

### BACKGROUND

World Vision Somalia is a member of the World Vision International (WVI) Partnership. World Vision International is a relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice, promote development and resilience.

World Vision (WV) has been operating in Somalia since 1993, with the mission to support the most vulnerable children and their communities to enhance their resilience and well-being. Our strategic goal is enhancing the resilient well-being of 2 Million Children and their communities by 2025.

Somalia is plagued by violence and political turmoil for more than two score of years. The protracted humanitarian crisis in Somalia is a multi-faceted one with intertwined causes. This calls for multi-sectoral solutions that address the roots of vulnerability.

### OUR PROGRAMMING APPROACH

World Vision Somalia's multi sectoral and integrated approach is community managed and focuses especially on the needs of children and their families.

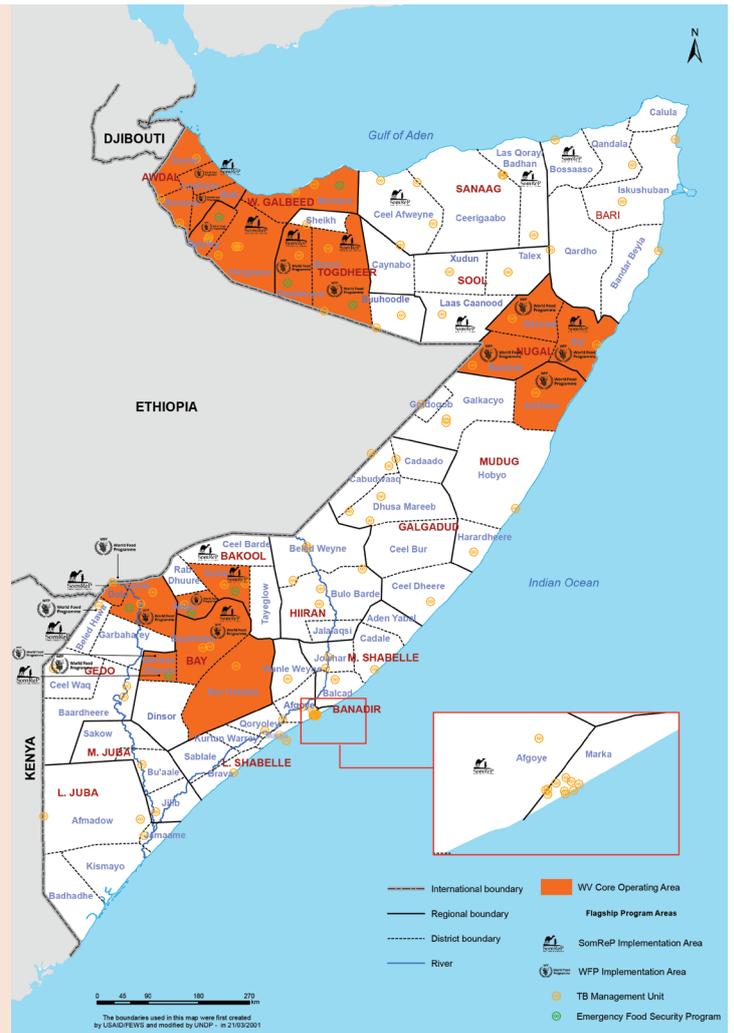
#### Integration

World Vision supports vulnerable communities through a comprehensive and integrated approach covering projects in food security, health and nutrition, education and life skills, protection, resilience and livelihood recovery and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) in order to ensure that children receive sustainable quality services. We work with communities and partners in the design and implementation of these projects

### Multi-sectoral & multi-level intervention to achieve resilience

While striving to meet the most urgent survival needs for those who are most distressed, World Vision endeavours to lift poor households out from a vicious cycle of dependence and vulnerability by supporting them to build a productive, sustainable livelihood, increase access to basic goods and services, improve literacy and life-skills, promote gender equality, strengthen community mechanisms and support vulnerable members at the household level. WV works with communities, faith leaders and local authorities to create and cultivate an enabling environment for households to survive and thrive. This includes establishing community infrastructure, such as health facilities and schools, village savings groups and loan associations, building government's service delivery capacity and advocating for policy and regulations that enable sustainable development and protection of society.

