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Abbreviations

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

Foreword

I am delighted to present to you the 2022 annual report, which provides a summary of our organization's achievements per sector and learnings for the year 2022.

We're grateful for the continued support of our partners and the communities within which we work. This support is still very critical as different vulnerable groups are still not anywhere near self-reliance or sustainability. There is still a significant gap to fill for education, health and livelihoods support for IDPs, refugees and host communities in Somalia. Specifically, access to life saving services to pregnant and lactating mothers, and children under five years of age who continue to disproportionately suffer impact of the drought.

A key point of note from 2022 is that active participation and involvement of all stakeholders especially women, community and camp committees and leaders, is essential for the effective implementation and uptake of programs. Increased participation of young girls in the project activities can make a difference because for example, in FGM scenarios, they are the ones who criticize, stigmatize and discriminate against girls. As an organization, we strive to involve the target beneficiaries as active part of the project development process through assessments and detailed project evaluations.

Continued training and capacity building for the field staff has highly improved our capacity to deliver on our mandate and TASS endeavors to support staff members to have a better grasp of their job requirements.

Provision of compressive information on project interventions to the target community leaders, youth and women groups enabled the communities to disseminate project information that has had a multiplier effect, reaching more beneficiaries from rural communities with different social behavior change communication.

I would like to thank our Board of Directors for generously and diligently contributing their time and talents to the work we perform. Finally, I would like to thank our government line ministries who provided us with support to effectively implement projects across the region.



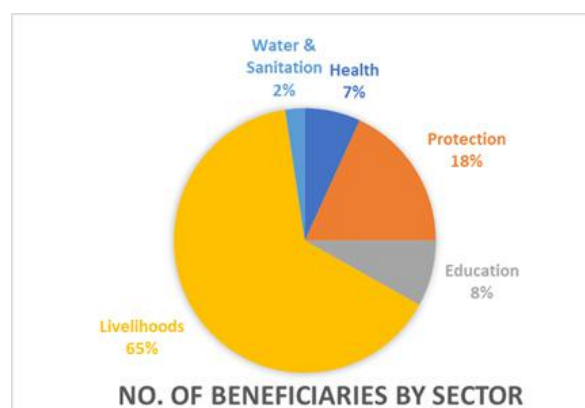
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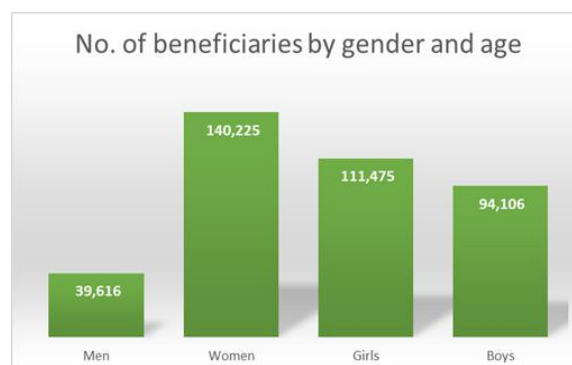
Program Introduction

In the last year, TASS worked across different sectors, impacting the lives of community members (IDPs, host community, refugees) and school going children by offering training & capacity development, information sharing and awareness creation, medical support services and referrals, livelihood support including food distribution and direct cash assistance, educational support and improvement of access to water services. These services have been offered through TASS focus sectors with impact numbers as summarized in the chart.

As the drought situation proved to be a menace for the fourth consecutive year, a number of beneficiaries were in dire need of food and direct cash assistance to ensure their sustenance. With the support of different partners, Livelihood's support was our major impact by numbers as the priority for a majority was to stay alive. TASS impacted the lives of 393, 954 different individuals through its programs. A majority of this were women and girls who disproportionately bear the brunt of sustained and prolonged drought in Puntland, Somalia. This is more so for vulnerable women groups such as single mothers, or women within IDP camps with little protection. With women and girls



being over 65% of the total number of beneficiaries, projects such medical services and referrals, direct cash distribution, direct livelihoods support, FGM and GBV projects, distribution of dignity kits etc. are designed to help them cope with the strains of life, and participate rebuilding their communities.





