

GLOBAL FOCUS PROJECTS (GFP)

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Background

Global Focus Projects (GFP) was founded by a group of Somali America citizens in 2007 in America as an International Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) to respond to numerous humanitarian challenges facing communities in America, Kenya, Somalia and the entire Africa.

Since its inception as GFP has been renown in America for migrants' resettlement working on refugee arrivals and providing literacy education and awareness for those with language barriers.

Through its humanitarian programs in Somalia and the horn of Africa, GFP envisages implementation of the following programs:

- Education,
- Health and HIV/AIDs awareness and preventions
- Nutrition
- Food Security (Food aid and Livelihood)
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene,
- Protection (Gender, GBV and Solar lighting programs)
- Shelter and Non Food Items (NFI's)
- Forest and wildlife conservation
- Diaspora and community engagement.

GFP aims at providing much needed humanitarian services to the most needy where the services are required most. Funds will also be needed to help in putting up public structures such as schools and community centers. Remember that you can save a soul by a little help whether in kind or cash. We shall also undertake camping as and when building materials has being secured. Interested persons who wish to assist in building public structures at camping should write to us.

Vision

To help save lives and improve quality of life for the vulnerable and marginalized communities and further restore hope by providing emergency relief and development based humanitarian services

Mission

To alleviate suffering amongst the vulnerable communities in Kenya and the entire Africa through:

- Provision of emergency relief services whenever required
- Provision of holistic, multi-sectoral and sustainable programs that bridge emergency relief and long-term development at the grassroots levels
- Empower communities by building capacity and by maximizing local resources in both program design implementations
- Promote self-reliance, peaceful coexistence, reintegration and protection of marginalized communities.

- Ensure all inclusive gender sensitive programs with special emphasis on women and children



Objectives

- Promote quality and equal education for boys and girls
- Empower women and ensure their skills and participate in development initiatives, business and decision making circles
- Strengthen health care service delivery and further combat HIV/AIDs
- Increase access to safe drinking-water, basic sanitation facilities and key hygiene practices
- Improve nutrition status of malnourished children and pregnant lactating women as well as the elderly
- Provide protection for the vulnerable and marginalized and communities from Gender Based Violence (GBV) and other forms of Human rights violation.
- Improve the livelihood of disadvantaged people through eradicating poverty and hunger and achieving sustainable development in all aspects of human life
- To promote sport as a universal language special tool for peace promotion and co-existence.

Core values

- Commitment to service
- Integrity
- Impartiality
- Credibility
- Diligence
- Cohesion
- Integration

Our Programmes and Activities

a . **Health and Nutrition:**

Various health indicators for Somalia point at a gloomy picture for its people. Diseases are rampant and aware of this; GFP has identified health as one of the key areas to intervene to improve the lot of the Somali people. There will be awareness on hygiene, sanitation and prevention strategies to ward off illnesses that can easily be prevented.

GFP will endeavour to improve maternal health and reduce the child mortality through improvement of basic health and institutions. Proper nutrition, quality preventive and curative medicine will be emphasized while it will support the establishment of necessary health infrastructure such, as well-equipped maternity wards and health facilities.

Efforts are being made towards combating RH/HIV and AIDS and TB. This project involves awareness creation. The target groups have been girls, parents (women), health workers, religious leaders and FGM practitioners. Attitudes, myths and believe that fuel the harmful practice among the community are identified among different community groups and focused on in awareness creation. Consultative forums and workshops are mainly used as the major strategy.

b. Livelihood:

GFP will encourage training in various skills in an attempt to fill up the high rate of unemployment among the Youths those without formal education can make it through Vocational skill training hence will be encouraged to take up the traditional “manual” jobs.

Specifically, GFP will financially support skill training for tailoring, life skills, carpentry, beauty & salon, Tie & dye, fish farming, bee-keeping, computer, management skills and sports. So far, 40 youths (half boys and half girls) from various groups have received proficiency skills in a computer course

c. Education:

Education is a lifetime investment, shutting out ignorance and projecting the making of good decision at the individual, family and societal levels. Consequently, formal education will be advocated, with outreach activities lined up to ensure that children and especially the marginalized girl-child attend school. As funding allows, there will be investments in the education of the children through support to institutions offering basic/primary education as well as adult literacy. It is envisaged that through education, the quality of the lives of individuals will improve in the long term.



