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INTRODUCTION

The right to education has been universally recognized since the universal declaration of human right and has since been entered in various international conversions, national constitution and development plans.

Education is human right as well as a tool for achieving goals of equality development and peace. However while the vast majority and countries have signed up to, and ratified inter nationally however Somalia is far from integrating these rights in effective national constitution or provided the legislative and administration frame work to ensure that the rights are realized in practice. Lack of right to education hits the poorest hardest especially the girl and child.

As a result of the government that had been frequently in dividing line for the last two decades the right to education had been on low profile, this was further aggravated by poverty and the lack of capacity on the side of the community to implement this right in practice.

In some cases the communities have initiated an optional means making the education sector survive and the existence to the right to education a long with the user made to pay for the right in practice.

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SOPDDO has come up to fill the gaps that could further drift the communities in the pits and trenches of illiteracy and ignorance by injecting fresh energy to the community through community mobilizations and capacity building, the most symbolic is, SOPDDO have made the elimination of gender inequality in education a top priority, in any case a job that is not easy and cannot be eliminated within a fortnight. However through community mobilization and awareness creation in the vast majority of the Somalia community have realized the misconception and the past out dated ideologies and now they have know they can no longer ignore the education needs of the girl.

These efforts geared toward education for the girl child has paved way for a wide consensus that education for the girls in particular provides high sustainability in social and economic development. The Somali girl child education initiative is one of the main strategies designed by SOPDDO to address the gender gap that currently exists in Somalia.

Today, discrimination in girls education persist in many areas particularly in rural part of the country and the IDPS camps owing to customary attitude, early marriage, religious misconception, inadequate and other wise in accessible schooling facilities

SOPDDO was established on 02/03/2008. SOPDDO was founded by a professional group of people from the different parts of the Somali society living in side and outside of the country, to bring together the expertise and resource of educational professional to skillfully and efficiently operate toward achieving the free access to education.

Organizational mission

To work on relief, rehabilitation and development programs and attempt to peace and stability, reconciliation of the South/central Somali regions damaged by the civil wars, food crisis and at the same time make their hearts to avoid each other through collaboration and cooperation among the communities in South/central regions of Somalia.

SOPDDO VISION

- We envisions never-ending peace and development, and resettlement the people displaced from their environments and creation of a whole some community that is literate, progressive and public minded.

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1. Main Objective

1. Improve the livelihood of the Somali communities' particularly vulnerable / weak groups of the society.
2. Organize and co-ordinate discussions and general meeting for conflict resolution for the community to obtain the essential peace and stability for the Somali society.
3. Organizing youth gathering through traditional competition of soccer and to the cultural celebrations in order to enhance peace and reconciliation through youth groups as very attractive and active in the society.
4. Advocating for the rights of the women and child.
5. Rehabilitation of agricultural land for the IDPs and the HH communities.
6. Rehabilitation of the irrigation canals so as to get sufficient irrigation system for the small scale farmers.
7. Increase the production of the small-scale farmers.
8. Put a stop to FGM against women that became a tradition for the society.
9. Create opportunities of basic education for the orphans, the street children.
10. Helping internally displaced people and for resettlement and enhancing of adult education.
11. Rehabilitation of community livelihood.
12. Prevention of HIV/AIDS and other preventable diseases.
13. Addressing Emergency disaster and get reaction back.
14. Giving education, skills and training for people with disabilities.
15. Ensure that 70% of Somali children have access to schooling
16. Abolish gender biased practices in education

Main Goals and strategies

GOAL 1. To recognize and apply with the vision and mission of the organization aim which is on how to develop and get the Somali people never-ending peace.

Strategies

- Conduct seminars and other matters, which can verify the development of the goal.

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- Establishing fund raising committee to collect fund supported by the target communities.
- Advocacy for collecting fund from the Donors.

GOAL 2. Prevention of HIV/AIDS and other preventable diseases

Strategies

- awareness campaigns using by media, postures, leaflets, slogans and etc,
- Conducting awareness HIV/AIDS workshops to the community.

The aim of SOPDDO

The aim is to ensure that the poorest and most marginalized children are able to enroll in and completed good quality education

SOPDDO focuses on

- ✓ Increase access and sustain primary education for children in IDP school through establishment new centers of additional classroom, maintaining of operational classroom, training for teachers and CECs and mass mobilization activities.
- ✓ Provide psychosocial support for children affected by the conflict to help them recover from the disturbing trauma and stressful events they experienced.
- ✓ Empowering Community Education Committees to support education for their children through training for CECs.
- ✓ Strengthen coordination between SOPDDO the beneficiary communities and local authority to support sustainability of education programmed in the project target IDP areas.

