

# 2012



## ***Candlelight for Health, Education & Environment (CLHE)***

### ***ANNUAL REPORT - 2012***

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## WHO WE ARE

## VISION, MISSION AND CORE VALUES

### ***Vision Statement***

Candlelight envisions a peaceful and environmentally conscious society with equitable access to quality social services.

### ***Mission Statement***

CLHE is a non-governmental organization that strives to bring about positive changes in community through provision of quality health care services, education, environmental conservation and creation of income generating opportunities.

### ***Core Values***

- Demonstrate integrity, transparency, and accountability to community, donors and public authorities.
- Respect for community norms and culture in all our dealings
- Promotion of human rights and gender equity.
- Build relationships with all stakeholders through participation, cooperation, collaboration, teamwork and open, regular communication.
- Create enthusiasm and impact through need-based interventions
- Abide by the laws of the country and advocate positive change

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Dear colleagues,

In 2012, as in the preceding years, Candlelight continued to extend crucial services to thousands of community members living in the different corners of Somaliland. Those activities have not only had a great impact on the beneficiaries but at the same time contributed to the accumulated experience and institutional capacity of the organization.

What made those achievements possible are the dedication of our staff, the trust and the support of our funding partners, the cooperation between us and the communities that we work with and the constant guidance of our board of directors.

This report portrays an overview of the diverse activities carried out by Candlelight in its thematic areas. We are also very proud to say that our work has been characterized by professionalism and commitment to the delivery of quality services.

As we continue to pursue our vision and mission, I would like to thank the partner organizations for their support, the staff for their commitment and hard work. The Government of Somaliland for its cooperation and the beneficiary community for their receptiveness.

Best regards

Shukri Ismail  
Chairperson

# 1. CANDLELIGHT & WHAT IT DOES

Candlelight for Health, Education and Environment (CLHE) was founded in 1995 as a non-profit making organization, dedicated to development issues in under-served and/or marginalized Somaliland communities.

Since 1995, Candlelight has grown from a modest beginning of working in one office room donated by another local NGO, and a staff composed of one Director, supported by five volunteer social workers, with highly limited coverage, to far-fledged organization with interventions in all over Somaliland regions and four sectoral departments viz. education, health, environment and income generation.

Here is a summary of CLHE interventions:

## a) **Education:**

- Running and supporting vocational training centres in Burao, Erivago and Hargeisa
- Promotion of girl-child education through provision of scholarships for displaced, poor and orphaned girls;
- Training female teachers for the purpose of serving as role models and increasing enrolment of girls;
- Advocacy on gender awareness and education;
- Construction of schools and youth recreational/sport centres etc.
- Formal education.
- Pastoral education and education in emergencies.

b) **Natural Resource Management:** Candlelight has its separate natural resource management department which carries out the different environmental and livelihoods programmes. The department is run by a team of experienced staff with multi-disciplinary skills, such as community trainings, soil and water conservation, gender and environment, climate change, sustainable agriculture, energy etc.

Major areas of focus include:

- Community **training on natural resource management**
- Soil and water conservation
- **Integrating** gender and environment
- Climate change awareness and adaptation
- **Advocating alternative means** of energies
- Introducing Sustainable agriculture methods
- **Introducing techniques** of Roof water harvesting
- **Publication Newsletter on environment**

- Research and documentation
- Nurseries management and reforestation
- Youth and environment (school environmental clubs)
- Water sources rehabilitation
- **Techniques of Fodder production and storage**
- Income generation/diversification activities with focus on pastoral and agro-pastoral communities. This includes bee-keeping trainings and material inputs, farmer's assistance packages etc.