Formal, and Emergency Education Program

TASS, with the support of different partners, implemented four education projects in the year 2022 reaching **31,974 beneficiaries** (students, teachers and parents).

(1) The first project titled “**Provision of Integrated package of Emergency Education and Child Protection services for drought affected children including children with disability**” was supported by the Somalia Humanitarian Fund.

The project targeted to achieve, amongst others school-based feeding, provision of sanitary kits, psycho-social support, improvement of access to water, and strengthening community education committees’ capacity to manage water, school feeding programs and child protection.

The project achieved an enrolment of **4,961 (2,682 boys and 2,278 girls)** against a target of 5,700 students. This deficit will be covered in the next student intake in 2023.

Achievements. The project has improved school attendance & retention, and awareness & knowledge of parents’ committees. The students accessed teaching & learning materials, nutritious food within their re-

spective schools and therefore improving the quality of education in 17 target schools in Puntland.

In addition, the project has improved the protection of the children in and out of the school, through provision of response services to the children with protection concerns in project target areas. This was achieved by establishment of child friendly spaces with recreational facilities as well as proper case management, including Identification, Documentation, Tracing and Re-Unification of unaccompanied minors. This project was a response to the findings of a rapid assessment undertaken by TASS in the target locations

Challenges. Increasingly severe drought adversely affected most project target locations which resulted into further people displacements. Target students in some of the locations therefore had to relocate with their families leading to under enrolment of students in the project with the given project

duration. The project services targeted hard to reach schools in rural villages. The rough roads proved even more challenging for the suppliers increased the project costs.

(2) The second project under Education sector was **“Provision of equitable and quality education (Primary and secondary) in Puntland”** supported by UNHCR, which aimed to provide quality education assistance to refugees and asylum seekers (RAS) students in Bossaso, Gardo, Garowe, and Galkayo targeting 5,400 RAS children (4,553 primary school-aged and 847 secondary school-aged children).

Key activities under this project included school fees provision for primary and secondary RAS students, advocacy for lower school fees, free remedial classes, and provision of transport for children under age of 10 years.

Achievements. This project has given refugees and asylum seekers students an opportunity to integrate and learn with host community children, motivating and raising the hopes of the children for a better tomorrow.

Adolescent girls have accessed sanitary kits that improved their dignity and hygiene at school level, while 7 sponsored students performed well and were ranked in the twenty top students of The Puntland Central Exams and one RAS student was in the top 5. In 2022, 17 pre-graduated refugee students received university scholarship from Red Sea University in Bosaso with support of TASS education project team.

Challenges. The transportation of the students was cancelled in the last semester due to funds shortage, and parents duly informed. After consultations between TASS team, parents and schools' leadership, some of the students were transferred to schools supported by TASS, nearer to their residential areas to ease the burden of movement.



(3) The third Education project for 2022 was **“Emergency Education drought response interventions in Puntland”** aimed at supporting drought affected school children in 30 schools, in hard-to-reach areas in Bossaso, Iskushuban, Beyla, Badhan, Dhahar, and Taleex districts. In collaboration with MoEHE/REOs and DEOs, the following activities were undertaken; provision of fresh drinking water to school children in target schools, sanitation and hygiene awareness, distribution of sanitary kits to adolescent girls, school feeding, CEC training, and distribution textbooks for school children.

Achievements. This project has improved school attendance and retention, increased enrollment, improved the nutrition, sanitation and hygiene of the school children, improved the capacity of CECs in school management and child protection, improved the quality education and learning through text books distribution.

Challenges. Students’ enrollment exceeded the target number and this resulted into budget shortage. Poor road access in hard-to-reach schools made getting supplies to schools a major challenge and raised the costs of distribution.

(4) The fourth project under Education sector the internal education project supported by TASS, **“Tass Education”**. TASS currently supports and manages 12 permanent schools including 5 secondary schools. These schools have approximately 9,800 students and 340 teaching and non-teaching staff. TASS supports these schools financially, build the capacity of both teaching and non-teaching staff and seek funding and sponsorship opportunities for the schools and students respectively.

