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# ABBREVIATIONS

ADEC Agency for Development and Environmental Care

WFP World Food Programme

FSL Food security and Livelihoods

GBV Gender Based Violence

SGBV Sexual and gender based Violence

WASH Water Sanitation and Hygiene

CBT Cash Based Transfers

HH Households

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## MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

Reading through this 2021 annual report, our linear progression, both donors based and in number of projects, makes me so proud. Our hard-working team has done it in a particular and prideful manner. Again, as I stated, “your enduring selfless sacrifice to serve the needy on a daily basis has transpired to this beautiful and results-based report”. We remain dynamic and directed to our cause.



In the past year, your support has helped thousands of people across Puntland Somalia in their fight to beat abject poverty. More people are protected from hunger, malnutrition, illiteracy, and provided with clean and safe water. More communities in all our areas of intervention can now earn a living, provide for their families, and keep them safe from conflict and disaster.

My sincere appreciation to our partners and supporters who gave us the opportunity to deliver the much-needed services to our communities this closing year, 2021. Our financial prudence is well characterized in our successive organizational audits with unqualified opinion for year 2020/2021 and attached herein. This is a great cause for excitement as it puts us into a better outlook for the financial year.

To ADEC Board of Directors, your leadership has guided us in how we stay true to the objectives and principles of this great organization. Thank you for being readily available when we needed advice on issues pertaining to strategy and governance.

Together, we must meet the challenge of helping the rising number of men, women and children living in crisis, while working with people in their everyday struggle to improve their lives for the long term.

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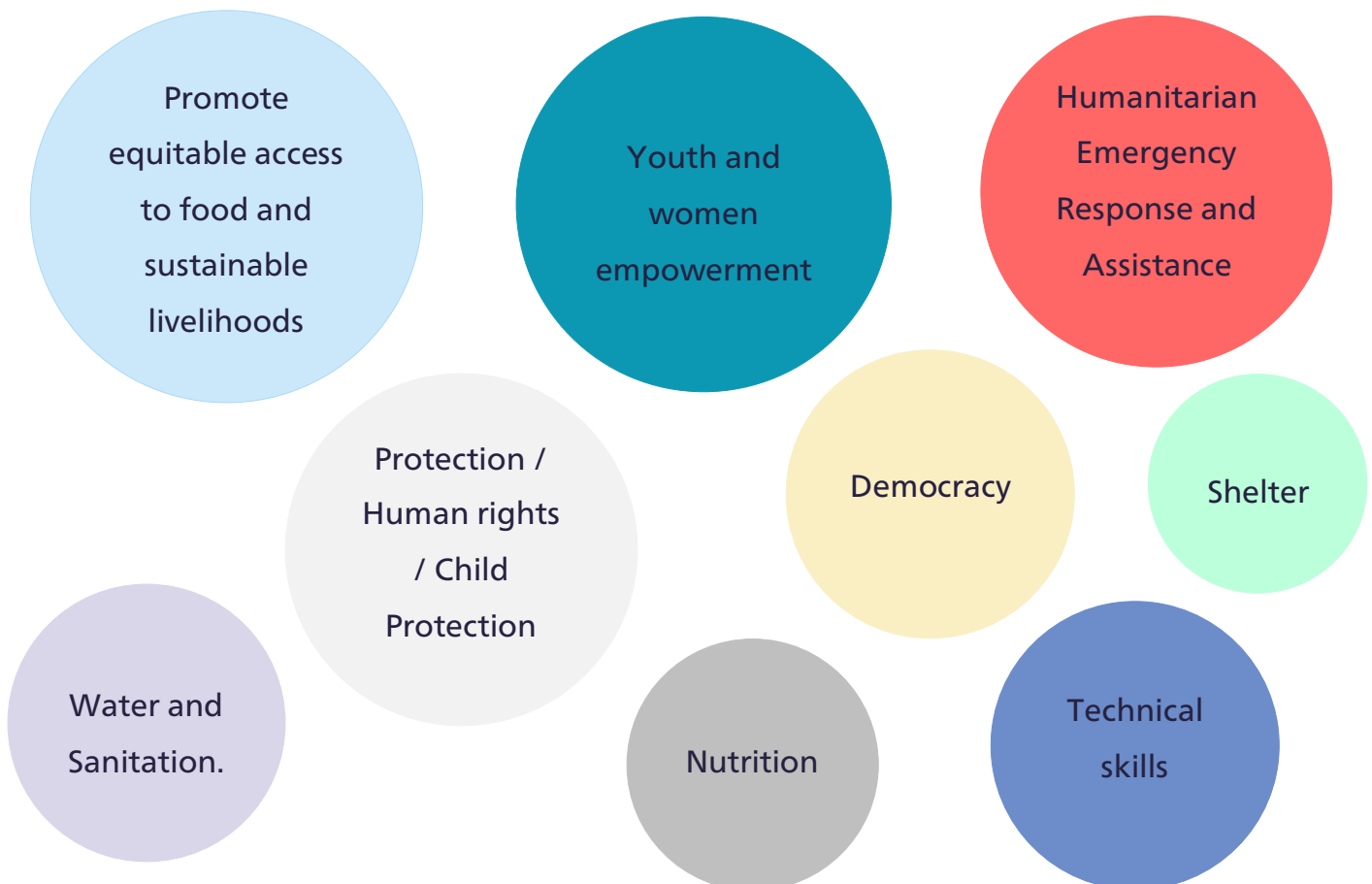
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# 1.0 ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