GFP supported schools on its education project with solar lamps to rural schools in Kenya and Somalia, has school feeding programmes to the schools in the slums and rural areas, Provision of learning kits (stationeries), text books and promoting co-curriculum activities, Providing sanitary towels and pads to adult girls in schools as girl-child education, Training for teachers on life skills, child friendly schools and hygiene promotions in schools.

GFP will also support the formation and training of local community education committees in education management. Specifically, GFP continues to support 40 schools in Kenya with a combined population of 3000 boys and 2859 girls.

D. Water, sanitation and Hygiene

everyone has the right to water and sanitation. Water should be safe for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene. In order to promote sound environmental management, it is essential to ensure that existing water sources such as springs are protected from livestock, latrines, which should ideally be placed at a 30m distance and downstream. Clothes washing and bathing areas, and even burial grounds and waste disposal sites.



E. Protection and Gender Empowerment:

GFP will entrench the furtherance of space for rights of individuals and entire communities. Children and women's rights will be supported through a gender equality program to enhance women in leadership, elimination of all forms of discrimination, protection from child abuse and exploitative labor.

Women IDPs earn their livelihoods as garbage collectors, cleaners and mainly begging from business people, streets in the town and government buildings and private offices. This project will emphasize on equipping women IDPs with adequate skills and trainings on income generation.

GFP will in turn provide gender practitioners with tools of analysis and equip them with the Knowledge that they require to serve the community as well as for advocacy. IDPs and returnees will be provided for with basic needs like shelter, food, water and working capital to start a new life.

Addressing the gaps on the women's skills improvement will also promote their human rights protection. Female IDPs are more liable to experience different forms of violence, including sexual gender based violence that can aggravate their living conditions, health and wellbeing.

F. Governance and Rights:

GFP has in place a program that supports the training of community to value democratic governance, human rights, social justice, peace building, media and gender equity.

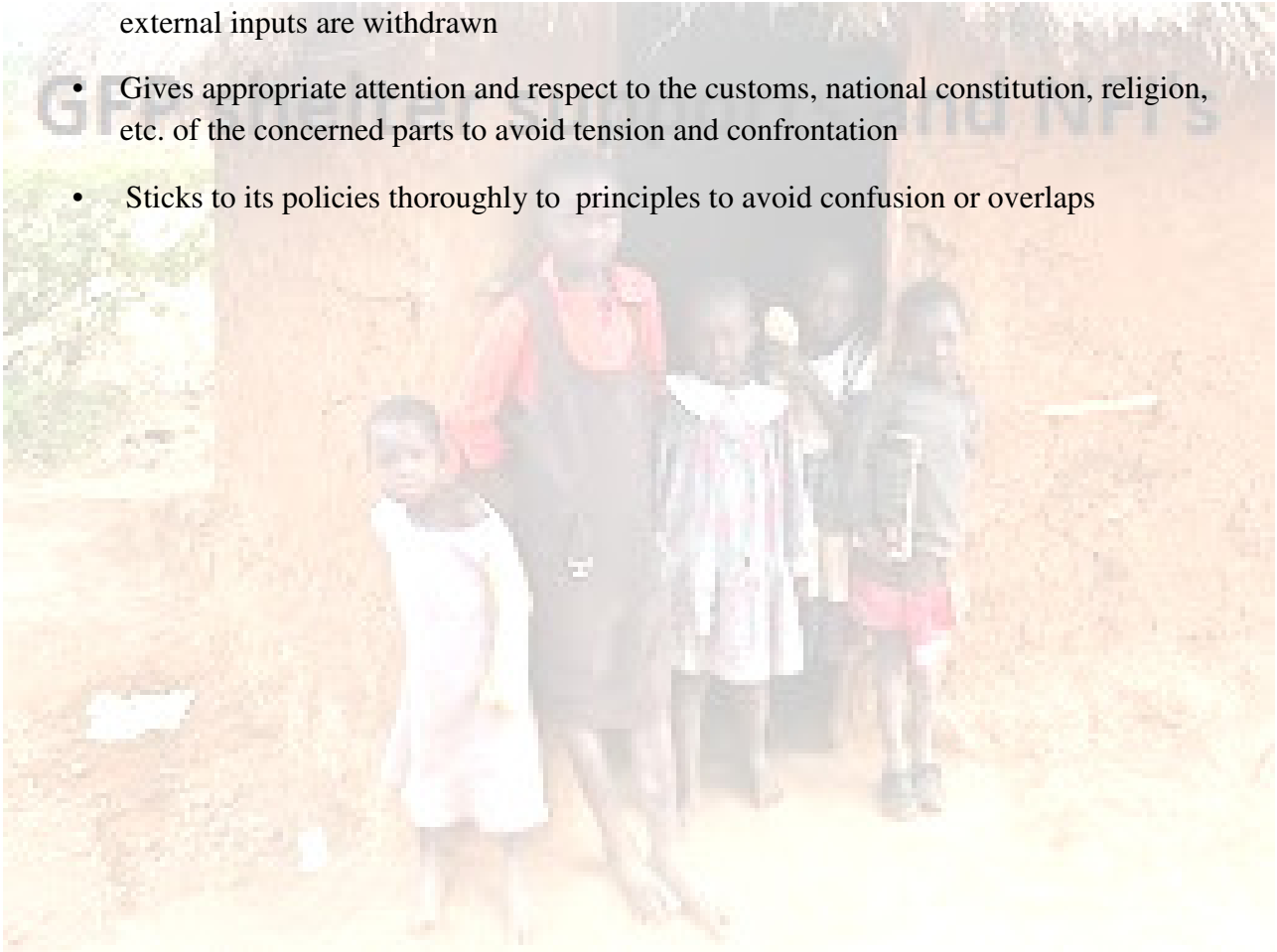
Further, instability and armed conflict in Somalia, coupled with weak governance capacity to control or monitor movements across borders has created fertile grounds for the emergence of forced migration. GFP has increased the level of awareness and understanding of local authority and community stakeholders in this phenomenon. It has since engaged in enabling the collection of information on trafficking of humans as well as developing a system of identification and support for trafficking victims. Potential trafficking victims are identified and referred to IOM for further assistance.