Achievements. As part of improving school management and reporting, TASS introduced FEDENA, an online school management system that offers schools a platform to keep track of student registrations, performance, attendance etc. In collaboration with MoEHE and BTEC, TASS has successfully lobbied and achieved an agreement to develop a teacher training policy to strengthen Education Training Colleges. Systematic periodic monitoring and capacity building of teaching and non-teaching staff has strengthened schools’ management.

Challenges. Because of a number of factors including the persistent drought that is forcing students out school, the number of students registered in TASS schools is not growing. In Galkayo area for instance, students are moving to Southern Somalia schools hence drop outs registered. Most of the schools also still lack library and laboratory facilities, as well as adequate learning materials, which hamper learning activities.



Health & Nutrition

There were two main projects under the health sector in 2022.

(1) One is the **“integrated package of Emergency Primary Health Care services and GBV prevention response”** funded by Somalia Humanitarian fund in collaboration with the Puntland ministry of Health (MoH) & Ministry of Women Development and Family Affairs (MoWDAFA).

Under this project, TASS supported delivery of integrated package of Emergency Primary Health Care services and GBV prevention response, providing 6,397 community beneficiaries with life-saving essential primary care health care services, through fixed and mobile outreach services.

Achievements. TASS facilitated mobile medical teams

which targeted hard to reach areas, allowing community members to access health services.

The fixed health facilities were readapted to allow individuals with disabilities access the facilities. More than 10,270 beneficiaries received health education through TASS's collaboration with CHWs. The project also facilitated access to sanitary kits and direct cash assistance to most vulnerable girls and women. This enabled them to afford basic needs, integrate and social in the society with dignity. More than 4,500 beneficiaries were able to access various immunization services, reducing their chances of contracting preventable diseases.





Bosaso TB hospital



Bosaso TB hospital was officially launched in 1996 and has been functioning well up to now. 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.

Summary Achievements. Before October 2022, patients of RR (rifampicin resistant) used to travel all

the way Galkayo to receive treatment. However, the necessary facilities for RR treatment have been availed in Bosaso TB hospital, eliminating the need for travel. Within the year, the outpatient department registered a total of 2,639 patients (1841 male and 798 female).

Of this 2308 (1557 male and 751 female) had samples taken for lab tests (smear and Xpert MTB/RIF). MTB was detected in 192 of these cases and RR for 20 of the cases. Within the year, a total of 191 patients completed treatment, 157 were registered as cured with 1 treatment failure, while 13 patients lost their lives.



Water Sanitation & Hygien

In 2022, TASS completed four projects aimed at improving access to water for various communities. These water projects were within larger projects namely.

(1) Access to lifesaving education in emergencies for drought affected children including children with disability in Jariiban District in Mudug, targeting construction of 11 PVC water tanks of 9,000 to 10,000 liters in 11 schools, rehabilitation of 5 existing water cisterns (barkads) in 5 drought-affected schools, construction of 10 gender-segregated latrines with handwashing facilities and disability-friendly design in Jaribaan. The latrines are equipped with handwashing facilities, located in separate areas for boys and girls, and close to water points.

(2) Provision of Integrated package of Emergency Education and Child Protection services for drought affected children including children with disability in Nugaal (Burtinle) and Bari (Iskushuban, Qandala) Region which targeted 17 schools in the regions for water trucking,

(3) Emergency education drought response interventions in Puntland and,

(4) With the support of World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY), TASS dug three shallow wells in Bosaso town, Dhud village, and Bargaal, providing a reliable source of clean and safe drinking water to the surrounding communities.

Impact. The water supply activities supported the provision of school feeding in select schools, improving student nutrition and wellbeing. It also Improved the quality of education services in the benefiting schools, creating a more conducive learning environment for students. Access to safe drinking water in these areas improved hygiene and reduced absenteeism for over 4,089 students. Community focused water projects Improved the hygiene and health of the residents by reducing the incidences of water-borne diseases





Protection Sector

Violence against women and children remains a critical concern for all in educational centers, home and community level with long-lasting negative social, emotional, mental, physical consequences. In order to address the root causes of these violations, TASS, in partnership with various stakeholders, put in place number of initiatives to address women and child protection, and GBV issues. In 2022, the following six projects were implemented.

