Child Rights Governance, Child Protection & Disaster Risk Reduction- (CRG/CP & DRR).**

The aim of this project was to create a safe, protective and inclusive environment for boys and girls, especially those from marginalized communities. To safeguard that children's rights are upheld in line with government's obligations/commitments under the convention on the rights of the child and other international & regional treaties to reach Girls and boys are protected from all forms of abuse, violence and exploitation in their homes and schools.

### **Summary Achievements**

This project increased child protection advocacy by CBOs and access to quality child protection services for boys and girls affected by or at risk of violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation on the other hand, 96 religious leaders (all male) were fully engaged in child rights and child protection awareness raising campaigns at community level with a particular focus of gender discriminatory social norms and harmful practices. Improved protection and safety of the children providing education sessions on COVID 19 prevention techniques and parenting with Violence to 860 members from parents, school children, Community welfare committees, members from community based organizations and media staff respectively.

We also reached 13, 140 families in Gardho & Garowe using protection awareness education through media like TVs, radio and distribution of IEC materials this reduced physical and humiliating punishment (PHP), fighting, bullying and Gender Based Violence (GBV) during Covid 19 restrictions. Protection cases reported in schools and child participation increased after 56 child rights clubs in 20 schools and their patrons trained on child led Disaster Risk Reduction- DRR & Established School based reporting mechanisms for 20 schools setting suggestion boxes within schools. Girls support groups established in schools to improve girls' participation and confidence through empowerment sessions and CHIOCE model training for 60 school children who showed positive knowledge in equal participation issues relating learning environment.

## NORAD Joint FGM/C and CEFM project

The overall project objective is to contribute towards the elimination all forms of FGM/C in targeted communities, it has employed different methodologies towards realization of the intended change like Community conversations on monthly basis with different community groups, use of media to educate communities on various topics on FGM/C, engaging religious and community leaders as gate keepers and key influencers given their social standing; engaging men and boys as agents of change; Capacity building (trainings) of various groups and networks; advocacy on development and enactment of laws and policies, mass awareness campaigns & marking of calendar events (FGM/C day, IWD, DAC, 16 days of Activism, etc); Community mobilization towards girls' education and provision of Medical and psychosocial support to survivor with FGM/C related complications. The project targeted six locations; Gardo, Dhudhub, Yako, Bossaso, Carmo and Ufayn under Bari and karkaar regions of Puntland in collaboration with ministry of women development and family affairs

### Summary Achievements

The project realized greater achievements in social negative attitude change and reducing harmful practices by engaging traditional leaders, mothers, grandmothers, circumcisers, youth groups, male role models, women and girls role models who collectively pledged their commitment and commenced to contribute efforts to abandon FGM/C and CEFM practices in their respective target locations actively. 37 survivors including 13 women with fistula complications accessed medical and psychosocial support that improved their health, wellbeing & fully recovered.

This project reached 5,851 beneficiaries through outreach awareness raising, monthly community groups' conversations, selective workshops on protection of children and women and human rights, advocacy skills enhancing knowledge and skills of community members including school children.





# Orphan Support



TASS with support fund of Qatar Charity provides quarterly grants of \$90 per orphan to contribute the living and education fee of the orphans to become useful members of the society. We have been running the orphan support program for the last 15 years. Day by day number of orphan children are increasing due to various reasons so TASS needs additional support from the donors and philanthropists to meet the needs of increasing orphan demands in Somalia. Supporting the orphans TASS utilizes a methodology of providing the support through caregiver/guardian of the orphan, TASS ensures the wellbeing and education of 947 orphans supported through monitoring and data collection on child information in her/his education performance from the schools they go to and guardian interview. The project reduced stress among children- Stress related by ensuring that each child has a uniform and attends school like all others. In addition to this orphan support project. TASS provides 30 children with Hifzul-Quran fund support to encourage them learn holly quran these students are selected different locations from orphans and poor children.

Description	Male	Female	Total
Orphans and Hifzul Quran students	526	451	977



# Livelihood



## Dry Food Assistance Distribution

This year, our intervention of dry food distribution is different from our normal project nature in terms of duration and scope, it has been a periodic intervention so that is why a limited amount of food is provided during the year, the beneficiaries selected from displaced people who have been unable to access to food and proper nutrition, particularly those in emergency situations.

## Qurbani Meat Distribution

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## Summary Achievements

We distributed or handed-over of specified rations of 300 metric tons (rice, flour, sugar powder milk, dates, cooking oil and pasta) to 1, 078 intended households in Bosaso & Gardo, fairly, according to selection criteria and priorities developed by TASS in collaboration with the district authorities and affected community leaders to ensure accessing the most vulnerable households. Likely the occasional Qurbani project slaughtered 2,600 goats and distributed fresh meat parcels for 5,200 most vulnerable families including - women, children, the elderly, disabled, widows and refugees.



## Joint Monitoring of our program intervention

TASS in collaboration with its partners and local government undertook participatory monitoring to establish beneficiaries' perspectives on the implementation of its intervention regularly, The monitoring was conducted in project sites, The discussions revealed breakdown in the service delivery- status and provided recommendations to promote better performance and prevent issues deterring the achievement of goals.

## Media Relations and Innovations

TASS has intentionally broadened its interaction with the media from just coverage and reporting on its events using popular existing platforms of these media houses like SBC, Puntland TV and Daljir radio to reach different audiences at non-conventional times, TASS also promoted the use of social media to disseminate its humanitarian & development works, using media during COVID-19 restrictions was a unique tactic way to raise the awareness of the community and reach more beneficiaries.

# Partnerships

The value in collectives cannot be undermined and we strive to build partnerships across all sectors within the country. Beyond just being a membership organization that NGOs subscribe to, beside sector clusters, we are affiliated to various other institutions: Puntland Non-State Actors (PUNSA) and Somali NGO Consortium (SNC)





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