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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The year 2024 saw Somalia navigating a complex landscape defined by recurrent climatic shocks, protracted conflict, and profound systemic vulnerabilities. Our nation continued to endure devastating droughts and floods, displacing over 1.2 million people and exacerbating food insecurity, with 4.4 million Somalis facing Crisis or Emergency conditions by early 2025. Persistent conflict and insecurity, alongside the anticipated drawdown of the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS), further complicated humanitarian access and heightened operational costs. This confluence of challenges meant that an estimated 6.9 million people remained in need of humanitarian assistance.

The funding environment remained severely constrained, marked by competing global crises and donor fatigue. The 2024 Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HNRP) appealed for \$1.6 billion to assist 5.2 million vulnerable individuals, yet only 47.2% of requirements had been secured by year-end, creating critical gaps, notably in shelter (33% funded) and protection (28% funded). This significant shortfall compelled humanitarian actors to make difficult prioritization decisions, often at the expense of long-term resilience investments.

In this demanding context, Tadamun Social Society (TASS), a national not-for-profit organization established in 1992, remained unwavering in our mission to provide timely humanitarian assistance and foster sustainable development initiatives. Guided by our vision of a stable society where all people can meet their needs and enjoy their rights, TASS demonstrated its adaptability. We strategically reorganized our operational footprint, ensuring our dedicated teams continued to reach vulnerable populations across Somalia, including Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), women, girls, children, and persons with disabilities. Our response focused on critical sectors such as disaster management,

education, food security, health, livelihoods, nutrition, protection, and WASH, laying foundations for self-sufficiency and improved well-being amidst adversity.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our invaluable partners—including UN agencies (UNICEF, UNHCR, FAO), international and local NGOs such as Save the Children International, Danish Refugee Council, Norwegian Refugee Council, CARE International, and Mercy USA, King Salman Relief Centre, Qatar Charity, governmental authorities, and to the countless community groups whose dedication and local insights have been indispensable and whose unwavering support and critical collaborations enabled our continued impact. Above all, we thank the communities we serve: your trust and collaboration are the foundation of everything TASS delivers. Their commitment is fundamental to amplifying our reach. Somalia's people have again shown extraordinary resilience in 2024, innovating new coping strategies and leaning on strong social networks to weather recurrent shocks. In these pages, you'll meet mothers, pastoralists, youth leaders, and health workers whose stories of hope and transformation inspire every step we take. It is my honour to share their voices with you.

As we look to 2025, TASS remains hopeful and committed to building resilience, advocating for durable solutions for displacement, enhancing economic empowerment and advancing human rights for all Somalis, while strategically adapting to the evolving landscape.

We are determined to continue our work towards a more prosperous and stable Somalia.



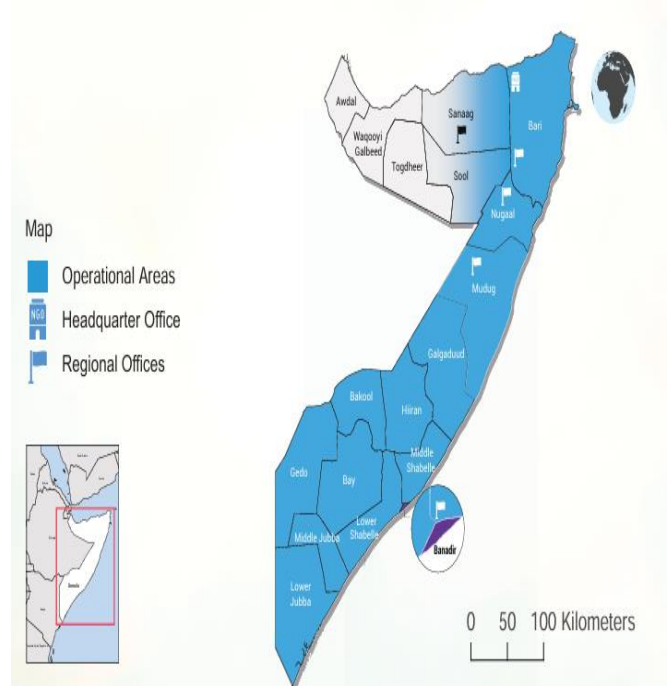
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TASS Executive Director

TASS IN SOMALIA OVERVIEW

Tadamun Social Society (TASS) is a national non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to transforming lives and fostering resilience across Somalia. TASS began its operations in Bosaso, Somalia in 1992 following its establishment the same year by a group of Somali professionals. Over the years, TASS has built a rich history of driving impactful change in the face of conflict and adversity and expanded our geographical footprint across Somalia.