(1) Improving the Protective Environment and access to protection services for children and women in emergencies/affected by humanitarian crises.

This project was supported by UNICEF and aimed at empowering key actors to work together to create protective environments that cares for and supports vulnerable children, including children with disabilities. The project targeted 72 schools and 60 communities in Bosaso, Garowe, Galkayo, Galdogob, Bo'ame and Buhodle districts, using various mechanisms e.g. targeted awareness campaigns, MHPSS, community dialogues sessions, establishment and training of child

protection committees in communities and child rights clubs in schools, and IDTR services.

Achievements. As a result of the interventions, there has been increased realization and understanding of the various violations being perpetrated against children, more understanding of actual and potential perpetrators, and therefore an attitudinal change on traditional harmful practices. There has been a reduction in child labour & FGM practice rates, and child marriages. Over 700 community participants in different locations publicly declared their belief that GBV/FGM should be eliminated/ abandoned and denounced

Challenges. Despite the progress made in the reduction of child labor rates, the persisting drought situation has seen an





increased number of learners drop out to support their parents with earning an income for the family. This negates the positive achievements of the project

(2) The second project under Protection cluster is the “**Somalia Zero Tolerance toward FGM**”. This is a joint program between Save the Children International and Norwegian Church Aid, partnering with TASS and KAALO in Puntland. The duration of the program is five years (2020-2024) and aims to achieve the following overall goals; reduction of dominant harmful norms towards girls and women, improving the wellbeing of girls and women affected by FGM and CEFM, empowering girls and women to realize their rights and to protect themselves from harmful practices, and advocacy for enactment and enforcement of laws and policies to end FGM and CEFM.

In 2022, the project used a mix of anti-FGM & ECM messaging, training, recruitment of female circumcisers to be change agents, awareness sessions targeting youth groups and child rights clubs, community conversations, increasing access to medical support and MPHSS to women suffering FGM complications, and establishing and supporting VSLAs.

Achievements. For the reporting period, the project was able to achieve the following; increased public declarations of individuals shunning harmful traditional practices such as FGM, a better realization and understanding of human rights within the community, and within schools through trainings of Child Rights Clubs, social behavior change (female circumcisers becoming change agents and leading community campaigns against FGM), 30 survivors of FGM accessed medical, MHPSS and livelihood support, giving them an opportunity for a new start to improve their lives. The establishment of VLSA for 180 women also increased their economic empowerment, improving their capacities to provide for their families.

Challenges. Drought has affected the implementation of the project activities in rural areas because the community members migrated to other areas to find pasture and water for their animals. This has affected the attendance of the project activities, especially the community conversation meetings.

(3) The third project under Protection sector is the **“Norad Framework (2019-2023) Programme”** which is funded by Save the Children International and implemented in Garowe, Gardo, Bayla, and Waiye districts. The project targets to, among others, build the capacity of children, teachers and CECs to prevent PHP and GBV, build capacity of parents to apply positive disciplinary measures while protecting children from violence, abuse and exploitation, and also increase child centered accountability mechanisms at community level.

Achievements. A deep understanding in the community on the tenets of parenting without violence, which has improved parent-student relations. The parents understand better child rights and this has seen the reduction in the level of psychosocial aggression children face in homes. Through the social accountability dialogues, children are able to better and more freely raise issues affecting them, much to the appreciation of their parents and caregivers. The successful implementation of the CHOICES curriculum cultivated a change of perception regarding gender roles and gender equality. The parents learnt from the children’s behavior according to their personalities, showed actively-caring-actions to children as means of encouragement and companionship.

(4) Emergency Drought Response Project is the fourth protection project implemented by TASS, with the support of Norwegian Foreign Ministry and Save the Children. The project responded to significant child protection and sexual gender-based violence needs through provision of livelihood opportunities, restoration of personal dignity and resilience recovery in Garowe, Burtinle and Eyl districts.