There is also trust and support from our long-term donors to support the types of projects and programs (Somalia Resilience Programme, Global Fund, and World Food Programme and WFP Nutrition/Resilience) which WV Somalia implements.



### OUR REACH AND PRESENCE

World Vision is implementing emergency, recovery and resilience projects both directly and through partners in four states namely Jubaland, Puntland, Somaliland and South West State and have programmes across the country in conjunction with various implementing partners in the Global Fund and Somali Resilience Programme (SomRep). By end of 2020, WV supported more than 3 million beneficiaries through its range of program activities implemented directly. World Vision has a portfolio of about USD 35 to 45 million in cash on average per year in Somalia Programme.

WV has its head office in Mogadishu and three regional offices located in Hargeisa, Garowe and Dollow. There are also 13 sub-offices positioned across the country to enable operations. With this presence, WV manages to maintain high level coordination with UN agencies, donors, and I/LNGOs as well as engaging closely with local governments and communities. Currently, WV has a total of 357 staff (324 local and 33 international).

### COLLABORATION, PARTNERSHIPS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Since 2007, World Vision Somalia programme has partnered and works closely with local organisations and government partners, building the capacity of these nascent institutions to provide services to the communities we serve. Guided by our contextualized development programme approach, we worked with 46 partners to deliver an integrated range of services in health, nutrition, education, protection, food security & livelihoods to the most vulnerable people.

Our partnership with Local/INGOs and government ministries, the federal and state governments of Somalia has enabled World Vision Somalia to gain respect from communities and local authorities/leaders hence been able to reach more children and communities in need. Specifically, this has aided widening our scope to cover areas where WV staff have limited access due to insecurity. In areas of limited humanitarian access, and where programming requires complementary skills, WV seeks partnership with supporting entities, either I/LNGOs or government, to yield a better impact

WV employs a holistic approach to partnering, providing implementing entities with not only financial resources, but also capacity building, by calibrating with partners to identify capacity gaps and build on them. WV undertakes an extensive partner vetting process, involving partner mapping, capacity assessments, screening against various terrorist watch lists and ranking to identify respected, capable entities to work with. Approximately, 25 percent of WV portfolio is implemented through partners. Currently, WVS is implementing a wide spectrum of programs through a network of more than 20 INGOs, LNGOs and government partners.

### **NORTH: SOMALILAND & PUNTLAND**

WV began operations in Somaliland in 2006 starting with emergency programming in Awdal, Woq Galeeb and Hargeisa districts. In response to the 2011 famine, WV expanded operations in Odweyne and Burao districts. Through our Global Fund TB -Control, SomReP -Livelihood Resilience, and Somaliland Durable Solutions consortiums, WV partners reach most districts in Somaliland. WV multi-sectoral program focuses its support to displaced population (IDPs, returnees, asylum seekers) in rural areas. At the moment, WV is working in Zeylac, Lughaye, Borama, Gabiley, Hargeisa, Bebera, Odweyne, Burao and Ceel Afweyne districts. WV opened operations in Puntland in 2010 implementing projects Nugal district. The 2011 famine crisis saw a rapid expansion of WV programming to Mudug districts. Since 2013, WV has focused implementation in Nugal district, with an emphasis on multi-sectoral, complementary activities covering food security, WASH, health, protection and education. In Puntland, WV covers Garowe, Eyl, Burtinle and Jariban districts.

