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Madino Mohamed Mohamoud



Madino Mohamed Mohamoud is a 25 year old mother of 4 children - 1 boy and 3 girls. Madino is a member of one of the displaced families currently living in Burdaar Camp for the past 2 years now. Burdaar Camp is within the catchment area of a SAACID operated well; which is funded by Oxfam Novib.

Madino's family was displaced from Jidle IDP Camp in Waberi District of Mogadishu City, after continuous conflict and shelling in the district. Before that, she and her family had been displaced from Buur Hakaba District in Bay Region due to drought.

Madino explained how life in the camp is different from the life in Mogadishu. “Our life was better than now, because some of our neighbors were supporting us, but now, all the people are displaced, and there is no body to help us”. Madino also said that she hadn’t received any food from WFP, or any help from any other organization since she came to Burdaar Camp in 2007, except for the free water from the well. “Our life mainly depends on the small amount of money my husband (Hassan Qeyre 34) earns from radio repair jobs. My husband is an electronic repairer. He has been doing this job since before we got married. Now he is working at the Lafole Market. I haven’t the slightest idea the amount he earns every day. We usually eat one good meal; and at best, we eat 2 meals a day. We don’t eat any lunch - even we have forgotten the name ‘lunch’.

When Madino was asked if the water they use is free, or if she has to pay, she answered that they get the water without fees; “but before the water well was built, we received water from water tankers, the water we received was very difficult to get, because we were compelled to wait a long time to have 2 jerry cans of water of 40 liters. The biggest problem was the queuing, because we had to wake up at 3:00 to 4:00 am in the night in order to be the first person of the queue. Now we have a water point from the water well very near our camp, and we can access water at any time and in any amount. This has made the lives of the women and children much easier, as there is no rush for limited water. The amount we now access allows everyone to have water for drinking, washing, bathing; and the education we get at the water points has some meaning now, as we have enough for hygiene.

Finally, she concluded her interview by thanking and blessing to those who are supporting this program – such as SAACID and Oxfam Novib.