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Faadumo Abdi Hassan



Faadumo Abdi Hassan was displaced from Iftin IDP Camp in Shibis District of Mogadishu City after continuous conflict and shelling in her district about 2 years ago now. Before being displaced from Shibis District, Faadumo and her family were displaced from Shalaanbood Village in Lower Shabelle Region, due to drought and conflict in 1993. Faadumo and her family are now subsisting in Maleesiya Camp in the Lafole area of the Afgoye Corridor – just to the south of the Mogadishu metropolitan area.

Faadumo is a 40 year old mother of 5 children (3 boys and 2 girls). “My husband, Yahye, is 52 years of age, and he is a mason, but he is currently unemployed. He used to work very hard but now there is no mason’s work in the country, or at least in the area where we live now,

because people are not building houses because of the high level of insecurity. My 2 sons work as show shiners in the Lafole market, and that is the total income that we receive.

Our life before we were displaced from Mogadishu was better than now, because I was working in my neighbourhood for families. I used to wash the clothes. Also, my husband had a permanent job at that time. Together, we had enough to survive. Now, we eat 2 meals per day; and sometimes only 1 large meal per day.

The most critical problem that we face at the moment is the lack of humanitarian aid, like food and shelter, because now the spring season is upon us, and rain will come soon, and we don't have any plastic sheets in order to survive the cold and the rain.

We get water free of charge. The only reason that we stay in this camp is because the water is high quality and free. Also, we get all the water we need for drinking, bathing and washing, and this is a rare gift in this area, and we really appreciate it. We also get some health education at the water points, and this education has meaning now that we actually have enough water to follow the education that we are given.

The amount we now access allows everyone to have water for drinking, washing, bathing and sanitation; and we also get some orientation at the water points and this led to us some meaning now, as we have enough for sanitation”.

Finally, Faadumo concluded her dialogue by thanking and giving her approval to those who are supporting this program – such as SAACID and Oxfam Novib.