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# **Baki Area Rehabilitation Programs**

**- Impact Stories-**

## I have no worry of getting clean water



Hamarta Hogeed river before the sand dam and shallow well



Fadumo Awale and Habiiba (two members of WASH committees).



Hon. Mohamed Omer Dhinbil (Ministry of water Awdal regional coordinator) in Hamarta Hogeed village



Sand dam + shallow well with river water stagnant in Hamarta Hogeed village

My name is Fadumo Awale and I was born and raised up in Hamarta Hogeed village. I have five children – two boys and three girls. For a long time, our life was dependent on a small shop in the village and the few goats we had. The scarcity of water made life even harder. It used to take us 3 hours to fetch water from the nearest water source. The distance exposed me and my children to so many challenges and it was very difficult to get water at night. Wild animals used to get the water from the same water source and in the mornings we would see wild animal defecation in the water. Due to that, every member of my family was complaining of stomachache, diarrhea and fever; but we had no other source of water.

Last year World Vision came to our village, and called us for a meeting. They asked us about our priority needs and our answer was one: Water. The majority of our population is affected by a lack of safe access to clean water. Furthermore, the time spent we spend walking long distances for water with our children keeps them from school, and keeps us away from working and taking care of their families. Along our long walks, we are subjected to a greater risk of harassment

It is with this in mind that World Vision informed us that they will provide a shallow well installed with a hand pump and a sand dam. This was probably one of the most exciting news for us as a community because it gave us hope of a better life for our families.

After 3 months, the work of the shallow well started and was completed within one month. I was able to get some good income by providing food for the laborers and at the same time, the rice, sugar and biscuits that fed the workers was from my shop. I went to Borama town three times to re-stock on food items in my shop, and this gave me very good income.

World Vision Staff also distributed hygiene promotion materials such as soap, rakes, wheel borrows, and shovels. We were also trained on sustainability of the project, sanitation ladder, water ladder, and teacher's code of conduct in the schools, role of parents for the students and child rights trainings.

Today, I have no worry of getting clean water. I constructed one latrine for my household, we don't complain about diarrhea, fever or stomach ache anymore. As a pastoralist community, we are glad that we can get water for our livestock near the village. Additionally, community members can often use the new water source to grow small gardens near their homes and secure their own food supply. I believe that World Vision's support was a miracle to my family to restore our normal life



Anisa stands near the latrines constructed for ten H/Hs including her family



Latrines constructed on Dharar Wahar earth dam under Dila village, the children and their father were very happy to see the latrines when they are using the water of the earth dam

## **Latrines are the most important support my community received**

My name is Anisa from Dila village, a beneficiary of a WASH project by World Vision Somalia. Before the intervention, the community would have to look for any convenient place to use as a toilet. In the night, we would feel afraid to go out to relieve ourselves. Now all those problems have become a thing of the past since we have a good toilet in front of our room.

The overall sanitation of the community has been improved by the latrines built and the trainings offered. Improved sanitation has had a great health impact on the community and the health benefits include reductions in stomach infections and reduced risk of accidents and/or sexual harassment at night, to enhanced psycho-social well-being attained through such factors as improved dignity and social standing.

World Vision has provided sanitation and hygiene support for this community through construction of toilets, providing soap and hand washing facilities as well as hygiene trainings, which have ultimately lead to better health.

For me, latrines are the most important support my community has received. Many times I worried about the poor sanitation in the village that caused a lot of diseases. Through World Vision, hygiene conditions have greatly improved in our area.

## We have come together to improve our community



Education campaigns on hygiene awareness



One of the students in Dila was talking about hygiene and sanitation awareness among the students



Children of Sabad wanaag were participating in Environmental hygiene campaigns conducted in the village

I am Ahmed, aged 60 years old and I am married and have 10 children. I am a member of Sabad wanaag water management committee supported by World Vision. We have come together to improve water, sanitation and hygiene in our community.

Over the past one year, we have received training on how diseases are transmitted through water, causes of waterborne diseases such as diarrhea and gastro-intestinal infections among many others. We have learnt the importance of adopting good hygiene practices, including washing hands before and after meals and after using toilet as well as covering water points, collecting and burning garbage. Additionally, we have received sanitation tools such as rakes, wheelbarrows and shovels used to promote clean and safe environment.

Our village had no training and most people use to defecate in the bush, but today World Vision has conducted hygiene trainings and campaigns and the whole the entire village is aware of the need to observe personal hygiene and good sanitation practices. This community is very grateful for the support we have received from World Vision.