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Human Interest Story

Isho Gadudow Mohamed

Isho Gadudow Mohamed is one of the internally displaced Somali women utilising the Oxfam Novib funded, SAACID operated, water well in the Lafole area of Afgoye District, Lower Shabelle Region.

Isho is subsisting in Maleshiya II Camp. The Maleshiya II camp is one of the camps hosting hundreds-of-thousands of internally displaced people established in the area as a result of the ongoing conflict raging between the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) and an Islamic-based opposition since December 2006.

Isho is 45 years of age and is the mother of 9 children - 6 boys and 3 girls aged between 19 and 8 years respectively.

“Previously, the family was residing near Mogadishu Stadium in Yaqshid District in Mogadishu. We fled when the Ethiopian occupation began, and the Ethiopians and TFG began attacking the opposition in the districts. In our area near the stadium, there was huge conflict and damage, as the Ethiopians, used tanks heavy artillery and mortars. We stay here, because we are poor and cannot afford better accommodation”.

“We are very grateful to SAACID and the donors for the water well. Life was very difficult in receiving enough fresh water easily. We had to queue for very long period of time when we were receiving water from trucks. Now we have the well and all the water stands, and that has made life at least bearable in terms of water for the communities residing in our area. The amount of water has also lead to a noticeable improvement in the sanitation of the communities in our area.

Finally, Isho has expressed her direct appreciation to Oxfam Novib for the assistance in provision of the well and stands at her camp and surrounding areas.