### **SOUTH: SOUTH-WEST STATE AND JUBALANAD**

WV has a long history of programming in southern Somalia. WV started operations in Bakool region in 1996. Following the program's expulsion by the Al-Shabab in 2010, WV returned upon the liberation of Wajid town in 2014 and has implemented emergency health, nutrition, WASH, education and livelihood programming. In response to the famine of 2011, WV began operations in Gedo, Somalia. Over the years the program has implemented a host of health, nutrition, WASH, livelihood and shelter emergency and recovery projects. The WV-led SomReP consortium implements livelihood and WASH programming in Gedo region. WV is present in Xudur, Wajid, Baidoa, Qanxadhare and Burhakaban districts in South West State and Dollow and Luuq districts in Jubaland

## **TECHNICAL SECTORS CAPACITY**



### **Food Security and Livelihood**

With the high food insecurity across Somalia, emergency food and cash support is critical to meet survival needs. World Vision Somalia's resilience programming is designed to strengthen and protect livelihoods and assets, improve ecosystem, and build capacity of communities and other stakeholders to cope with recurrent shocks and stresses. WV has been one of the major stakeholders on cash & food assistance. With support from World Food Programme (WFP), Food For Peace (FFP) and other donors, we have been working with a wide range of local and global NGOs in delivering programs complemented by nutrition education to yield better food security outcomes. WV also links cash programming with other sectoral initiatives such as cash for education to tackle multi-sectoral challenges. WV has its cash/food programming footprint across most of its operating areas.

To address long term challenges, WV is committed to improving the ability of vulnerable communities to absorb, adapt and transform from shocks at both household and community levels by intentionally connecting emergency responses with resilience initiatives. WV adapts an Ultra Poor Project model, aiming at enabling the most vulnerable households to sustain themselves without external support. Except for cash/food assistance, Cash-For-Work is used to build productive assets for communities such as land preparation and water source rehabilitation. Along the way, WV supports the formation of saving groups and provides skills trainings such as distributing productive assets that aim to increase households' productivity and diversify their livelihoods. Priority is given to those who are marginalized and thus have less control and access to resources. For example, WV deliberately engages women to form savings groups in which members also obtain knowledge on business facilitation. Over the years, WV has seen women-run savings groups mature to having the ability to offer loans to members and start small businesses. WV's assessment found that communities identified youth as one of the most vulnerable groups due to poor access to education and employment, which raises protection concerns as they pivot towards criminal activity or choose to join arm groups out of frustration. WV has therefore been active in supporting youth with vocational training, especially those displaced and in rural areas.

Sustainability is the key to resilience. WV is highly conscious of environmental protection in livelihood development. To this end, WV adopts a Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration Model (FMNR) to show communities a sustainable way to increase their productivity. WV is one of the major stakeholders spearheading resilience initiative in Somalia.



## SomReP

The WV-led SomReP consortium of seven INGOs including AAH, ADRA, CARE, COOPI, DRC, Oxfam and World Vision is a long-term partnership to build and test a resilience model in the field based on the latest global resilience thinking, innovative livelihood approaches for the Somalia context and bridging the relief to development continuum. SomReP works with communities to provide families with multiple livelihood options so that they could withstand shocks such as drought through improved and diversified livelihood and asset preservation strategies, improved disaster risk management and other coping mechanisms to drought, improved ecosystem health as well as improved community-level governance.



## Health and Nutrition

The health system in Somalia is under-resourced and ill-equipped to provide urgently needed lifesaving and preventive services. Statistics in 2020, show that one in ten children under the age of five are acutely malnourished in Somalia. It is also evident that nutrition deprivation is dominant in children and women. World Vision has been delivering health and nutrition interventions across Somalia since 1990 and seeks to improve health and nutrition for children, women and families by increasing access to and quality of essential health services for mothers and children, increase accountability of high-quality nutrition specific services for children and care givers and reduce the incidence and prevalence of critical communicable diseases.