Organizational Governance

Somali People Displacement and Development Organization (SOPDDO) enjoy very transparent organizational governance which leaves no rooms for role ambiguity. The roles and responsibilities follow two distinct chains of command of which the first is the Board of Directors and the second is the management team.

The two teams have clear separation of power in the constitution and that is reflected in their respective job description. SOPDDO has superior leadership style that is consultative, participatory and accommodates diversity in education.

Organizational capacity

SOPDDO is a non-profit and non-governmental institution ever lobbying to seeking unrestricted access to all types of education for all children and youth in their development age in most of its operational area. Aware of the deficiency in all types of education in Somalia and lack of technical skills, SOPDDO endeavors to create/seek

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education for livelihood opportunities of the youth from various sources. SOPDDO was established in 2008 to bring together the expertise and resources of educational professionals to skillfully and efficiently operate toward achieving pivotal principle of educating not only for the school aged children but also for the adult and the youth for their livelihood development competence.

The organization currently runs school in Bay, Lower Shabelle, Middle Shabelle and Banadir regions in Somalia and has the capacity to effectively manage this school run the education process smoothly

SOPDDO is expecting to double the number of schools primary schools and learning centers from 20 to 40 schools and learning centers by 2012.

The purpose of the consultative desk view is to provide to baseline for the project on strengthening education in Somalia. Available official data would be used to try to ascertain what the situation is concerning education in general and the girls education this approach will attempt to get as clear a picture as possible so that credible baseline can be defend for the strengthening education in Somalia **SOPDDO** has spearhead in providing the national geo political religious factors and security situational contexts of the region with in which to situation education programs in the country to the INGO and stakeholders.

Education for the girl child

Discrimination in girls education still persist in many parts of Somalia particularly in rural areas of the country and the IDPS camps owing to customary attitude, early marriage, religious misconception, house hold&/domestic work ,inadequate and other wise in accessible schooling facilities

To combat these biggest obstacle that had become a hindrance and stumbling block to the girl child education, SOPDDO have made the elimination of gender inequality in education a top priority, in any case this is not a case that can be eliminated within a fortnight. However through community mobilization and awareness creation in the vast majority of the community with the help of the community education committees, these had great impact on the community and created a stepping stone to the realization of the girl's right to access basic education.

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Through these efforts the Somalia communities have realized the misconception and have come out of the past cocoon of the out dated ideologies and now they have realized they can no longer ignore the education needs of the girl child.

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Aims

The major aim is to enhance basic education of girls increasing their enrollment and easy access to basic education especially the areas with the lowest percentage of girl's education in selected rural area and IDP Camps

SOPDDO is addressing gender inequality and disparities in schools main streaming women gender in development of the need to look critically at the gender- equality structure procedures and policy outcomes. Gender mains reaming are an integral part of SOPDDO process SOPDDO seeks to strengthen gender equality in natured resources management by facilitating rural women precipitation in decision making at H and community levels

Out come mapping is usually initiated through a participatory workshop led by an internal or external facilitator and the regular monitoring workshops are hold in which the program learn, collects and analyses data in order to plan new, or refine existing activities group learning is an essential components of the methodology because of its power to hardness organizational knowledge.

These are obtained by creating psychosocial SOPDDO and involving group environments where people can identify and solve problems, plan together make collaborative decision resolve their own conflicts. Facilities enable SOPDDP learn groups and meeting to be much more productive the benefits that access from such steps are terrific, empowerment a deepening of personal commitment to decision and plans, increase organization loyalty and the building of esprit de crops.

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Informal education

Emergency education

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STRATEGIES

Working on the international organization's core commitment for children in emergencies, which is to galvanize and promote access to quality basic education for all children in affected communities, with a specific focus on girls education.

Education is a basic and fundamental right of the entire citizen, unfortunately many parents cannot afford to pay fees or buy supplies that one needs to enroll their children into schools. Community often lack suitable school building, qualified teachers and materials. Therefore SOPDDO in partnership with the fore mentioned organization established learning centers for the less fortunate members of the community and the IDPs.

SOPDDO with Somali Diaspora and Tools 4 Humanity carried out an education programs intensive and extensively whose implications are wide spread. In view of this and the concern of the interest of the vast community in mined SOPDDO has categorically emphasized on education through established conducive learning environment which will ultimately help the children to heal from the upheaval and traumatic experience during the emergency situation.

Target

The children constitute more than half of the population out of reach 65% of them are out of school, mostly the girl child.

In order to achieve the goal of ensuring that all Somali children have access to and complete good quality primary education. SOPDDO is strengthening the marginalized community's capacity to ensure their children are able to enroll in and complete good quality and a free primary education.