Achievements. The project increased community awareness and knowledge on SGBV, where and how to report and also where to seek help in case of in need

and strengthened the capacity of the child protection workforce. The expanded community desks for screening and counseling, referral and tracing of acute malnutrition as well as nutrition education at the household level, improved the service delivery to children and women. The project also strengthened the community-based protection structures to identify and respond to child protection and sexual gender-based violence by establishing and training 15 school based CWCs groups of youth. This further enhanced elements of safety for children and women in the target communities and promoted positive coping and resilience in youth to sustain their protection, psychosocial wellbeing and healthy development. The distribution of basic necessities e.g. dignity kits, safe lanterns for women and girls restored their dignity, allowing them to participate more in the society.

(5) The fifth project implemented by TASS under protection sector was the **Strengthening the Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism (MRM) and Support given to Children Affected by Armed Conflict** in Bosaso, Galgala and Qandala districts, with the support of Danish Refugee Service. This project gave direct support to children affected by grave violations, prioritized advocacy in, and sensitization of the local communities as well as case management for the victims. These grave violations range from rape to maiming and abductions.

Achievements. In 2022, more than 126 children received various forms of support including reunification with families, MPHSS to help them recover from the effects of traumatic experiences. TASS was also able to seek legal redress for a number of the victims and have perpetrators of the vices sentenced by the courts.

(6) The last project under livelihoods sector is the Challenging Harmful attitudes and Norms for Gender Equality and Empowerment in Somalia (CHANGES-02). This is a 4-year project that seeks to advance gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, with a focus on addressing the discriminatory social norms and practices that perpetuate and validate gender-based violence (CEFM and FGM/C in particular) in Sanaag region.

Summary achievements. TASS in Partnership with CARE International implemented comprehensive package interventions aimed at achieving sustainable transformation towards greater social and economic empowerment for women and girls in Sanaag.

Achievements. The program challenged gender discriminatory social norms, influencing policy maker's attention through media campaigns at the structural, cultural and personal level across project target locations. Increased appreciation of gender equality and positive social norms in the communities. The VSLAs

created by the local women and supported by TASS has enabled over 120 women to meet school fee needs of their households and fend for their families thereby improving their overall livelihood.

Improved collaboration and engagement between TASS, MOWDAFA, and Sanaag regional administration in developing and promoting FGM/C, GBV and CEFM interventions. Increased engagements and interest of progressive and conservative male and female religious leaders in promoting positive social norms.

Challenges. We are challenged by other organizations that work in the field of aid, who provide money to the beneficiaries alongside other services, which has caused the community to be disappointed in the service we provide, reducing turnouts for community awareness events. There is timing schedule barrier when organizing of some activities specially trainings, community mobilization meetings because of long distances between the villages and shortage of allocated time/days





Livelihoods - Food distribution

Three consecutive seasons of failed rains, combined with ongoing conflict in many parts of the country, has taken a heavy toll on families in Somalia. By early 2022, most regions were experiencing severe drought conditions, with water shortages and loss of livestock displacing hundreds of thousands of people in search of food and safe water.

The central parts of Somalia remain the worst affected in terms of poor availability of pasture and water. Areas with most acute conditions have also reported increased livestock deaths. Due to this, on 10/02/2022 Somali government declared a state of emergency in Somalia.

As a short-term measure to aid families, TASS and King Salman Humanitarian and Relief Centre, con-

ducted a food distribution projected in March 2022, reaching out to 42,364 households (254,148 individuals) with a comprehensive dry foods package that should support families for a few weeks. Food distribution was conducted in Hirshabeele, Galmudug, South-West, Puntland, Banadir and Jubaland States, targeting internally displaced persons.

The project helped to improve the food security of the target population in southern and eastern regions of Somalia and reduce the effects of climate change and build resilience to vulnerable communities.





Orphans Support

With the support of Word Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY), TASS organized an educational camp for orphans. The goal of this camp was to connect with them, have discussions on their challenges while encouraging them, and to create a feeling of coexistence for the orphans, giving them joy and pleasure. This camp was attended by 120 (65 boys and 55 girls) orphaned students from Nawawi schools.



Kurban Project

TASS provided Qurbani meat to 8,000 poor households, totaling 48,000 persons from Somalia's most vulnerable households during the Islamic month of Dhul-hijjah through its Qurbani project, TASS made a significant achievement that has helped to alleviate hunger and poverty in the communities that benefited from the 2022 Qurbani program.

