

THE LEAST THAT CAN BE DONE

Fadumo Hassan Kheyrow 39, a mother of 2 sons aged 17, 8 and one daughter of 3 years old lives at Nabad-doan IDP settlement in Km 10 kahda, Afgoye Corridor, Mogadishu. Nabad-doan IDP settlement is one of the camps that was established due to the influx of drought induced displacements. DBG selected the camp among the 30 camps for shelter/NFI intervention in November 2017. The family's three children have Albinism disorder. While this could be viewed as a curse by the community, it was one of the factors considered by DBG to select this family as a beneficiary.

Fadumo was displaced from Qoryoley in Lower Shabelle region in August 2017 due to successive droughts coupled with SNA/Amisom offensives against AS.

In Qoryoley, they had a small plot of land and they were agro-pastoralists. The family used to rear small herd of cattle and cultivate small farms. However, matters changed when harsh drought hit the area in 2017, a drought so bad that even the river dried up and all their cattle perished due of lack water and pasture. The family then decided to move from there to Mogadishu IDP settlements escaping an imminent famine and death.

Mogadishu is home to over a half a million IDPs, most of whom were displaced from Lower Shabelle region due to conflict, insecurity and drought. More than 90% of these IDPs are living in makeshift structures in the two districts of Daynile and Kahda. The makeshift structures are made of rugs, recycled cloth and cardboards. These structures are insufficient in so far as providing the basic physical protection, privacy, dignity, or protection from extreme climatic conditions.



Fadumo and her son standing in front of their shelter structure before intervention

Fadumo, her husband and their 3 three children anchored in Nabadoon Camp in KM 10 joining other families with whom they share the same place of origin. Here, they luckily met shelter / NFI selection criteria and received SHF funded emergency shelter assistance from DBG.

The emergency shelter kit costs around \$200 and provides basic shelter for the vulnerable newly displaced family. The kit consists of plastic sheeting, wooden poles for the structure, plastic rope and a lockable door. They were also provided construction tool kit and trained on

how to erect their own shelter using the shelter kit provided.



Before the intervention they lived in a makeshift shelter which was in a very bad condition shelter. This assistance has gone a long way in providing dignity and protection to Fadumo's family who now have the benefit of living under improved living spaces, allowing them to pay more attention and focus to livelihoods.

Her oldest son was enrolled in the DBG skill training where he successfully graduated and obtained a certificate in Electrical Installation after 10 months of training. Her son supports the family through his small income from household electrical repairs work he does, while the mother goes to wash clothes for the host community of the area and the father does any casual work he comes across.

Fadumo happily and grateful to DBG and their donors for the support given to her family. She concluded saying, "As long as we have somewhere to reside as a family we are happy and one day things will be better".

The Shelter is committed in supporting IDPs to achieve durable solutions to their displaced situation. The cluster has adopted shelter designs and assistance strategies that that are longer lasting and more sustainable.



Fadumo and her son standing in front of their shelter structure after intervention

The government has also shown willingness to provide land for relocating IDPs if the shelters that will be constructed are permanent ones. However low funding for shelter activities remains the biggest challenge against massive displacement and huge needs. Despite the country receiving a record historical funding in 2017, the sector received less than 20% of its projected requirements, as most of the attention focused on addressing food, nutrition and health needs of IDPs and host populations.