**c) Humanitarian interventions during emergencies:**

- Cash for work/**Unconditional Cash transfer**
- Water trucking to affected communities during drought periods
- Provision health assistant to the human and livestock
- Distribution of food and non-food items (NFI's)

**d) Health:**

- Awareness raising on HIV/AIDS and other STDs,
- Community education on the effects of Female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/FGC),
- Hygiene and environmental sanitation;
- Reproductive health programs: capacity building for mother and child health centres (MCHs), training of traditional birth attendants (TBAs) and community health workers (CHWs),
- Support to the mentally sick patients of Hargeisa Group Hospital

**Objectives:**

- 1) Working towards the improvement of the environmental situation of the country.
- 2) Advancing education by the provision of facilities for schooling and other learning opportunities as well as vocational training for the youth
- 3) Improving the living conditions of low-income women, pastoralists and agro-pastoralists by helping them through income generation/diversification activities
- 4) Improving primary health care, health promotion programs and women's reproductive health.
- 5) Respond to humanitarian needs of affected communities during disasters.

## 2. 0. SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS 2012

### 2.1. LIVELIHOODS SECTOR

The Horn of Africa in general and the Somali territories in particular, faces severe environmental degradation, mainly resulting from man-made factors. Climate Change is also affecting livelihoods by altering seasonal rainfall patterns, triggering recurrent droughts and therefore negatively affecting the predominantly pastoral and agro-pastoral communities. Water source are also dwindling due to reduction in rainfall effectiveness, run offs, heightened evaporation and increasing utilization.

Deforestation, with its serious impact on the ecosystems, biodiversity and livelihoods of the predominantly pastoral and agro-pastoral community, is taking its toll on the woodlands of the country. To this end, CLHE has been carrying out interventions aimed at strengthening the resilience of target communities through an assortment of activities such as water sources rehabilitation, natural resource management, agricultural activities, capacity building, micro credit and emergency interventions.

During 2012, activities in this sector include: Environmental conservation, agriculture, water, sanitation and hygiene, and humanitarian assistance to drought affected communities.

**Activities in 2012 include; Pictures:**



*Livelihoods project in **Erigavo** with focus on IDPs: Provision of poultry and training on Beekeeping (Funded by Kirkonulkomaanapu (FCA))*

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Strengthening food security in the agro-pastoral areas requires an assortment of inputs such as training, water diversions, provision of seeds, shallow wells rehabilitation etc. This is a part of a project supported by the Development Fund, Norway whereby farmers in Sahil region are supported with farmers' assistance packages. **More explanation of the DF project activities 2012 are needed here:**



*Clockwise starting from above: Seed distribution to farmers in Dubar, near Sheikh. Water diversion in Laalays (Sahil region) and tillage assistance to farmers in Go'da Yar.*



A completed sand storage dam in Habari Heshay, Ainabo district of Sool region. The structure is expected to improve availability of water in the area. This activity were part of a quick impact labour-intensive which benefited the communities. A project funded by CARE International

Further details of this project is needed here as well as additional pictures of the project:

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**Below:** Enhancing Food Security Project in Agro-pastoral areas of Somaliland. Location: Jaleelo village (Funded by: International Solidarity Foundation of Finland (ISF). Project activities include farmers' assistance package consisting of seeds, training, shallow wells construction, provision of water pumps and accessories, bee keeping training, formation of farmers' cooperatives etc. **More elaboration of the project not only Jaleelo but also Haleeya village;**







### Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation

With the specific objectives of decreasing community vulnerability to climatic shocks and at the same time enhancing their food security, a number of activities have been carried out in different parts of the country. Here are some examples. Since this project has made a huge impact on the environment preservation it deserves to enrich the information as well as pictures;



Rehabilitation of an irrigation Canal in Galoolay village and lining vegetation barriers to heal gullies. (Photos are from a project funded by Save the Children Alliance)

In an effort to promote community based fodder production, storage and handling, CLHE carried out pilot activities in Togdheer and Sahil region. During the project period, demonstration sites for the production of fodder and storage sheds were established. The project also introduced baling techniques and training on best practices in fodder production. This project has a lot to positive information to share with our stakeholders. Under this project we have carried out significant # of important activities which we could like to use as publicity;



Sample fodder storage shed and fodder demo farm. (Photos are from a project funded by USAID through DAI – Partnership for Economic Growth.)