Since 2010, World Vision has implemented the Essential Package of Health Services (EPHS) in partnership with UNICEF and the Ministry of Health both in Somaliland and Puntland, providing maternal and child healthcare services. Over time, this effort has been complemented by other supporters such as WFP, Irish Aid and GAC and this has enabled WV to provide Health and Nutrition services in South West State and Jubaland. Since 2009, WV and WFP have been providing Targeted Supplementary Feeding, Mother-Child-Health-Nutrition and Food for Assets, resilience enhancing programming to support health and nutrition initiatives. An integrated approach which covers nutrition and WASH is adapted to comprehensively address the issue of high maternal and infant mortality and morbidity. WV has been supporting Health Centres (HC), Public Health Units (PHU), Maternal Child Health Nutrition (MCHN) and Mobile Clinics (MC) with staff capacity building, supplies and equipment.

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## Global Fund

WV Somalia has also been the principal recipient of the Global Fund TB Control Program since 2004, working with 14 subrecipients across the country to combat TB. To date, there are 95 (TB Managed Units) TBMUs (WVI plus partner sub recipients) representing 50% growth in TBMU facilities from 2015. Although there was an understanding that Global Fund TB programme only provided an additional support to on-going tuberculosis programme, in reality the fund is the main support for TB programme in Somalia given that the governments have scarce resources to support TB programme. As of October 2020, WV is supporting 25 health facilities, 5 hospitals, 13 TB Clinics and 5 mobile clinics in Somaliland; 23 mother and child health centres (MCH), 9 TB clinics and 2 mobile clinics in Puntland; 13 MCHs, 58 Health Post (in IDP) and 1 outreach site in both Jubaland and South West State.

Understanding health outcomes cannot be achieved by improving health service provision alone, WV engages community health workers to not just provide community level health service, but also promote timely health seeking behaviours among communities.



## Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Since 1992, World Vision has been carrying out WASH programming across Somalia. World Vision's WASH programming is part of integrated humanitarian interventions in the country and aims to improve WASH services for children, women and their families by increasing safe, sustainable, sufficient and equitable access to improved water and sanitation sources.

Access to safe drinking water and good hygiene practices are basic to human survival, healthy living and dignity. WV seeks to promote resilient, sustainable and accessible WASH services for vulnerable Somalis, through partnerships, closer collaboration, and strategic alliances with communities, government ministries, other leading WASH implementers and local partners.

World Vision recognizes that promoting and supporting water for production and consumption initiatives such as rainwater harvesting technologies, micro irrigation systems to increase and sustain agriculture and livestock production during the rainfall scarcity and drought, contributes to food availability. We provide water trucking, water purification, Non-Food Items (NFIs) and emergency latrine construction alongside hygiene promotion in time of shocks, as well as rehabilitate or construct strategic water sources such as boreholes and shallow wells that provide water for human and livestock consumption. The programme also enables sustainable water management by forming WASH committees in communities and encourages participation of women in WASH service decisions.



## Education

Somalia has around 4.5 million school-aged children. An assessment conducted by World Vision in 2018 indicate lack of school fee was one of the major causes why majority of children are reported not to be enrolled in school. Girls in particular consistently face greater challenges accessing education.

Globally, WV's aspiration is that boys and girls are educated for life. World Vision promotes the enrolment and retention of school-aged children and improve access to quality education by building the capacity of teachers, constructing new and renovating existing classrooms, providing learning materials as well as strengthen life skills for the children and youth.

We seek to integrate education with other programmes such as child protection, school nutrition and hygiene promotion to create a meaningful impact on children's lives. In Somalia, our focus is to provide the most vulnerable children, especially those from rural areas and displaced families with access to quality primary education in a safe and protective learning environment. We also equip the children and youth with essential life skills and learning opportunities that lead to a productive life. In addition to supporting emergency education, WV has developed a set of evidence-based practices to improve education outcomes. Unlocking Literacy, for instance promotes reading that go beyond classroom experience by encouraging parents' involvement through establishing reading clubs within communities.

In collaboration with the Puntland Ministry of Education, WV has piloted a Digital Attendance Tracking Mobile Application which monitors daily child school attendance. It has enabled WV and schools to monitor school absenteeism and reasons for not attending school to inform more appropriate programming.