We are headquartered in Garowe with branch offices located in Badhan, Baidoa, Bosaso, Gardo, Galkayo, and Mogadishu, complemented by representative offices in Kismayo, Buhoodle, Las 'Anod, Jowhar, and Dhusamareb enabling us to deliver integrated, multi-sector, and multi-year programs. We are one of the leading national humanitarian and development actors in Somalia committed to alleviating human suffering and building a brighter, more prosperous future for all.

Our vision is to achieve a stable society where all people can meet their needs and enjoy their rights, fostering growth and development, and building resilience. Our mission is to provide timely humanitarian assistance to those in need and create a conducive space for the universal enjoyment of human rights and freedoms, striving to foster social and economic prosperity. TASS's work focuses on a diverse range of program areas including Disaster Management Operations, Education, Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Adaptation, Food Security, Gender, Youth and Peace Building, Health, Nutrition and Social Services, Livelihoods and Economic Empowerment, Protection (addressing GBV and child rights violations), and Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH).



Our target populations encompass Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), host communities, refugees, asylum seekers, returnees, small-holder Agro-pastoralists and farmers, economically vulnerable youth, women and girls, children within school age, persons living with disabilities, and marginalized and minority groups.

Our approach blends emergency response, relief efforts, and development programs to create sustainable impact.

Our team of over 100 dedicated staff implement programs directly in partnership with local and international NGOs, UN agencies, civil society groups, and research and academic partners. We align our programs to Somalia National development plans and design our programs in consultation with the Federal Government of Somalia and Federal Member States ensuring our objectives are aligned with the national priorities and the most pressing needs of the people in Somalia.

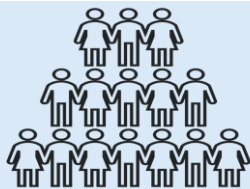
OUR IMPACT AND REACH IN 2024

In a year marked by persistent climatic shocks, complex conflict dynamics, and severe funding shortfalls across Somalia, TASS remained deeply committed to alleviating suffering and fostering long-term resilience. We employed adaptive response strategies to deliver critical, integrated, and community-centred services. Our deep community roots and agile partnerships enabled us to effectively reach vulnerable populations where needs were most severe. TASS’s comprehensive efforts touched the lives of over

147,000 unique beneficiaries across Somalia, through our diverse programs. Our strategic interventions detailed across various pillars, exemplify our dedication to empowering communities and delivering vital services despite a constrained environment where only **47.2% of the \$1.6 billion Humanitarian Response Plan was secured**. This section highlights the tangible impact and far-reaching outcomes achieved through our collaborative efforts.

Our Impact and Reach

TASS reached over 147,000 people, 50% of them children



147,000 people reached



14,778 children reached through our **education** programs



81,688 people reached through **protection** activities



14,400 families received food assistance



1,112 children with disabilities reached through **multi-sectoral support** programs



54,098 children directly impacted by our multi-sectoral interventions



1,453 people received TB/HIV diagnostic and treatment services



EDUCATION

Education remains a fundamental right and a powerful instrument for poverty reduction and economic growth. However, 2.4 million school-aged children in Somalia required humanitarian assistance for education in 2024, with displaced and conflict-affected children facing disproportionate barriers and disruptions due to financial costs and instability.

TASS firmly believes in providing equitable access to quality education, particularly for vulnerable children, including refugees and asylum seekers (RAS). Our approach integrates essential financial, academic, and psychosocial support, working closely with partners like UNHCR and the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MOEHE).

In 2024, TASS continued to manage its 14 permanent schools in Puntland and invested in enhancing learning environments through technology upgrades and professional

development for staff. TASS provided educational opportunities to 14,788 students in Puntland including 10,544 children across its 14 schools in Puntland and 4,234 refugee and asylum seeker children who received comprehensive educational support. Our commitment to academic excellence was evident as refugee and asylum seeker students ranked among the top ten in Puntland's Central Examination results. Furthermore, TASS implemented high-tech computer labs in Nawawi schools in Bosaso and Garowe, and 18 teachers graduated from free university education programs, significantly boosting educational quality. Community engagement played a vital role, with RAS parents deciding to continue paying school fees post-project completion, demonstrating a profound shift towards self-reliance.