## **2.3. EDUCATION & TRAINING**

The interventions of CLHE in this sector include construction/rehabilitation of schools, training of teachers, vocational skills training, sports/recreational centers, literacy, numeracy, formal education and pastoral education. Like all the other programs of CLHE, its education & training activities are spread in most of the regions of Somaliland, particularly in regional capitals of Marodi Jeex, Togdheer and Sanaag

During the past 16 years, thousands of youth have graduated from the centers run by the organization and were enabled to compete in the labor market for employment and/or self-employment, while many more have continued/completed their education in higher educational institutions. The aforementioned interventions assisted them to mature into productive members of the society. Peace building, violence prevention, HIV & AIDS awareness and environmental education are also integrated into the education and training programs as cross-cutting issues.

**Burao Vocational Training Centre (BVTC)**, established in 1998 is one of the most important educational/training institutions in Burao town. During the year, hundreds of youth have been training with marketable skills including electronics, secretarial skills, tailoring, cookery and nutrition, henna decoration and non-formal education. The Centre also accommodates for formal education for both boys and girls.

**Erigavo Vocational Training Centre (EVTC):** The proven success of Burao Vocational Training Centre has encouraged CLHE to replicate a similar project in Erigavo town (Sanaag region). Established in 2007, this project aims to extend crucial skills and knowledge to the youth of Erigavo town. It is important to note here that EVTC is the only vocational training centre in that region. The centre currently provides education and training in the following areas: Literacy and numeracy for out of school teenage girls, tailoring courses for teenage girls and women, cookery, office-based skills (including computer and secretarial skills) and basic electronics. The centre also attracted other organizations such as Horn Relief and CARE International to bring trainees from other areas of Sanaag region to be trained on the available skills in the Centre.

**Promotion of girl child education** is an important component in the education programme of the organization. The purpose of the project is to support underprivileged women/girls in underserved areas, particularly IDPs settlements in

the major urban centres of Somaliland and increase their access to literacy/numeracy Education (non- formal)

The activities carried out by CLHE in this sector are many to be reflected in this report; however, as 'pictures say more than words', the following pages will depict an overview of those activities.

Information about Pastoral education and Youth employment project (ADF, SCI) with relevant pictures.

### Education and Training Activities in Pictures



*Formal education run by CLHE in Burao*





*Graduation ceremony for Cookery trainees*



*Beatification classes*



The above education projects were funded by International Solidarity Foundation of Finland (ISF), Oxfam Novib, US Africa Development Fund, Save Children International.

## **2.1. HEALTH PROGRAMME**

In 2012, the main activities carried out in this sector were:

- Hygiene and sanitation
- Community education on the dangers of female genital mutilation (FGM)
- HIV and AIDS awareness

With the motto “Prevention is better than treatment” in mind, the merits of community sensitization on hygiene and sanitation was disseminated to the target groups in the areas of intervention by Candlelight. The specific target areas were schools, villages, water sources, areas with internally displaced persons (IDPs).

This activity has been one of the thematic areas of Candlelight since its formation. Hygiene and sanitation is generally packaged with water projects carried out by the organization. Poor hygiene and sanitation conditions are the first and foremost triggers of water-borne diseases which are prevalent in the both rural and urban areas of Somaliland. The situation is far worse in the rural areas where water scarcity is more severe. Because of shortage of water, in most cases, the quality of water is not

often considered important, but it is the quantity that counts. Therefore, in many cases, people are often pushed by these circumstances to drink unsafe water. During the year, CLHE worked on increasing the quantity of water available for the targeted community through construction/rehabilitation of water sources, and the quality of this important fluid of life as well.

