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Iisho Ibrahim Derow



Iisho Ibrahim Derow was displaced from Tereebuunka IDP Camp - one of more than 40 IDP settlements scattered throughout Hodan District in Mogadishu City. Iisho is 32, and married to a low paid assistant mechanic. She is a mother of 5 children - 4 boys and 1 girl.

Iisho and her family are one of the disadvantaged families now living in Jaamacadaa IDP Camp, situated along Afgoye corridor, and located within the catchment area covered and supported by SAACID, through the provision of an operating water well, which is funded by Oxfam Novib.

"Initially we were living in a very poor condition while were in Mogadishu, but even that wretched life was made much worse by entry of the TFG and the opposition, which created continuous fighting, shelling, sexual exploitation and abuse. We fled, because to stay meant death, injury, rape or daily exploitation.

Isho and her family are now experiencing a second cycle of displacement. On the first occasion, her family were displaced from Ufurow District in Bakool Region due to a long drought and the subsequent loss of all the family's animals. The family moved to Hodan District in Mogadishu. Then they have had to flee from Hodan to the Afgoye Corridor.

“Before all the Western politics came to Somalia, our life was better, because some of our neighbours were supporting us; but now, all the people are displaced, and there is nobody to help us”. Isho also said that she hadn't received any food ration from WFP for the last few months; or any help from any other organization since the insurgents banned WFP in areas where the insurgents operate at.

Isho is one of the recipients of the provision of free piped water to her IDP camp; from a well that was constructed with funds from Oxfam Novib. Oxfam Novib also continues to fund the operations of this well, which SAACID implements.

Contentedly, Isho said that she was happy with the piped water system that now runs to her camp. “Before the water well was built, we received water from water tankers, with long queues that consumed most of our time. Carrying 20 litre jerry cans caused our women folk a lot of backache all the time”. She continued, "That burden now seems to be a thing of the past, and now we have a water point from the water well in our camp, and we can access water at any time and in any amount". Isho and all those who are benefiting from the project - especially women and children - are happy and with abundance of water, which has drastically improved the sanitation of the families living in that area.

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