

# SOMALIA

## July - September 2023

In Somalia, the Gu rainy season floods in Beledweyne (Hiran region) during the spring 2023 the increased conflict between the Somali government and Armed Groups and de facto Authorities (AGDAs) in Jubaland since August 2022 have heightened the humanitarian needs of populations already vulnerable due to previous shocks and crises.

The Real-Time Review of the Somali Diaspora's response revealed that both local and global diaspora organizations (DO) effectively addressed urgent needs despite challenging circumstances, including security concerns, massive displacement, and major access constraints.

### DIASPORA ORGANIZATIONS MAPPED



### STRENGTHS OF DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT

- **Commitment** - The DOs showcased commitment to addressing humanitarian and development needs, through risk-taking, fundraising, and volunteering.
- **Rapid response** - The DOs demonstrate a robust capacity to swiftly mobilize resources and reach affected communities with the prompt delivery of essential relief, such as water trucking, emergency shelter, and food aid.

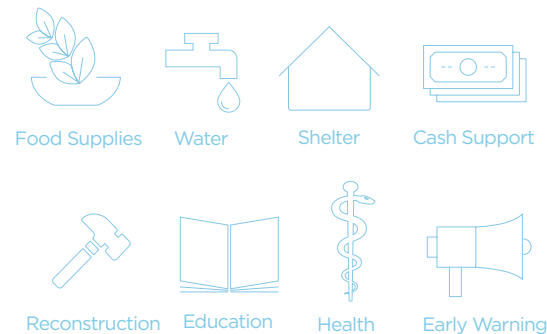
**IN BELEDWEYNE'S FLOOD, DOS PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON EMERGENCY RELIEF. IN JUBALAND, THE DOS' RESPONSE INCLUDED EMERGENCY RELIEF AND THE (RE)CONSTRUCTION OF VITAL INFRASTRUCTURES.**

**THE DOS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE AND COORDINATE WITH EACH OTHER.**

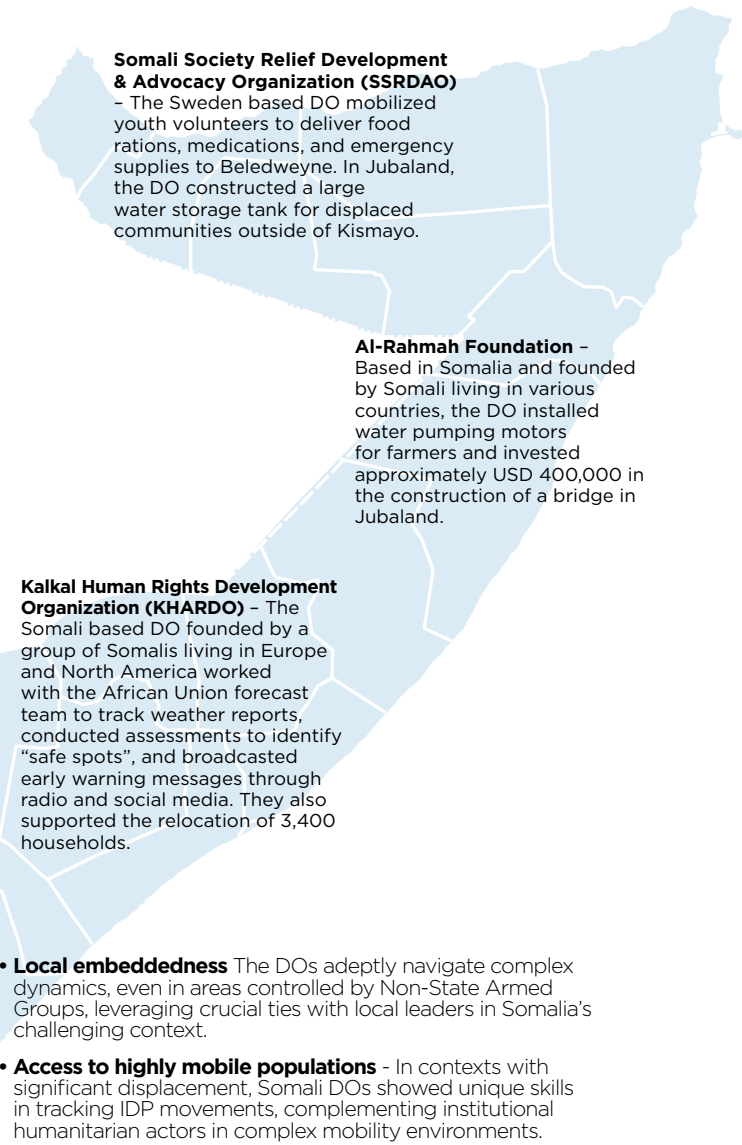
**IN BOTH RESPONSES, CHALLENGES WERE IDENTIFIED IN DOCUMENTATION OF DO RESPONSES AND COORDINATION BETWEEN DOS AND INSTITUTIONAL HUMANITARIAN ACTORS.**

**DESPITE IMPLEMENTING BENEFICIARY SELECTION PROCESSES, CONCERNS ABOUT PARTIALITY IN THE DOS' ACTIONS WERE RAISED BY OTHER HUMANITARIAN ACTORS.**

### AREAS OF INTERVENTION



- **Effective fundraising** - Utilizing their network, many DOs efficiently crowdsource funds to respond to humanitarian needs, exemplified by three DOs raising a total of USD 1.1 million in 2022.
- **Skills transfer** - Diaspora staff played a crucial role in securing formal funds through their grant writing and networking skills. Some DOs transitioned leadership from primarily diaspora members to mostly local Somalis.



**Somali Society Relief Development & Advocacy Organization (SSRDAO)** - The Sweden based DO mobilized youth volunteers to deliver food rations, medications, and emergency supplies to Beledweyne. In Jubaland, the DO constructed a large water storage tank for displaced communities outside of Kismayo.

**Al-Rahmah Foundation** - Based in Somalia and founded by Somali living in various countries, the DO installed water pumping motors for farmers and invested approximately USD 400,000 in the construction of a bridge in Jubaland.

**Kalkal Human Rights Development Organization (KHARDO)** - The Somali based DO founded by a group of Somalis living in Europe and North America worked with the African Union forecast team to track weather reports, conducted assessments to identify "safe spots", and broadcasted early warning messages through radio and social media. They also supported the relocation of 3,400 households.

- **Local embeddedness** The DOs adeptly navigate complex dynamics, even in areas controlled by Non-State Armed Groups, leveraging crucial ties with local leaders in Somalia's challenging context.
- **Access to highly mobile populations** - In contexts with significant displacement, Somali DOs showed unique skills in tracking IDP movements, complementing institutional humanitarian actors in complex mobility environments.