Our Impact and Reach



10,544 students received quality education across **14 TASS primary and secondary schools** in Puntland



4,234 refugee and asylum seeker children were provided with educational opportunities



The refugee and asylum seeker children support project was recognized as a model for addressing educational inequities in conflict-affected regions



Students from TASS-supported schools, including refugee children, ranked among the top ten in Puntland's Central Examination results



18 teachers graduated from a **free university education** program, enhancing teaching capacity



Two high-tech computer labs and one administration block constructed and equipped enhancing service delivery



FOOD ASSISTANCE, FOOD SECURITY, SHELTER AND LIVELIHOODS

In 2024, Somalia endured a "lethal synergy" of climatic shocks and conflict, with over 1.2 million people newly displaced by droughts and floods. An estimated 4.4 million Somalis faced high acute food insecurity, exacerbated by economic vulnerability where 73% of the population lived below the poverty line. Critically, funding for shelter was only 33% met, and for food security, there were significant gaps.

TASS responded to these urgent needs by prioritizing immediate life-saving aid while also laying foundations for resilience. Our interventions focused on direct distribution of essential relief items and food supplies, in close coordination with local authorities and partners like King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief

Centre. We also ensured our long-term food security programs promote sustainable livelihoods, natural resource management, and livestock resilience.

TASS delivered essential shelter and non-food items to 3,500 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Mogadishu, providing crucial protection from harsh weather conditions. This included tents, clothing, and shelter plastic bags across four key IDP sites. Our food security initiative distributed vital food supplies—rice, flour, dates, sugar, milk, and cooking oil—to 6,000 families in Puntland and Banadir addressing immediate nutritional needs. These efforts significantly improved living conditions and contributed to the foundational resilience of vulnerable households.

Our Impact and Reach



3,500 IDPs

in Mogadishu received essential shelter and non-food items significantly improving their living conditions



6,000 families in Puntland and Banadir received crucial **food supplies** through food distribution initiatives, addressing immediate nutritional needs



1,300 orphaned children in Puntland supported contributing to their economic stability and overall well-being



180 women and girls in **Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) groups** received livelihood grants via the NORAD-supported project, fostering their economic independence



VSLA group member in Qardho, Karkaar Region of Somalia receives in kind support to start-up an income generating business economically empowering her as part of anti-FGM and Child Early Marriage program funded by NORAD.



Members of a VSLA group receive in-kind business startup capital empowering them to provide for their families and achieve agency as part of NORAD funded anti-FGM/CEFM program



PROTECTION

Protection risks in Somalia are pervasive, stemming from conflict, displacement and deeply embedded harmful practices like Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) and Child, Early, and Forced Marriage (CEFM). Children comprise over 62% of affected populations and face disproportionate violence, abuse, and exploitation. In 2024, the UN's Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan targeted 2.1 million children for protection services but funding for protection remained severely under-met at 28%. TASS implemented a multi-faceted protection strategy in 2024 through partnerships with Save the Children International (SCI), UNICEF, CARE, and DRC. Our interventions spanned transforming social norms, providing direct support to survivors, and strengthening community-based protection mechanisms. We prioritized initiatives to combat FGM/CEFM, address gender-based violence (GBV), and

safeguard children affected by armed conflict or humanitarian crises.

Through our NORAD project, 900 participants engaged in community conversations to challenge FGM/CEFM and 1,800 people were reached by male role models advocating against harmful norms. Seventy-three 73 former FGM/C practitioners transitioned into change agents. Our UNICEF-supported Child Protection project reached a remarkable 76,219 individuals with comprehensive protection services including mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) to 2,489 children and women. TASS provided case management services to 392 GBV survivors and educated 25,589 people through IEC materials on child protection and anti-trafficking in persons issues. Our school-based awareness programs engaged 18,092 students, including 1,112 children with disabilities, fostering safer environments and promoting child rights.

Our Impact and Reach



76,219 individuals received direct protection services in emergencies and humanitarian crises



18,092 students including **1,112 children with disabilities**, engaged in school-based awareness on child rights and mine risk education



60 Community Child Protection Committees were established and became functional, strengthening local protection systems



3,847 community members were involved in identifying and referring child protection cases



2,489 children and women accessed vital mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services



3,847 persons were reached through public outreach on FGM/C elimination, with **1,388** declaring abandonment of FGM.