## 1.1 Who we are

Agency for Development and Environmental Care Agency for Development and Environmental Care (ADEC) is a non-governmental organization established in 2004 with the aim of initiating social development programs to elevate the lives of vulnerable rural communities in Somalia regions. The organization was founded by group of social activists and intellectuals. These individuals are experts in social and environmental issues with diverse specialization. Similarly, ADEC has senior and junior staffs who execute programme activities at field level. These staffs have different experience, knowledge, and skills. Moreover, they are committed to take part in any social development and support programs in the country.

## 1.2 What we do



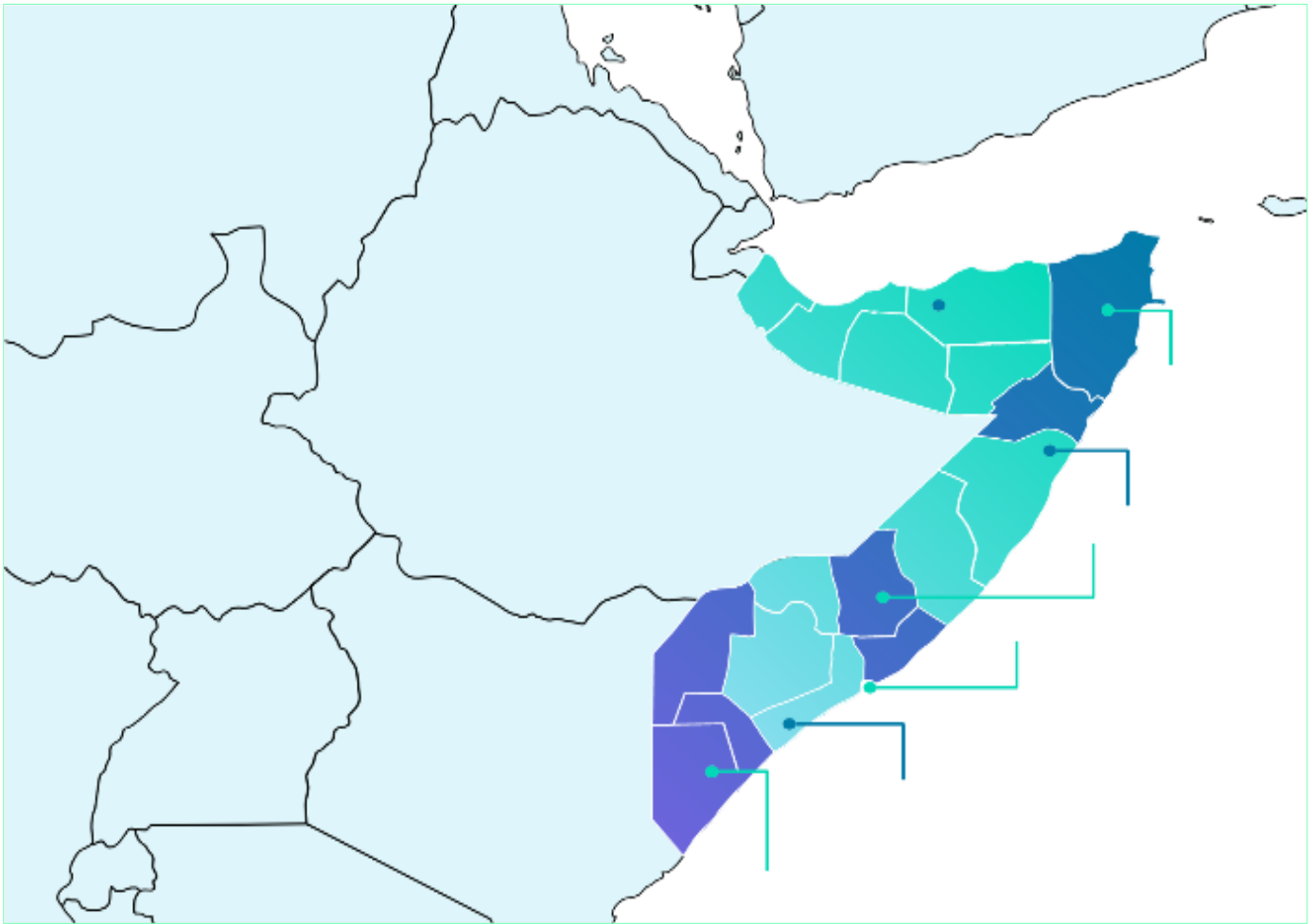
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## 1.3 Where we work



