



NEW WAYS ORGANIZATION

QUARTER THREE NEWSLETTER UPDATE

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Partners, Staff, Beneficiaries, and Friends of New Ways Organization, It is with gratitude and renewed commitment that I welcome you to our Quarter Three Newsletter. As we reflect on the progress made over the past three months, we are reminded that meaningful change is achieved through collective effort, compassion, and a shared commitment to creating positive and lasting impact in our communities.

During this quarter, we have continued working toward our mission of empowering individuals, strengthening communities, and creating opportunities for a better future. Our progress reflects the dedication of our staff, the resilience of the people we serve, and the continued support of our partners, donors, volunteers, and other stakeholders. Every contribution, whether big or small, plays an important role in advancing our shared goals.

While we celebrate the milestones achieved, we also recognize that challenges remain. These challenges reinforce the importance of collaboration, innovation, accountability, and a people-centered approach to our work. We remain committed to learning from our experiences, improving our programs, and ensuring that our interventions respond to the evolving needs of the communities we serve.

As we look ahead to the final quarter of the year, New Ways Organization will continue building on the progress made, strengthening partnerships, and pursuing sustainable solutions that promote dignity, inclusion, resilience, and community development. We believe that by working together, we can create meaningful opportunities and lasting change for those who need it most.

I sincerely thank our dedicated team, valued partners, generous supporters, and the communities we serve for your trust and continued collaboration. Your commitment inspires us to keep moving forward with hope, purpose, and determination.

As you read this edition, I invite you to reflect on our journey, celebrate our shared achievements, and remain part of the transformation we seek to create. Together, let us continue opening new ways toward a brighter and more inclusive future.

With appreciation and commitment,

Abdullahi Ali Muhumed

Executive Director

New Ways Organization

SECTOR UPDATES & PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Protection Sector: Safe Spaces Where Kids Can Just Be Kids

In crisis settings, children carry heavy burdens that no child should have to bear. To help heal some of that weight, our team recently wrapped up a child protection project in Buurhakaba, Southwest. We set up dedicated,

child-friendly spaces where displaced children from surrounding villages can safely gather, play games, and just have fun.



With caring adult monitors keeping a watchful eye, these spaces offered much more than recreational fun—they brought a renewed sense of hope, safety, and normalcy to young lives. Seeing kids smile, laugh, and run around freely reminded us all of why community-based protection matters so much. It gave these resilient families peace of mind knowing their children have a protected place to laugh and play.

Read our Buurhakaba work here: t.co/KVvLxldmg7

WASH Sector: Bringing Health and Hope Through Clean Hygiene

Water is life, especially for vulnerable communities and displaced communities facing recurring droughts. Our recent water projects in the region have brought a profound sense of relief by delivering newly completed, solar-powered shallow wells right where communities need them most. By harnessing sustainable solar energy, these water points ensure a steady, reliable flow of clean drinking water without the burden of

high fuel costs. Most importantly, these wells have dramatically shortened the daily journey for women and children searching for water, easing daily hardships, protecting livestock, and laying a strong foundation for local resilience.



Read our WASHFIRST water project in Barawe here: <https://rb.gy/i3b30l>

Education Sector: We launch Education in Emergency project with NRC and ECW

Education Cannot Wait, especially when children are navigating the disruptions of emergencies and climate shocks. Through the partnership with the Norwegian Refugee Council and Education Cannot Wait, our team is rolling out an emergency education initiative across Hobyo and Abudwak districts.

Reaching thousands of crisis-affected children, this project is restoring safe, inclusive, and welcoming classrooms where kids can catch up on learning, find stability, and dream about tomorrow. By keeping children engaged in education, we are shielding them from risks and investing in a brighter, more resilient future for the whole community.

Nutrition Sector: Healing and Hope for Little Ones in Wanlaweyn and Barawe

No family should have to watch their child suffer from hunger. In Wanlaweyn, Barawe and Bulomarer, our nutrition teams are working tirelessly on the ground to combat the ongoing malnutrition crisis, providing vital screening, therapeutic feeding, and nutritional care for young children, mothers, and infants.