Without education a child has little hope of breaking free from poverty and reaching his or her full potentials. Education is the way forward for a child's brighter tomorrow yet as important as education is to the development of the world, more than 1 million are unable to attend basic education in Somalia,

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therefore much effort as to be put in place to address this massive need for education for the marginalised and the IDPs children.

Outcome

Using their spread to reach the poorest of the poor in far and near communities in Somalia, SOPDDO which originally started with 3 Schools now has over 3 formal educations and 9 informal education. This is a great plus for the community as a whole and SOPDDO since it has proved to be an avenue to reach every park of the country from South and Central zone.

SOPDDO programme increased the access of girls to quality primary education through advocacy, mobilization and adornment of participatory approaches through community beneficiaries and all the stake holders to education begetting and education policy.

Non-formal education

The aim is to promote learning and life skills for young people and adults in the context of lifelong learning

Non formal education is no exceptional since SOPDDO was categorically initiated to bring together the expertise and resources of educational professionals to skillfully and efficiently operate toward achieving pivotal principle of educating youth for their livelihood development competence. The aim is to identify, encourage and disseminate replicable strategies for using market - driven program to improve youth employment success. During its organization existence has used strategic approaches to develop youth educational and technical competences and past experiences towards the program of Somali youth livelihood through

- Providing vocational and skills development training for the youth in their 15th to 25th of age.
- Offering free overseas scholarships for secondary school leavers
- Granting local scholarships for secondary school leavers by paying university fees

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- SOPDDO has assisted and trained 8 urban youth groups in proposal development, finance, record keeping, governance and leadership , computer skills, artisan and women skills development

SOPDDO OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS

Naturally there are always problems of different magnitude and affects in the way of making progress, more particularly in a country like Somalia where all pupil services and governmental institutions have become idle or collapsed to zero level.

On this part SOPDDO educational department faces a number of problems which the most painful are:-

1. Very poor and insufficient educational facilities.
2. Lack of scientific labs and libraries.
3. Lack of student text books and exercise books.
4. Inadequate training problems and financial incentives for the teachers.
5. Lack of English version of National curriculum.
6. Lack of teacher training centers.
7. Inadequate female teachers.
8. No scholarship for our students and teachers.

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Lesson learnt / constraints

- Most of the parents are faced with the challenge of keeping their children onwards in school while they struggles for their daily bread
- Due to the presence of female teachers act as role model the number of the girls has increased.
- A comprehensive and working monitoring strategy that enables to stimulate and energize target schools to effectively participate in the programs and to respond the implementation constrain.
- If the communities are fully mobilized the will participate and fully support the project program from the side of family sanitation, school management, and participating in the problem solving and prevention of disputes in the target communities and the school environments.
- The most important strategy of the sustainability of the project program is the community preparedness to take over the results of the project
- There are minor injuries that happen here and their on the pupils within the school compound as the play running about in the school compound.

Conclusion

The communities are fully mobilized to support the project from the side of family sanitation, centers and school management, and security updates, they are also participating in the problem solving and prevention of disputes among the target communities and among the school environments.

Recommendation

The material in the school do not meet the need of the increasing peoples furthermore there is need for the project to expand to meet the demand for instance there is a need for providing School learning furniture; uniform for the students; establishing more centers and recruit more teachers.

Hygiene and situation has been one of the biggest challenge in the schools therefore there is a need for Latrine's to be built in the schools also provide water containers for drinking water and cleaning in and when out off the toilets and same times provides detergents

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Conclusion:

According to our monitoring and project implementation status compared to the project plan this project is successful to support intended IDP communities through improving their over all wellbeing from the provision quality education for more students from the most vulnerable families in the IDPs and providing their children protection from the effects of the bad doing and child violations.

Despite that the families of the teacher who are employed by the project have improved their livelihoods since they started to draw incentives from Somali Diaspora supported emergency education response their by increasing enhanced family purchasing power.

Recommendations:

The established learning centers do not cover the education needs of the community, to make the right of every child to access free primary education to be realized there is a need to establish more learning centers so as to reach more children in the IDPs and also reducing crowding and congestions that result from the increasing number of child enrollment in the current learning centers.

Hygiene and sanitation is one of the challenges in the learning centers. Therefore there is need to construct pit latrines exclusively fore the schools without sharing with the communities.



Many students were enrolled in the new centers that SOPDDO recently were established in Wadajir district.

SOPDDO established new learning centre in Balad district of Middle Shabelle region

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Qasab2 Camp learning center construction is carrying on.



Qasab2 IDPs camp students are preparing their learning process.



Yasiin2 Camp students are in learning process.



Ceeldheer Camp students are in listening.

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