72 women and girls
survivors of FGM/C
received medical and
psychosocial support
through the NORAD project



TASS supported vulnerable women and girls by
operating **8 safe houses** providing temporary shelter
and comprehensive services



TASS Child Protection Officer leads community members participate in community dialogue on child rights and protection



TASS Child Protection Officer leads school children in school-based awareness on child rights and mine risk education campaigns



HEALTH, NUTRITION AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Somalia's health indicators including under-five mortality and maternal mortality, remain alarmingly high. Viral hepatitis poses a significant public health threat, with less than 10% of affected individuals aware of their status. Disease outbreaks like cholera are recurrent, exacerbated by damaged WASH infrastructure. The UN's 2024 HNRP aimed to reach 3.8 million people with health services.

TASS prioritizes curative, preventative, and promotive healthcare services, with a strong focus on public health in emergencies and disease control. Our flagship Bosaso TB Control Center provides free diagnostics and treatment, supported by Mercy USA and the Ministry of Health. Additionally, TASS extends crucial social

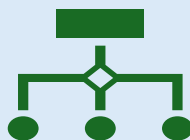
services through its orphan support program, addressing both educational and livelihood needs for vulnerable children.

In 2024, the Bosaso TB Control Center provided services to 1,453 patients, offering free diagnostic tests, treatment and community health awareness campaigns to prevent disease spread. Through our partnership with Qatar Charity, TASS successfully supported 1,300 orphaned children across Puntland districts ensuring access to education by covering school fees and enhancing their families' livelihoods. This holistic approach fostered academic progress for the children and improved the overall income and stability for their caregivers.

Our Impact and Reach



1,453 patients received free diagnostic and treatment services at the TASS-operated Bosaso TB Control Centre



TASS supported the centre in providing free diagnostic tests, treatment and nutritional support for TB patients



Bosaso TB Control Centre conducted social health awareness campaigns on TB and HIV in densely populated areas and schools.



10 dedicated health workers including doctors, nurses trained in TB/HIV management were employed at Bosaso TB control centre contributing to local healthcare capacity

90%+ TREATMENT success rate of all forms of TB



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION



Neem Tree Seedlings supplied by TASS for transplanting

Somalia faces an intensifying climate crisis characterized by cyclical droughts and extensive floods exacerbated by El Niño. This environmental degradation fuels displacement and exacerbates existing vulnerabilities, yet investment in climate adaptation remains insufficient.

Recognizing the critical link between environmental health and community resilience, TASS launched an environmental awareness and climate change mitigation campaign in 2024. Our initiatives focus on promoting sustainable natural resource management, climate-smart agriculture, and water conservation. A key component of our 2024 efforts was a tangible tree-planting drive, coupled with

advocacy for long-term environmental stewardship.

In October 2024, TASS directly contributed to environmental rehabilitation by planting 2,000 drought-resistant trees in Gardo and Bosaso districts. This included 500 trees in Gardo's schools and villages and 1,500 trees in Bosaso, particularly in areas inhabited by displaced populations aiming to improve air quality and promote nature preservation. Our campaign, encapsulated by the motto "Plant a tree, plant a hope," instilled a culture of environmental awareness and educated communities on the benefits of trees, fostering a collective vision for a greener, more sustainable future in Somalia.



TASS Program Officer inspects seedlings before distribution to various planting sites



School children receive Neem Tree Seedlings as they participate in tree planting in Qardho, Karkaar Region, Somalia

PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

At Tadamun Social Society (TASS), we firmly believe that **collaboration is the cornerstone of sustainable change** and that by working hand-in-hand with diverse partners, we can amplify our impact and foster lasting resilience within Somali communities. In 2024, TASS continued to leverage its strong brand recognition and reputation to forge and deepen vital partnerships with a wide array of stakeholders, including UN agencies, international non-governmental organizations, national NGOs, and various government ministries and community-based structures. Our collective efforts have been instrumental in delivering critical services, upholding humanitarian standards, and advancing shared goals across our key program areas in Somalia.

In the **Protection sector**, TASS implemented four significant projects in 2024, each underpinned by robust partnerships. Through the **NORAD Framework FGM Program**, TASS continued its strategic partnership with **Save the Children International (SCI)** and **Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)**, a collaboration active since 2016, with its third phase spanning 2020–2024. This initiative, primarily supported by SCI through the NORAD project, focused on transforming social norms to protect women and girls from Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) and Child, Early, and Forced Marriage (CEFM) across target communities, including Ufayn, Dhudhub, Yako, Shaxda, Carmo, Bosaso, Gardo, Garowe, Burtinle, Galkayo, and Galdogob, through advocacy and awareness efforts.