The Qurbani program also has cultural and religious significance for Muslims worldwide, who view it as an act of obedience to God and a way to demonstrate solidarity with the poor and the needy.

Through such programs, TASS is not only meeting the practical needs of underprivileged communities but also fostering a sense of social responsibility and community spirit among Muslims.





Cross Cutting

TASS procured Microsoft Dynamics Business Central. This is an ERP system having the modules of Finance, Procurement, HR, Logistics, Project Management and Organizational Management. The system runs on the organization's cloud server which therefore centralizes all processes done by staff i.e purchase requisitions, vehicle requisitions, perdiem applications, leave applications and also travel authorization requests. All these will be done and approved paperlessly.

The system will also integrates procurement process with finance which makes operations run seamlessly while centrally storing all the records pertaining transactions done. All Project Managers' reports get stored centrally ensuring posterity and easy access of them if need be. With a target to be launched in the 1st quarter of 2023, TASS daily operations will subsequently be run through the system.



Dynamics 365
Business Central



Staff Capacity Building

TASS is committed to developing the skills of its staff at HQ, regional levels and at the field implementation level. In today's rapidly changing business environment, it is essential for organizations to have a competent workforce that can adopt the ongoing changes and keep up with the industry pace trends.

By investing in the professional development of TASS's staff capacity building plan, TASS is not only enhancing the skills and knowledge of its staff members, but also improving the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the organization.

In 2022, TASS, in collaboration with its partner organizations, offered the following training to TASS employees.

The trainings increased the employees' ability to conduct

their jobs and their performance in terms of teamwork and implementation level by incorporating communities and other relevant stakeholder with implementation plan and execution.

TASS has also created a staff capacity building program for its employees, which it will invest in part and will collaborate with its partners to figure out how to improve the skills and competencies of TASS employees.

No.	Training Theme	Organization	Duration
01.	Accountability to Affected Population (AAP)	UNHCR	3 Days
02.	Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)	UNHCR	3 Days
03.	Child budgeting training	SCI	3 Days
04.	Social Accountability training	SCI	3 Days
05.	Girl shine training	SCI	3 Days
06.	CEFE - Business skills training	CARE International	10 Days
07.	Boys-wise TOTs training	CARE International	7 Days
08.	Girl Shine TOTs training	CARE International	10 Days

TASS expects to gain multiple advantages from investing staff capacity building including increased job performance and better decision making. Furthermore, TASS also expect to create a culture of continuous learning and innovation, which is essential for staying competitive on today's dynamic business environment.

Overall, TASS's commitment to developing staff capacity and skills is a positive step towards building a strong

and sustainable organization. By investing its staff TASS is not only improving the quality of its service to concerned communities but also creating a more engaged and motivated workforce.



General challenges and Next steps

Drought has affected the implementation of the project activities in rural areas because the community members migrate to other areas to find pasture and water for their animals. This has affected the attendance of the project activities, especially the community conversation meetings, access to lifesaving medical services is also limited and a below normal enrollment numbers in the schools targeted was also realized.

Despite numerous back-to-school campaigns by project staff and CEC members in areas adjacent to the schools, the numbers continue to be below targeted figures.

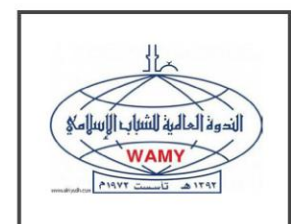
A shortage of supplies in the Puntland market particularly added to the procurement lead times, unnecessarily delaying distribution of support items and food stuff to those in need. High inflation in the market has seen food prices increase significantly since the year began. Access to hard-to-reach project locations particularly schools posed a challenge to the transportation of project materials with transporters charging high costs.

Poor roads in these areas posed a challenge during the installation of PVC water tanks and water trucking in target schools.

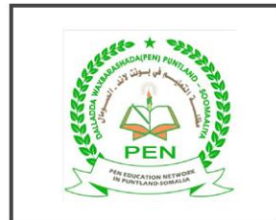
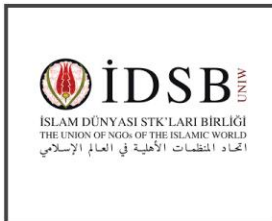




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