



**ENGAGING WOMEN IN COVID-19  
RESPONSE IN SOMALIA**

**Slide 1**

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SANCHEZ Maria Celeste, 24/06/2021

# WOMEN & DISPLACEMENT

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  - National disaster shocks such as droughts and floods
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  - Carry the solitary burden of care-giving of children and elderly
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## Slide 2

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**SC1** I suggest deleting this slide as this information is also in the next slide  
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# CONTEXT OF SOMALIA

- **Most frequent causes of displacement in Somalia includes**
  - National disaster shocks such as droughts and floods
  - Conflict among the Somali ethnic tribes
  - Al-Shabab attacks/threats
- **IDPs face many challenges to participate in humanitarian response in Somalia IDP settlements. Some of these challenges include**
  - lack of representation
  - Somali Culture
  - male dominance
  - women illiteracy rate is high
- **Women are the most affected during displacement**
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- **CCCM was activated in Somalia, where enhancement of women's rights and inclusion of women in camp governance structures was advocated**





- Women were educated on their rights through ....
- As part of this, capacity building and awareness raising with local authorities and male counterparts on the importance of inclusion of women and groups at risk in community representation
- As a result, the gender-representation has been equal in the camp committees and leadership in the IDP settlements

## Slide 4

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**SC2**

Agree - I would delete this one and focus on women participation in COVID-19 response

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**KA1**

I actually dont think we need this slide, what do you think? I have integrated some of the points here in the other slides

KANESAN Ashereen, 24/06/2021

# WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION PROJECT

- To respond to COVID-19, the Women's Participation Project was rolled-out in 3 sites: Baidoa, Dollow & Kismayo
- The main objective of WPP is to deploy strategies to address immediate protection concerns and longer-term needs of displaced women and girls through strengthening participation and community-designed and led interventions.
- Under the WPP, funded by the Safe from the Start Initiative, IOM supported Women's Committees to respond and build capacities in responding to the pandemic
- The CCCM teams trained different women groups and committees in the sites, through raising awareness on the risks, signs and symptoms and mode of transmissions of COVID-19, and appropriate mitigation measures at information centres and at block level.





# WOMEN'S ROLE IN COVID-19

## Facemask Production:

- 120 women have been engaged
- 17,913 fabric face mask have been produced
- the first batch of facemasks were distributed for free to the most vulnerable in the community such as those with underlining conditions, elderly persons.
- The remaining production was sold at the market at low prices
- The Women's Committee decided this through consultation and discussions

## Handwashing Stations:

- Women groups have installed 70 hand washing stations at information centers and public institutions across the three sites



# WOMEN'S ROLE IN COVID-19

## Cleaning Materials Distributions:

- 120 mosques have been reached by women's groups and supported with cleaning materials

## Risk Communication and Community Engagement:

- 1,397 IDP women participated RCCE activities

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## Slide 7

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- SC3** Yes - I think a final slide can be added, explaining a bit the "soft component" - e.g. that women led the decisions on how the resource should be used, that they selected the mosques, that CCCM role was to facilitate in mobilizing/managing resources but it was the women themselves who led the intervention  
SANCHEZ Maria Celeste, 24/06/2021
- SC5** Then add a final slide w/a picture, a "Thank you" or similar, and a contact point if people has questions or comments (can be PSU Somalia or similar)  
SANCHEZ Maria Celeste, 24/06/2021
- KA3** would be great to expand a bt more on the achievements here and perhaps the impact the women leaders have had with the covid response?  
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# WPP DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

- After having realized the role of women with the most at risk people who can't be accessed by humanitarian and government workers IOM through the SAFE initiative decided to engage women who were already identified by CCCM teams and were active members in the community leadership structures.
- Then through consultation and discussion with women committee/leaders and the CMCs the WPP activities were decided to commence with the leadership of the women committee and women groups

## HOW IMPLEMENTED

- Training of the women committees, women groups and CMCs on COVID-19 IPC measures
- involved women committee in the campaigns to raise the community awareness on the risks, signs, symptoms and modes of transmission of the Pandemic and the approximate mitigation measures.
- Supported women committee with materials
- Trained women committees on making Facemasks.

# ACHIEVEMENT

**After the WPP was Implemented, the following milestones had been gained**

- ◇ Enhanced women interaction with the larger community**
- ◇ Improved women decision making skills**
- ◇ Encouraged women participation in community representation and involvement in community activities**
- ◇ Supported the community in COVID-19 prevention and mitigation**
- ◇ source of livelihoods for the women Committee**

# LESSONS LEARNT

**From the implementations of WPP activities in Baidoa, Dollow and Kismayo, it was realized that;**

- ◇ Women can lead successfully in community activities**
- ◇ Women if given the opportunity can bring good and community driven decisions**
- ◇ Women can lead to meaningful changes in the community's behaviors**