Through our local feeding programs, malnourished little ones receive the critical therapeutic nutrition they need to bounce back and grow strong. Beyond treatment, our team works side-by-side with families, sharing nourishing guidance on infant care. Every healthy smile and recovering child is a testament to the compassion and resilience of this community. In Barawe, our Nutrition-Sensitive assistance programme is helping malnourished children. Read how our CRS cash support is supporting children with malnutrition: shorturl.at/WldDs

FEATURE STORY: HOW INTEGRATED WATER SYSTEM IS RESTORING HOPE AND STRENGTHENING LOCAL OWNERSHIP

For many years, communities in Afgoi town faced a difficult daily struggle to secure enough water to support their growing population. Because local water infrastructure was missing, this heavy burden fell primarily on women and young girls, who had to walk long distances under the hot sun every day which kept many young girls out of school. Drinking this unclean water caused terrible health impacts on the Afgoi communities, spreading painful illnesses like cholera and diarrhea. Families were trapped in a sad cycle of poor health and poverty, always worrying about where their next drink of water would come from.

To change this, New Ways Organization took action under SHF drought Allocation funding from the Somalia Humanitarian Fund to build a lasting solution instead of just bringing water in trucks for a few days. With this funding, they replaced old, broken wells with brand-new solar-powered and rehabilitated water pumps. These pumps use the clean energy of the sun to bring water right into the neighborhoods, making it safe and reliable.



The change brought immediate relief to mothers who used to worry every day about their family's safety. Sahra, a mother living in Afgoi, shared how much happier her home is now: "Before New Ways implemented the solar-water pumps and water tap connection near my house free of charge, my children spent their entire mornings carrying heavy jerrycans from distant, dirty water sources. It has completely eased my children's chores, and for the first time, they can get to their school lessons clean, rested, and on time."

This project did more than just shorten the long walks; it brought the whole community together. New Ways Organization ensured that people form a local water committee so they could take care of the pumps and solar powered water system themselves. "These new solar powered systems and water tap connections have brought our community together and given us a lasting asset. We no longer have to watch our children get sick from river water or worry about the high cost of fuel to keep our wells pumping; the sun gives us our water now, and we are fully committed to protecting this system."

In a country like Somalia, where severe droughts happen very often, projects like this are absolute lifelines. They show that when we invest in green energy and local groups, communities can stand strong against climate change. A New Ways Project Officer explained why this type of support matters so much for the future of the country: "Securing localized funding through the SHF allows us to build resilience exactly where it is needed most. Financing sustainable water projects in drought-prone areas in Somalia is the only way to save lives long-term, shifting our focus from temporary relief to permanent, climate-smart independence."

By connecting local funding with the power of the sun, New Ways Organization has given the people of Afgoi a brighter, healthier future where clean water is a basic right, not a daily struggle.

CLIMATE & PREPAREDNESS: STRENGTHENING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS IN HIGH-RISK FLOOD ZONES

To safeguard vulnerable communities in flood-prone regions, vital emergency resources are being systematically positioned ahead of severe weather events. The United States, working in close partnership with international donors and regional humanitarian agencies, has spearheaded proactive measures to mitigate the severe impact of anticipated El Niño heavy rains. By strategically placing life-saving relief stock across vulnerable territories, including key coastal and riverine areas such as Barawe and Marka, the initiative establishes an operational buffer against immediate disaster.

This forward-leaning strategy shifts the paradigm from reactive disaster response to proactive readiness. Heavy El Niño rainfall consistently threatens coastal and low-lying zones with widespread flooding, compromised infrastructure, and isolated communities. Prepositioning essential supplies, ranging from emergency shelter kits, clean water purification tools, and medical provisions to specialized nutritional aid, ensures that assistance is physically located where it is needed most long before floodwaters rise.



Crucially, the US, in partnership with our donors, have placed supplies ahead of the El Niño rains so that beneficiaries can access the service without delay. When sudden inundations sever main transport corridors or submerge critical supply routes, localized stockpiles eliminate the typical logistical bottlenecks that impede emergency operations. Families impacted by rising waters in locations like Barawe and Marka will not have to wait days or weeks for relief convoys to navigate flooded roads; instead, community distributions can begin immediately.

By coordinating closely with local leaders, host governments, and frontline humanitarian partners, this collaborative donor effort maximizes efficiency, minimizes supply chain vulnerabilities, and builds long-term community resilience. Ultimately, these prepositioning efforts protect lives, preserve human dignity, and provide rapid relief when climate extremes strike fragile communities.