G. Poverty Alleviation:

Clan related conflict and various disasters have entire populations reeling from a severe lack of economic dependence. Fighting poverty and eradicate extreme hunger are some of the Millennium Development Goals for which GFP is engaged in helping achieve for Africa. The organization will source for funding to support income generation programs at the community level

Strategy

- Based on the provision of services on prioritized needs of the society on the principal of non- partisanship
- Cooperate national and international organizations with genuine efforts and resources to achieve project activities
- Organize their activities in a viable standard that can be self- sustaining even when external inputs are withdrawn
- Gives appropriate attention and respect to the customs, national constitution, religion, etc. of the concerned parts to avoid tension and confrontation
- Sticks to its policies thoroughly to principles to avoid confusion or overlaps



Implemented projects

No	Project Title	Fund by	Type/Cluster	Location	Date
1.	Student achievement award	Ohio Department of Education	Education	USA	2007-2012
2.	Annual maths competition	U.S Department of Education	Education	USA	2007-2012
3.	Senior Wellness program	COAAA – Department on Aging	Health	USA	2007-2012
4.	Resettlement of Refugees	Center for Refugees	Protection	USA	2007-2012
5.	Hygiene and Sanitation	Department of Health	WASH	Somalia/Kenya	2011-2013
6.	Education	Sunrise health care	Education	Somalia	2014-2015
7.	Education	Sunrise Health Care	Education	Kenya	2012-2015

Organization's governance system

GFP is under the management of the Board of Directors who draws their strength and relies on policy directives from the assembly.

The Board's role could be summarized; reviewing policy matters, coordinating and guiding the implementation activities and other matters, delegates by the general membership council with impartiality and objectivity. At a general membership council (assembly) decisions are taken on 2/ 3-majority votes, and at board level we apply at consensus base.

Board of directors

#	Name	Sex	Title
1.	Mohameddeq A. Ali	M	Chairperson
2.	Abdi A. Ahmed	M	Vice-Chairperson
3.	Aden H. Ahmed	M	Secretary
4.	Asha M. Hussein	F	Treasurer
5.	Virginia Clear	F	Member
6.	Hibo Mahat	F	Legal Advisor

Executive staff

#	Name	Title
1	Abdi Hassan Ali	Executive Director
2	Julius Kamau	Project Manager



Board structure