CHAST (Children's Hygiene and Sanitation Training) and PHAST (participatory hygiene and sanitation training) methodologies were used the different project sites as a tool for behavioural change and as a means of contributing to the sound hygiene and sanitation practices among beneficiaries and at the same time empowering communities to manage their water and control incidence of water-borne diseases.



*Hygiene and sanitation training in Naqdamiijo (left); and Balli Abdulle (right) of Togdheer region*

HIV/AIDS, not only being an epidemic health problem, but is also a development issue. The mainstreaming of HIV/AIDS has been both internal and external. Internally, the staff of CLHE received regular sensitization of the magnitude of HIV/AIDS and of its impact on development. While externally HIV/AIDS, it has been a regular practice to mainstream information addressing the matter to the target beneficiaries particularly among school children, IDPs, women and youth. IEC materials aimed at improving knowledge, attitude and behaviour among youth through peer education has been conducted. **Additional poster for KNH and FGM project for 2012 project**



IEC Material for posting in offices, schools and health centres

For over a decade now, CLHE has been carrying out interventions in community education on the dangers of female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C). During 2012, the two agencies which supported CLHE in the eradication of FGM/C are International **Solidarity Foundation of Finland** and **Kinder Not Hilfe (KNH) Germany**. While FGM/C and other violence against women (VAW) components are mainstreamed in the different projects, specific activities on FGM/C were carried out by Candlelight in Burao, Erigavo and Sheikh towns. The main activities carried out during the year include targeted sensitization of healthcare providers, training of traditional birth attendants, community education committees, parents, peer to peer groups, teachers and religious leaders and counselling of FGM/C victims.



Peer to Peer group in Burao



Peer to Peer group in Sheikh town







TBA training

Peer to peer training

Additional information and pictures about KNH and ISF FGM project 2012

Some of the challenges limited progress towards the elimination of FGM/C is:

- a) FMM/C is a deep-rooted practice and needs more time and effort to eradicate;
- b) Lack of consensus among religious leaders on the difference procedures particularly within the *Sunna* Type. This allows a room for manipulation whereby practitioners perform operations which are less harmful than infibulations.
- c) Inadequate policy to be used as a tool to address FGM/C
- d) Challenges are not enough to convince our donor agency.

### 3.0. FUNDING PARTNERS

We would like to extend especial thanks to the following organizations who have contributed to funding of CLHE's operation in 2012:



International Solidarity Foundation (ISF) of Finland

**Solidaarisuus**

Oxfam Novib



CARE International



Heinrich Boll Foundation (HBF)



Save Children International (SCI)



Save the Children®

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Food Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Development Fund, Norway

Kinder Not Hilfe (KNH), Germany

Finnish Embassy, Nairobi, Kenya

Kirkonulkomaanapu (FCA)



African Development Fund (USADF)

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## 5.0. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ms. **Shukri Haji Ismail**, Chairperson. Former Somaliland Electoral Commission member, Winner of 2010 International Crisis' Group's 'In Pursuit of Peace' Award.

Ms. **Amina Ahmed Guleid**, Vice Chairperson/Secretary - Educationist and Consultant.

Mr. **Ali Mohamoud Halliyeh**, Treasurer, AFA/CFP with many years of working experience in the Arabian Gulf and currently engaged in Financial/Management consultancy.

Mr. **Ahmed Yousuf Elmi**, Member. Accountant by profession and currently Senior Officer of a popular money transfer Company in Djibouti.

Mr. **Ahmed Nour Hussein**, Member. Agronomist and development worker based in Nairobi.

Ms. **Sahra Kaahin Duale**, Member with lengthy experience in community development work.

Ms. **Jawahir Ahmed Abdi**, Member. Women activist with Long experience in community development work.

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## AUDITORS REPORT

### Report of the Auditors to the members of Candlelight for Health, Education & Environment (CLHE)

We have audited the Financial Statement for Candle Light for the year ended 31st December 2012. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of the audit

### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MANAGEMENT AND THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The preparation of the financial Statement is the responsibility of Candlelight board of directors. Our responsibility is to express an independent opinion on the financial Statement based on our audit and to report our opinion to you.

### BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International standard on Auditing. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examination on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes assessing the accounting policies used and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### OPINION

In our opinion, the financial Statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, programme revenues and cost incurred and reimbursed for the period ended 31st December 2012 in accordance with terms of agreements and in conformity with the International Financial Reporting Standards.

*Peter Githae & Associates*

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**CANDLE LIGHT FOR HEALTH, EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31st December 2012**

	<u>Notes</u>	2012 USD	2011 USD
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant & equipment	1	783,763	785,371
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Accounts Receivables	[2]	29,951	42,705
Cash in hand	[2]	277,066	1,282
Cash at bank	[2]	1,651	721
Total current assets		308,668	44,708
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>1,092,431</b>	<b>830,080</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Revenue reserve		1,009,519	803,151
Total		1,009,519	803,151
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors & Accruals	[3]	82,913	26,929
<b>Total Equity &amp; Liabilities</b>		<b>1,092,432</b>	<b>830,080</b>

These Financial Statements were approved by the Board members on  
 ..... 2013 and signed on their behalf by:

Chairperson/Executive Board Member

Secretary

Treasurer

  
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**CANDLE LIGHT FOR HEALTH, EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT**  
**Income & Expenditure Account**  
**For the year ended 31st December 2012**

	Notes	2012 USD	2011 USD
Receipts		2,831,536	1,333,580
Expenditure		2,625,169	1,475,389
(Deficit)/surplus		206,367	(141,808)

**Statement of Reserves**

	2012 USD	2011 USD
Accumulated fund balance B/F	803,151	944,960
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	206,367	(141,808)
Accumulated fund balance C/F	1,009,519	803,151



## Human Interest Stories:

The following activities are a part of a drought emergency response project which was targeting communities in Togdheer and Sahil regions. The activities consisted of water sources rehabilitation, cash for work, unconditional cash transfer to vulnerable community members and micro grants for women as a start up cash for income generation activities.



This structure (known as Berked) is an in-ground cemented water tank generally built in water scarce areas. Water runoff during the rainy season is harvested in it and stored for use during the dry season. This Berkad was rehabilitated with the support of Oxfam Novib and is one of 38 berkads rehabilitated during 2012. Here is what the head of the benefitting family has to say: *“During the last drought, I spent the cost of one camel (roughly USD \$1,000) in providing water for my family and livestock and for the purchase of food. Now that a Berkad is built in our village, we will spend less on water trucking and utilize a portion of income realized from animal sales on other necessities”*

Muhumad Abdi, a pastoralist from Balli Hiille, Togdheer region.



**Roda Dahir** (28 years) is divorcee with 5 children, residing Balli obsiye village in Togdheer region. She is one of community members who indirectly benefited from the above project. By establishing a small kiosk near the project site, she used to prepare and sell tea and food to the casual labourers who worked in the rehabilitation of a surface water catchment (Balleh) in the village through cash for work (CFW). Roda's bush restaurant is an example of how CFW can play an important role in reviving livelihoods and invigorating local businesses.



**Figure 1 Halimo Sitting inside of her shop**

After the death of Halim's husband their relatives collected some money from different relatives and established very small cloth shop for her to earn the families livelihoods from that small shop. Halimo was having neither any business knowledge background nor any experience in running and managing her business. Those two factors have undermined the shop performance and income from the shop was far from covering the family's expenses. Her children was expelled from the schools due to inability of paying school tuition, Halimo was desperate and did' not know what to do next.





**Farhan Warsame (above)** completed training in electronics. He is among hundreds of youth who have been given training opportunities in Burao Vocational Training Centre (run by Candlelight). He is now the owner of this electronic sales shop. He earns sufficient income to raise his family and pay for the school fees of his younger brothers and sisters.

**(Picture on the right):** Girls from vulnerable families in Erigavo are given literacy and numeracy classes.