CAPACITY BUILDING: EMPOWERING TEACHERS AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS IN GALGADUUD AND MUDUG REGIONS

New Ways Organization (NWO) implements a rigorous training framework for teachers and headteachers as part of the Joint Resilient Education Programme (JREP). These trainings are essential for stabilizing the education system in areas frequently disrupted by climate shocks and displacement. For the teaching staff in the 51 supported schools, NWO focuses on:

- **New National Curriculum:** Training centers on the effective delivery of the Somali national curriculum, ensuring teachers can transition from traditional methods to modern, learner-centered pedagogy.
- **Inclusive Education:** A significant component involves training 90+ teachers in Inclusive, Protective, and Socio-Emotional Learning (SEL). This equips them to support children with disabilities and those suffering from trauma in IDP camps.
- **Psychosocial Support (PSS):** Teachers are trained as first-line responders to provide mental health support, helping students manage the stress of conflict and drought.

SPOTLIGHT: REDEFINING LOCAL HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY AND LEADERSHIP - MARYAN'S STORY

At New Ways, women are the heart and forefront of humanitarian emergency and leadership. Meet Maryan, a dedicated humanitarian leader and Lower Shabelle focal point for the New Ways Organization. Operating in complex and perilous environments across southern Somalia, Maryam tirelessly coordinates vital logistics and community outreach to ensure vulnerable populations, especially women in

remote areas like Barawe and Marka receive essential support. Despite daunting security challenges, damaged infrastructure, and the immense responsibility of balancing her crucial fieldwork with raising her own children, she remains a pillar of resilience and hope. Her unwavering commitment exemplifies true grassroots leadership, bridging critical gaps and transforming local humanitarian response across the region.

Maryan's Story

Imagine driving down long, bumpy roads where others might turn back, all to make sure a mother gets the help she needs. That is the everyday life of Maryam M. Abdullahi, a remarkable woman who is changing what it means to be a leader in Somalia.



Maryam works as the Lower Shabelle focal point for the New Ways Organization, a local humanitarian group based in Mogadishu. Her

unique contribution to her community goes far beyond just handing out supplies. Maryam travels across the vast Lower Shabelle regions, sometimes heading into places that are deemed unsafe, simply because she refuses to let anyone be left behind. Her main goal is making sure that every single woman's voice is heard, no matter how remote or forgotten her village might feel.

Getting aid into and across any part of the Lower Shabelle region is an immense daily challenge. Unpredictable security concerns, active conflict risks and other logistical barriers make travel deeply perilous for humanitarian workers like Maryam. Compounding these security barriers are severe transportation hurdles: damaged infrastructure, washed-out dirt roads, and a lack of reliable vehicles mean that reaching isolated villages requires navigating treacherous conditions. Many transport routes are frequently blocked or restricted, forcing aid workers to find creative and high-risk ways to deliver vital supplies. Yet, despite these terrifying obstacles and logistical hurdles, Maryam refuses to let the barriers stop her from showing up for her people.

In her role, Maryam is the heartbeat of local operations. She is entirely responsible for all the logistical and humanitarian coordination across Lower Shabelle, making sure aid flows smoothly to the entire Southwest region of Somalia. Whether she is organizing aid distribution, attending local trainings, or lifting women up through leadership programs, Maryam is always on the move.

Communities across the region are deeply grateful for her tireless service. Local residents constantly express their heartfelt thanks for the way she shows up for them against all odds.

A mother in Barawe shares her gratitude: ***"Maryam is like a sister to us. When we felt forgotten and had nothing left, she walked right through our doors with a warm smile and the supplies we desperately needed."***

A father in Markos City adds: ***"It is hard to believe how much danger she pushes through just to help us. She treats every family here with respect, and we are so thankful for her leadership."***

What truly makes Maryan's story truly inspiring is the balance she strikes. Alongside her heavy duties on the ground, Maryam is a dedicated mother raising her own children. She manages to nurture her family at home while bringing hope and safety to thousands of families outside. Leaders at New Ways often say she is the most resilient woman they have ever seen.

Abdullahi, the Executive Director of New Ways, shares his deep admiration for her work: "Maryam possesses a rare kind of courage. She faces every logistical hurdle with a smile and a deep love for her people. We are simply amazed by her dedication to support everyone, no matter how tough the journey gets."

Another colleague from the New Ways team adds: "She is a force of nature. To balance being a mother with coordinating life-saving aid across dangerous and vast areas is incredible. Maryam gives her whole heart to this work every single day."

Despite the heavy challenges, Maryam is wonderfully encouraging, open, and warm. She listens to every person she meets with an open mind and a kind heart. Through her hard work, bravery, and motherly

compassion, Maryam M. Abdullahi proves that true heroes walk among us, paving the way for a brighter, safer tomorrow in Somalia.

Read Maryan's full story here: shorturl.at/LQq4x