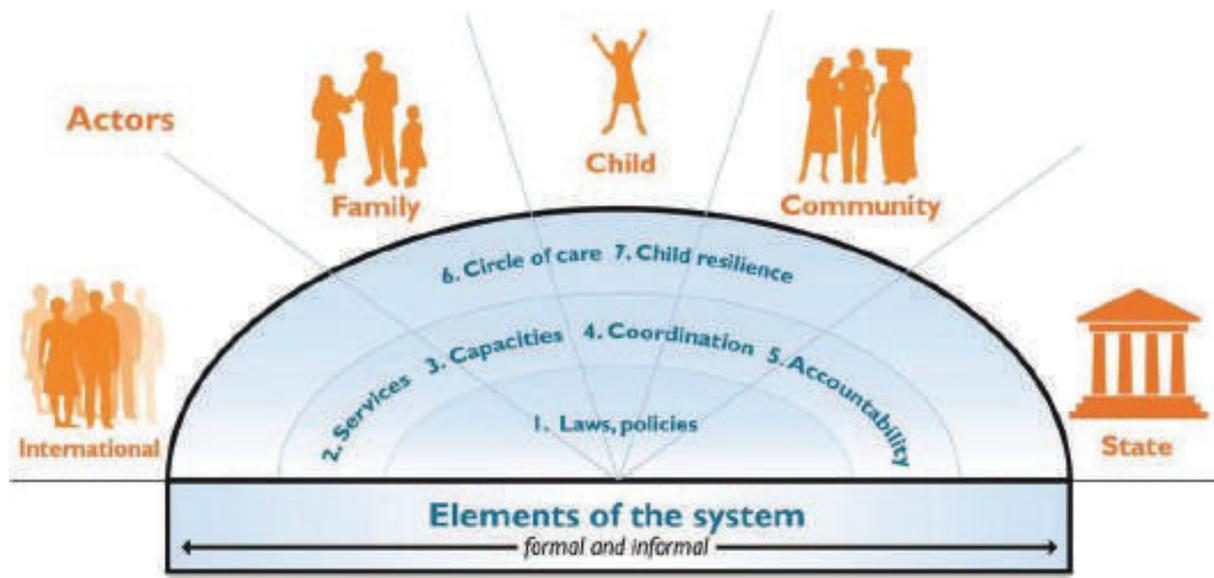


## Protection

Somalia is reported to be one of the world's least protective environments for children. WV is committed to protecting children from abuse, neglect, exploitation and other forms of violence through a systems approach to strengthen the protective environment around children. To achieve this, we have shifted from the traditional stand-alone programming focus on particular groups of children in need of protection, to the achievement of more sustainable, comprehensive and long-term responses to child protection issues in an integrated manner. This approach addresses child protection more holistically and brings greater focus on prevention, while still strengthening the critical roles and assets of the key actors responsible for child protection.

World Vision Somalia is applying a mix of project models including Learning Through Play, Channels of Hope (CoH) for gender & protection, Basic Education Improvement Plan (BEIP) School feeding, Child protection & advocacy (CP&A) and Community-Change in Somaliland, Puntland and South West State of Somalia.

WV's key partners include the government both at federal and state level, civil society, existing co-ordination mechanisms such as the child protection sub cluster, parents, caregivers, families and other community structures. Below is a graphic representation of the Systems approach to the protection of girls and boys which consists of the 7 elements of the system and 5 types of key actors.



WV has established Child Friendly Spaces to offer psychosocial support for IDP camps in Baidoa and has provided case management for Gender Based Violence (GBV) survivors and unaccompanied and separated children.

WV has also delivered a range of programming to strengthen families, faith communities and systems for peace and protection for children. This has included training faith leaders on child protection and engaging community members on protection issues in their various locations. These trainings have been instrumental in leading conversations with congregants on issues such as child marriage and FGM. WV has also led the creation of Child Protection Committees (CPCs) and Community Education Committees (CECs) on Citizen Voices and Action to facilitate monitoring of quality service delivery in education and child protection across the country.

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