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About Safari Dev & Res Solutions.

Safari Development and Research Solutions (SDRS) is a leading research and development organization based in Somalia, dedicated to enhancing resilience, food security, and sustainable livelihoods across vulnerable communities in the Horn of Africa. With a strong focus on evidence-based solutions, SDRS specializes in conducting impactful research, capacity-building initiatives, and program evaluations in fragile and conflict-affected regions.



Mission

Safari Development and Research Solutions (SDRS) is committed to generating evidence-based research and delivering practical solutions that promote resilience, food security, and sustainable livelihoods in fragile and conflict-affected regions. Through innovative approaches to climate adaptation, disaster risk management, and capacity building, we aim to empower communities and contribute to long-term development.



Vision

To be a leading research and development organization in Somalia that drives transformative change by enhancing the resilience and sustainability of vulnerable communities across Somalia and the Horn of Africa, fostering a future where individuals, households, and systems can thrive despite environmental and socio-economic challenges.



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Strategic Approach

Lead Evidence-Based Research and Partnerships

Conduct impactful research to inform policy and development strategies while fostering collaboration with international and local partners for sustainable solutions.

Build Climate Resilience

Strengthen the capacity of vulnerable communities to adapt to and recover from climate-related shocks through innovative, sustainable practices.

Empower Women and Strengthen Governance

Foster inclusive governance and empower women and marginalized groups through capacity-building, financial access, and active participation in decision-making processes.

Core Values

Integrity

We uphold the highest standards of honesty, transparency, and accountability in all our research, partnerships, and operations, ensuring trust and credibility with the communities we serve and our stakeholders.

Innovation

We are committed to finding creative, evidence-based solutions that address the unique challenges faced by vulnerable communities, fostering resilience, sustainability, and long-term development through forward-thinking approaches.

Inclusivity

We believe in empowering all individuals, especially women, youth, and marginalized groups, by promoting equitable opportunities, participation, and decision-making processes in all aspects of our work.

Executive Summary

Safari Development and Research Solutions (SDRS) has undertaken comprehensive evidence-based studies across multiple sectors in Somalia, focusing on humanitarian interventions in health, nutrition, agriculture and livelihoods, education, protection, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). These studies aim to assess the effectiveness of ongoing interventions, identify gaps, and provide actionable insights to enhance program outcomes for vulnerable communities.

Health and Nutrition

SDRS evaluated the impact of health and nutrition programs targeting women and children in drought-affected areas. Our studies revealed that access to healthcare services, particularly maternal and child health, significantly improved through mobile clinics and nutrition centers. However, challenges remain in service coverage and malnutrition rates, indicating a need for sustained efforts in delivering essential health and nutrition services, particularly during food crises.

Agriculture and Livelihoods

In collaboration with local and international partners, SDRS conducted research on climate-resilient agricultural practices and livelihood diversification. The studies highlighted the importance of building community resilience, introducing drought-resistant crops, improved irrigation techniques, and training in alternative livelihoods to strengthen food security and economic stability. Households that engaged in diversified income-generating activities demonstrated greater resilience to climate shocks, reducing their reliance on humanitarian assistance.



Education

Our assessments of educational interventions revealed significant improvements in school attendance, particularly for girls, due to the integration of school feeding programs and community awareness campaigns. Despite these successes, the studies identified challenges in access to quality education, particularly in rural areas, where infrastructure and resources remain limited. SDRS recommends increased investment in teacher training, school infrastructure, and inclusive education programs.

Protection

SDRS also focused on protection interventions, particularly in conflict-affected regions. Our research showed that community-based protection mechanisms, such as safe spaces for women and children, are critical in mitigating risks of gender-based violence and child exploitation. However, more efforts are needed to strengthen local protection systems and enhance legal frameworks for vulnerable populations.

WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene)

In the WASH sector, SDRS evaluated water access and sanitation programs aimed at improving hygiene practices and reducing waterborne diseases. Our studies found that interventions, such as the construction of boreholes and the promotion of hygiene awareness, led to significant improvements in public health. However, challenges related to water scarcity, maintenance of water infrastructure, and community engagement in hygiene practices persist, requiring more targeted interventions.



OUR ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Safari Development and Research Solutions (SDRS) has made significant strides in advancing evidence-based humanitarian interventions and development initiatives across various sectors in Somalia. Our work in collaboration with local governments and international partners has yielded impactful results. Below are our key achievements for the year:

1. Development of the Somalia Nutrition Action Plan

SDRS played a pivotal role in the creation of the Somalia Nutrition Action Plan (SNAP), a comprehensive strategy aimed at tackling malnutrition and improving nutrition outcomes across the country. In collaboration with the Ministry of Health, SDRS provided critical research and analysis that informed the design of SNAP, ensuring that the plan is rooted in local context and addresses the specific nutritional needs of vulnerable populations, particularly women and children. The action plan emphasizes the integration of nutrition services within healthcare systems, strengthening community-based interventions, and promoting nutrition education to reduce malnutrition rates nationwide.



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2. Evidence-Based Studies with the Galmudug Ministry of Agriculture

SDRS conducted three key agriculture-focused studies in collaboration with the Galmudug Ministry of Agriculture, aimed at improving food security, enhancing climate resilience, and boosting agricultural productivity in the region:

Study 1: Climate-Resilient Farming Practices

This study assessed the adoption and effectiveness of climate-smart agricultural practices, such as the use of drought-resistant crop varieties and improved water management techniques. The findings demonstrated increased crop yields and greater resilience to drought, providing evidence to scale up these practices in Galmudug.

• Study 2: Livestock and Crop Integration for Resilience

- This study explored the benefits of integrating livestock with crop farming as a means to diversify income and reduce vulnerability to climate shocks. The study highlighted improved soil fertility and higher household income levels for farmers practicing integrated farming.

• Study 3: Market Access and Value Chain Development

- This research examined the barriers to market access for smallholder farmers and identified opportunities for value chain development.



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3. Health & Nutrition Studies

SDRS conducted a series of health and nutrition studies in collaboration with the Puntland Ministry of Health, focusing on maternal and child health, nutrition, and healthcare service delivery in Puntland. The studies included:

- **Study on Malnutrition Prevalence and Interventions:** This study evaluated the effectiveness of community-based nutrition interventions, such as mobile clinics and nutrition centers, in reducing malnutrition rates among children under five. The study identified gaps in service coverage and recommended expanding these interventions to underserved areas.
- **Study on Maternal and Child Health Services:** This study assessed the availability and quality of maternal health services across Puntland, focusing on access to antenatal care, skilled birth attendance, and postnatal services. The findings led to recommendations for improving healthcare delivery systems and increasing the number of trained healthcare workers.
- **Healthcare Infrastructure and Accessibility Study:** This study reviewed the existing healthcare infrastructure, identifying challenges related to healthcare accessibility in remote and conflict-affected areas. The recommendations included building new healthcare facilities and strengthening the healthcare referral system to improve service delivery across Puntland.



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4. Education Studies

SDRS has made significant contributions to improving educational outcomes in Somalia through several studies and assessments, particularly in Benadir and Puntland:

- **Study on Female Role Models in Schools:** This assessment examined the impact of female teachers and role models on student attendance and engagement in schools across Benadir. The findings showed that the presence of female role models led to improved attendance, particularly among girls, and fostered greater community involvement in education.
- **Role of Community Education Committees on School Attendance:** Conducted in both Benadir and Puntland, this study evaluated the influence of community education committees (CECs) on improving school attendance rates. The results demonstrated that CECs played a critical role in mobilizing parents and communities to prioritize education, leading to higher enrollment and reduced dropout rates.

These studies provided actionable recommendations for improving education systems, increasing female participation in the education sector, and enhancing community involvement in school management.



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