

SAACID



Faadumo Jabra



Faadumo and her 8 month old daughter Umu

Faadumo Jabra is a 25-year old mother of 5 (1 boy and 4 girls). Her eldest daughter is 9 and her youngest daughter is 8-months old. Faadumo is currently living in her parents' home, because her husband is jobless and has no capacity to support the family. This is a great humiliation Abdulkadir, but it is very common in the current dire economic and security circumstances that prevail in Mogadishu City at this time.

“My husband Abdulkadir Omar, 34, is jobless now, but he used to work as a carpenter in Bakara Market, the biggest market in Mogadishu. Four months ago, Abdulkadir lost his job, because the company he was working for just didn't have enough work to keep him. Before we joined my parents' family, we lived in 1 rented room in Hamar-weyne District. The rent of the room was 300,000 Somali Shillings [about US \$10]. We just couldn't continue to afford the rent and buy food for the family.

I came to the Hamar-jajab clinic to have health access for my sick daughter Umu, who is 8 months old. Umu has been sick for the past 2 months. She first refused breastfeeding and then

became seriously sick. I didn't take her to any doctor before due to a lack of money; and we can't afford any medicine.

When I came to the SAACID clinic I was well received, and the nurses told me that my daughter was having a problem with malnutrition; and that this could be cured because my daughter's appetite is good. I was not aware of the existence of this health center operating in Hamar-jabjab District, but I was told by an outreach person, who came to our house and then told me that this health centre was giving free healthcare to the children with malnutrition who were under 5 years of age, and this made me happy. I met with good people at this centre, as they have given good information and support, and this has increased my moral. I have received some special nutritional paste from the clinic, and I was informed to come back with the empty sachets of the paste after 7 days. I hope my daughter's health will get much better in the following weeks, which I look forward to. In fact, I appreciate the work the nurses are doing, because they are prepared to support poor people like us.

Really, as everybody in the Mogadishu knows, SAACID had become well known for supporting poor people. Not one poor family in Mogadishu could be living without SAACID's support. So, God will bless those who support the poor and the weak at the time of distress like this - especially SAACID".