Our collaboration with **UNICEF** and the **Ministry of Women and Family Affairs (MOWDAFA)** on the "Improving the Protective Environment and access to protection services for children

and women in emergencies/affected by humanitarian crises" (UNICEF CBCPM) Project has yielded substantial results in 2024. Operating in Bosaso, Gardo, Garowe, Burtinle, Galkayo, and Galdogob, this project strengthened the capacity of local government agencies and civil society to prevent and respond to violence against children and women. It focused on enhancing coordination among stakeholders and increasing access to essential protection services like safe spaces and referrals.

In the **Food Assistance, Security and Shelter sectors**, TASS partnered with the **King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSRelief)** and **local authorities** in 2024. Through a coordinated effort with KSRelief and district authorities, TASS **distributed essential shelter and non-food items to 3,500 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Mogadishu**, providing 150 tents and clothing across four locations in Tabeelaha & Weydow, Dayniile, Gasbaley and Kaxda, thereby significantly improving living conditions. The food security initiative launched in 2024, facilitated by collaboration with local authorities, saw TASS **distribute crucial food supplies to 6,000 families in Puntland and Banadir** addressing immediate nutritional needs with essential items like rice, flour, dates, sugar, powdered milk, and cooking oil. For Eid al-Adha, TASS, in collaboration with the **Ministry of Justice and Religious Affairs**, successfully **distributed 2,100 goats' meat to support 8,400 impoverished IDPs and host community members in Bosaso** providing essential nourishment and demonstrating community solidarity.

Our commitment to **Health and Nutrition** was significantly enhanced through our partnership with **Mercy Aid and Development** and the **Ministry of Health** in operating the **Bosaso TB Control Center**. In 2024, approximately **1,453 patients benefited from the center's free medical services** which include diagnostic tests using chest X-rays and GeneXpert machines and complimentary treatment for tuberculosis and HIV comorbidities alongside nutritional support. This collaboration ensures improved access to quality care and support.

In **Education and Orphan Support**, TASS's partnerships proved invaluable. Our project, "Promoting Equitable Access to Quality Education for School-Aged Children in Puntland," was a joint effort with the **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)** and the **Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MOEHE)**. This initiative, active in major cities of Puntland (Bosaso, Gardo, Garowe, Galkayo), provided financial support covering school fees and examination fees, offered free textbooks, academic support, and psychosocial counseling to refugee and asylum-seeking (RAS) students. Additionally, in close collaboration with **Qatar Charity**, TASS successfully supported **1,300 orphaned children across various Puntland districts in 2024**, providing school fees and enhancing their families' livelihoods, leading to improved family income and stability, and fostering academic progress within a supportive community environment.

TASS also maintains broader engagement with other critical partners including **CARE International** for the CHANGES II Project and the **Danish Refugee Council (DRC)** for the Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism (MRM) project which in 2024 aimed at documenting and

addressing grave violations against children in armed conflict, targeting 200 beneficiaries through systematic data collection, psychosocial support, and access to education. While facing common funding challenges in Somalia, TASS remains committed to these crucial alliances, understanding that a multi-stakeholder approach is essential for addressing the complex humanitarian and development landscape.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all our funding partners, past and present including the **King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre, Qatar Charity, Mercy Aid and Development, Save the Children International (SCI), UNICEF, UNHCR, CARE International, DRC, and the numerous other UN agencies (IOM, WFP, UNDP, UNOCHA, UNFPA, UNODC), multilateral partners and INGOs (Somali Stability Fund, Oxfam-Novib, Islamic Development Bank, International Islamic Relief Organization, African Relief Fund, Norwegian Refugee Council, Danish Refugee Council), government ministries (Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Ministry of Justice and Religious Affairs, Ministry of Women and Family Affairs, Ministry of Health), local NGOs, and the resilient communities themselves**, for their unwavering support and invaluable contributions in 2024. Your commitment has enabled TASS to deliver life-saving aid, build resilience, and foster development, making a tangible difference in the lives of thousands of vulnerable Somalis. As we look to the future, we eagerly anticipate strengthening these vital collaborations, securing continued resources and expanding our collective impact to achieve our shared vision of a stable, prosperous, and rights-respecting society for all in Somalia.

