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Burdaar IDP Camp is one of the camps located in the Lafole area of the Afgoye Corridor in Lower Shabelle Region. Thousands of families have been living in this camp since 1994; and

“I gave birth to 12 children, but now, only 7 of them are alive, and they live in this camp with me”. We were displaced from Tarebuunka IDP Camp in Hodan District of Mogadishu 4 years ago now. Life in the camp is worsening nowadays, because we used to get humanitarian assistance from international and local NGOs, but for the past 3 months we haven’t received any humanitarian assistance from international and local NGOs, and this has created fear and tension among us.

Our life mainly depends on what my sons get from their work. One of them is porter and 2 other sons work at Elasha Biyaha as masons. Generally we cannot afford to have 2 meals per day, but we usually arrange for the children to eat 2 meals, while the older people only get one meal every day. There are other families who do not have any source of income like, and the only thing that helps them is this free water that they get from SAACID. If there were a shortage of water in this camp, no family could live in this settlement these days.

It was very difficult to get water before this well was dug, and every family had to wake up at 4:00 am to line up in a queue with jerry cans to collect water from a water truck. We used to get 2-3 jerry cans of water of about 40-60 litres, which was not enough for a large family like mine, but now we get the water at any time and in any amount. On average, my family now takes over 200 litres every day, and it is enough for drinking and cleaning and bathing and washing. Really it has made a noticeable difference to the health and hygiene standard in the camp.

We are asking international and local NGOs to support us further with plastic sheets because the spring season is about to start during these coming months and you can see our makeshift house is bare, and we can't survive the cold and rain, which is going to start in this month.

Finally, she thanked SAACID and its partner Novib, and she requested for the continuation this free water program, as it is lifesaving, and really helping with hygiene conditions in the camps.