



# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2024



# Message from the DFS Executive Director

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I present Dignity First Somalia's (DFS) Annual Report for 2024. This report is more than just a summary of our activities; it's a testament to the resilience of the Somali people and the profound impact we can achieve when we work together.

The past year has presented its share of challenges, from persistent humanitarian needs to the complexities of a dynamic environment. Yet, through these trials, DFS, alongside our invaluable partners, has remained steadfast in our commitment to safeguard, nurture, and empower vulnerable communities across Somalia.

This edition highlights the significant strides we've made across all our programs, including protection, food security, health, WASH, Shelter, FSL education, and livelihood support. Each success story within these pages is a direct result of the unwavering dedication of our staff and volunteers on the ground and the generous, continuous support from our partners and donors.

As we look ahead, we are inspired by the progress made and deeply committed to expanding our reach and deepening our impact. Thank you for being an integral part of Dignity First Somalia's journey towards a more stable, dignified, and prosperous future for all Somalis.

**Saadia Hassan Abeyle**  
**Executive Director-DFS**

**Dignity  
for all.**







# About Our Programs

Dignity First Somalia (DFS) is committed to addressing the multifaceted needs of vulnerable populations across Somalia. Our comprehensive range of integrated programs goes beyond immediate relief, aiming to foster long-term resilience and dignity within the communities we serve.

We understand that vulnerability in Somalia often stems from a complex interplay of factors, including conflict, displacement, climate shocks, and limited access to essential services. That's why our interventions are holistic, designed to tackle these interconnected challenges simultaneously. By working across various sectors, we ensure that support in one area amplifies positive outcomes in another, creating a more sustainable and impactful change. For example, providing clean water (WASH), education, Shelter, MPCA, FSL, and Protection directly impacts the community, while offering education and livelihoods training empowers individuals to build a more secure future, reducing their reliance on humanitarian aid.

## General Protection

DFS provides critical support to survivors of gender-based violence, offering safe spaces, psychosocial counseling, medical referrals, and legal assistance. The program also focuses on prevention through community engagement and challenging harmful social norms.

### **Beneficiaries Reached:**

Approximately **6,000 individuals** (including men, women, boys, and girls) through various protection initiatives and awareness campaigns.



## GBV (Gender-Based Violence)

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**12,500**  
women and girls

reached directly through GBV case management, safe spaces, and awareness sessions..



## Child Protection

DFS is dedicated to safeguarding children from all forms of abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence. Activities include family tracing and reunification for unaccompanied minors, psychosocial support for traumatized children, establishment of child-friendly spaces, and community-led child protection committees.

### Beneficiaries Reached:

**7500 children (boys and girls)**  
**1,500 caregivers**

through direct services and community-based protection mechanisms.







## Food Security and Livelihoods

The DFS food security and livelihood program aimed to enhance household food security and build sustainable livelihoods for vulnerable families. Activities include emergency food assistance, distribution of agricultural inputs, vocational training, and support for small-scale income-generating activities.

### Beneficiaries Reached:

Approximately 5,500 individuals through food assistance, agricultural support, and livelihood training.



## Water, Hygiene, and Sanitation (WASH)



DFS is focused on improving access to safe drinking water, promoting good hygiene practices, and ensuring adequate sanitation facilities. This includes borehole construction, water trucking, hygiene promotion campaigns, and building gender-segregated latrines.



in 2024, approximately **15,000 individuals** with improved access to safe water and sanitation facilities, and hygiene promotion.



## Shelter/NFIs (Non-Food Items)



Provides immediate shelter solutions and essential non-food items to newly displaced and vulnerable households. This includes the distribution of plastic sheets, blankets, sleeping mats, kitchen sets, and other critical household items to ensure basic living conditions and dignity.

### Beneficiaries Reached:

**2,700 households** (approximately 16,200 individuals) with emergency shelter materials and NFI kits.



## Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA)

The MPCA program provides unconditional cash transfers directly to vulnerable households in Wajid, Dinsor, and Baidoa, allowing them the flexibility to meet their most pressing needs, such as food, shelter, healthcare, or education. This approach empowers beneficiaries to make dignified choices and stimulates local economies. DFS implements MPCA to provide a flexible and efficient response to humanitarian crises, reducing reliance on in-kind aid and promoting self-sufficiency. This program is particularly vital in contexts where markets are functional but access to financial resources is limited.

### Beneficiaries Reached:

**1,500 households** (around 9,000 individuals) received multi-purpose cash assistance, enabling them to address their diverse needs.







## Education (Formal and Non-Formal)

The program strives to provide access to quality education for children, particularly those who are out of school due to displacement or poverty. Activities include providing school supplies, remedial classes, teacher training, and establishing temporary learning spaces.

In 2024, **1850 children** directly supported with school enrollment, learning materials, and supplementary education in Wajid Xudur, and badioa, and Banadir



## Partner & Stakeholder Acknowledgements

We extend our sincere gratitude to all partners and stakeholders whose invaluable support drives Dignity First Somalia's emergency response in Somalia. Your commitment is crucial to our success in delivering vital assistance.

Our efforts are greatly amplified by collaboration with Government Agencies & Local Authorities, including the Somali Disaster Management Agency (SoDMA), various Federal Ministries (Humanitarian Affairs, Health, Education, Women & Human Rights, Interior), and local administrations like the South West State Commission for Refugees and IDPs (SWSCRI) and the Baidoa District Administration.

We also deeply appreciate the partnership with UN Agencies & International Organizations such as OCHA, UNICEF, WFP, UNHCR, IOM, WHO, and FAO, alongside other International NGOs.

Crucially, our success hinges on our Local Implementing Partners & Civil Society, including the Somalia NGO Consortium and various local NGOs and community-based organizations. We also recognize the essential role of Community Leaders & Representatives – including Chiefs, Elders, Women's and Youth Associations, IDP Camp Committees, and Religious Leaders – whose insights and collaboration are invaluable.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to our Dedicated Staff and Volunteers. Their tireless commitment on the front lines ensures aid reaches those most in need, even in challenging circumstances, and is the driving force behind everything we achieve.

## Contact / Feedback

**We welcome your feedback and collaboration opportunities as we strive to continue serving the children and the community better.**

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