ADEC was established to respond to the gap's humanitarian needs exist in marginalized Somaliland and Puntland more so in the eastern districts of Sanaag region as well as other vulnerable community coming both from within and outside the country in entire regions of Somalia.

## 1.4 Our Vision

ADEC organization advocates for the poverty alleviation and to minimize desperate migrations in Somalia and Horn of Africa with direct development of the societies-by creating income generating sustainable livelihoods

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## 1.5 Our Mission

We support the fight against poverty and lack of education and improve local development in society by enforcing the principles of human rights and environmental conservation approaches. We are committed to support for the larger community by reducing poverty through livelihood support activities, capacity building of the community at grass root level to enable them to acquire constructive behavioural changes. We establish cordial working relationship and transparency with all stakeholders in all our programs.

## 1.6 Strategic Objectives

- Promote equitable access to food and sustainable livelihoods.
- Address child hunger and malnutrition.
- Provide access to quality education for all.
- Promote social cohesion, peace building and reconciliation.
- Provide access to WASH services including potable water, sanitation, and community sensitization.

## 2.0 PROGRAM FOCUS



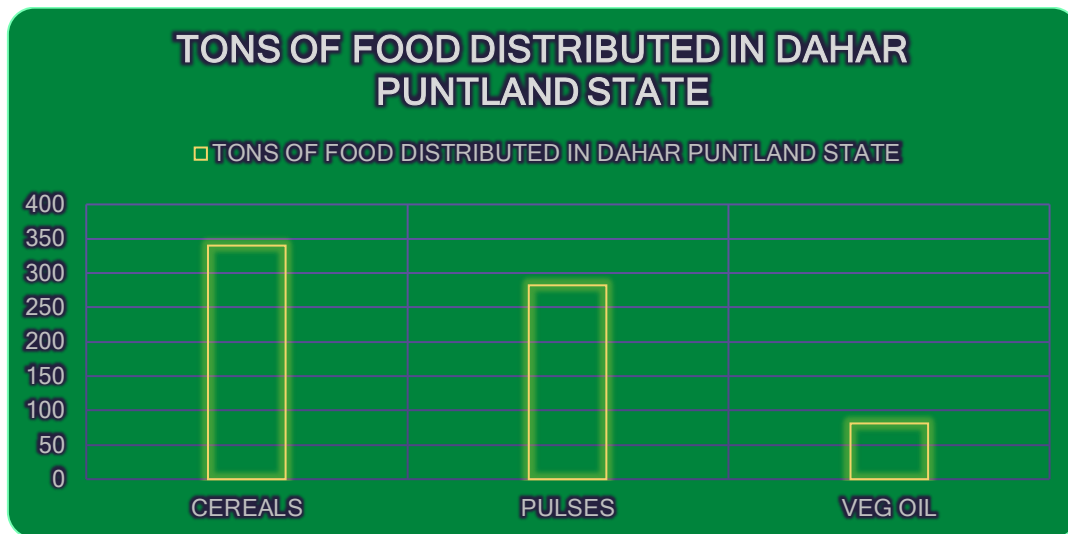
### 2.1 Food security & livelihoods

Our FSL interventions in the reporting year aimed at creating food security, building community resilience through crop production, developing sustainable livelihoods, and addressing emergency needs of internally displaced persons, vulnerable host communities and people with special needs. Decreased livelihood interventions and supports in the region for the past two years, lack of alternative livelihood opportunities, access and restrictions in rural areas, limited capacity of the Federal Government of Somalia and Puntland state in terms of local funding, human resources, and technical expertise to effectively respond to basic needs has aggravated the dire situation of the region.

To address these challenges, ADEC has adopted a holistic approach that recognizes the situation in the region and its best approach conducting community consultations and mapping possible livelihood activities. Poor vulnerable host community, newly displaced people needed alternative livelihood opportunities and absorption capacity to withstand the shocks. ADEC proposed conditional Food/Voucher transfer to support vulnerable and under



privileged segments of society in Dhahar and Badhan districts in Sanaag with objective to meet food consumption gaps and create assets.



The overarching goal was to curb recurrent food insecurity and improve food availability and food access. To achieve this goal, we engaged in various activities, including Relief food distribution cash transfers to vulnerable Households.

ADEC completed five livelihood activities at eight sites in Badhan and Dhahar districts, Sanaag region. The project activities were rehabilitation of four Water catchments, three check dams, one road rehabilitation and one vegetable garden at Badhan, Rad, Baraagahaqol, Dharkeynka, Buran, Dhahar, Badhan, Gacalgule, Midigale. The number of participants for these nine sites is 1,263 HHs and the transfer modality is CBT. Community elders and community committee at district level prioritized and selected the most needed effected and vulnerable communities at above sites. The eight completed activities sites are livelihood zone and administratively falls under Badhan/Dhahar districts. It has been greatly affected by destruction of central government of Somalia, prolonged droughts, lack of infrastructure and administrative dispute between Somaliland and Puntland which postponed any development status or livelihood assets including roads, hospitals, water sector and environmentally as well as water catchments. At these areas are both pastoral and agro-pastoralist community faced lack of water and degradation of rangeland.

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## FFA beneficiaries in Dhahar and Badhan District



