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Dahabo Shiiq Ibrahim

Dahabo is one of the Somali women presently subsisting in the Malasia Internally Displaced Person (IDP) Camp in Lafole, Afgoye Corridor.

“My name is Dahabo Shiiq Ibrahim. I am 25 years of age. I am a mother of 4 children - 2 boys and 2 girls. My eldest daughter is 8 years old, and my youngest child is 2 years old. We were displaced from Hawl-wadag District in Mogadishu almost 2 years ago now. When I was displaced, I only had 2 children; the other 2 were born in the Malasia IDP Camp.

My husband’s name is Mohamed Adan. He is a jobless and stays at home and does nothing. Our life depends on the food we get from local and international NGOs like SAACID and WFP. Sometimes I work for the families near this camp and I wash their clothes. I don’t get this work each week; and I earn 10-15,000 Somali Shillings from this work (about US \$0.33-0.48). Sometimes I don’t get my payment in cash, but I’m paid with food, such as rice, sugar, and oil.

Mogadishu is better than here but Mogadishu is just not a safe place; and has not been for a long time now. Before I was displaced from Mogadishu I used to work at Bakara Market as a porter. The reason we fled from Mogadishu was the very high level of insecurity.

We were in desperate need for this well, because before this well was dug, the water was brought by a vehicle, and the water we got from the vehicles was not enough for our needs. In addition, you could never get the water at the right time we needed it. The problem was not only that, but sometimes you have to wait a long line in order to get 2-3 jerry cans of water.

Therefore sometimes it was compulsory to us to wake up at 04:00 to 05:00 am in early morning, so as to be the first of the line. Now we see the well has given us a lot of water and a lot of freedom. The new water piping system has also made our lives even better, as we now have to travel much less distance to collect water.

Finally she thanked Oxfam Novib and SAACID for their generous donations.