Gender	Number
Females (>18)	607
Males (>18)	656
Total Beneficiaries	1,263



Figure 2: Pie chart showing relief beneficiaries in Badhan and Dhahar

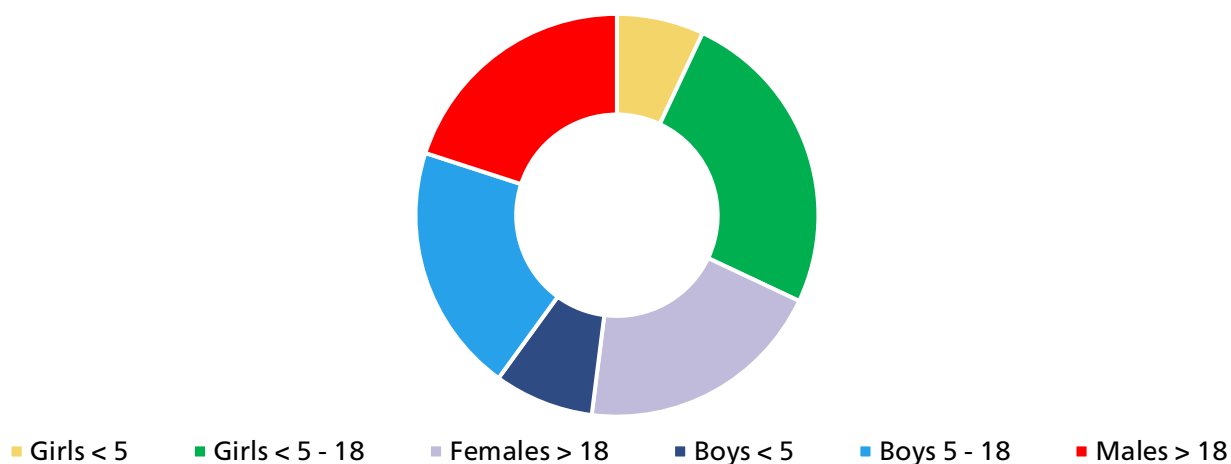
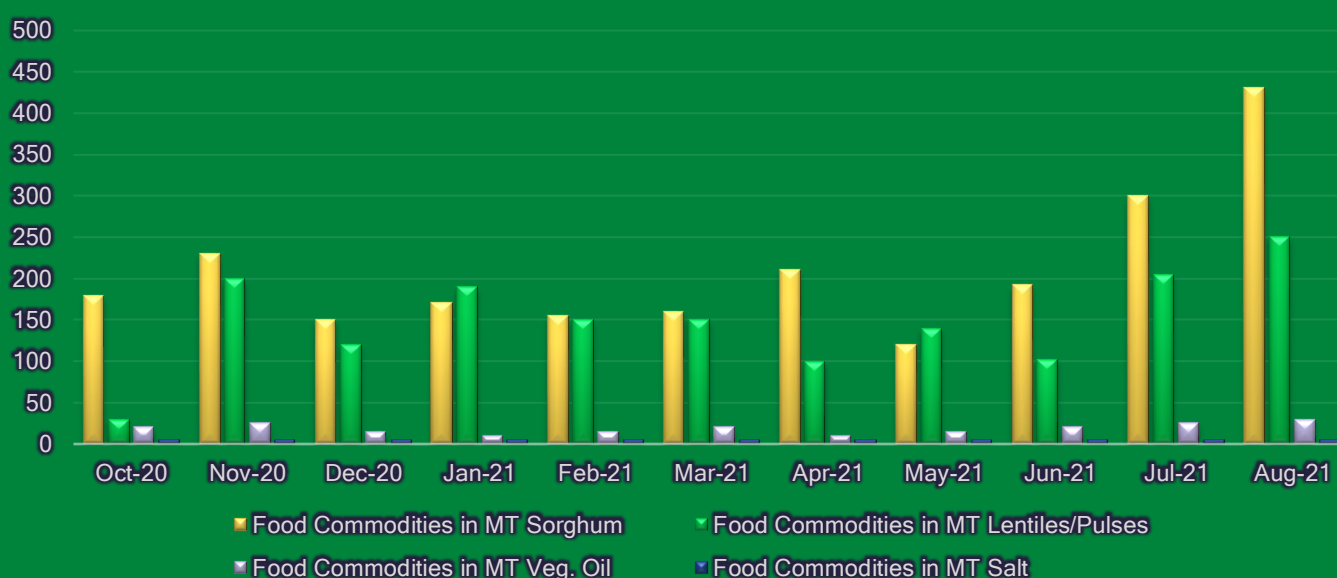


Figure 3: Table showing Food distribution and cash transfers in Badhan and Dahar Districts of Puntland State

House holds	Beneficiaries	Food and Cash Transfers	Duration	Project Type	District
2,432	14,592	415.872 MTs FOOD	Jan-Mar 21	relief-Food	Dhahar
4,943	29,658	4,943,630 USD	Apr-Dec 21	relief-Cash	Dhahar
2,975	17,850	2,975,280 USD	May-Aug 21	relief-Cash	Badhan
2,975	17,850	2,975,280 USD	Sep-Dec 21	relief-Cash	Badhan
1,263	7,578	1,263,280 USD	Jun-Sep 21	Livelihood-cash	Badhan/Dhahar

### Food distribution in Badhan/Dahar



## 2.2 Training committee members

ADEC Trained 17 Committee members were on: Use of tools, Basic irrigated farms training sessions, sustaining cash crop gardens, Handing over and sustainability of the constructed or rehabilitated assets. The project will seek to strengthen food and nutrition security and resilience among food insecure HHs. This will address the immediate impacts of food insecurity, reducing the incidence of malnutrition and malnutrition-related morbidity and mortality.

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## 2.3 Farmers cooperatives support

Total of 2 farmer cooperatives were selected and supported within this livelihood project, the farmer cooperatives were provided with basic training on all the relevant skills.



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## 2.4 Provision of seeds

Total of 20 farmers were provided with seeds and fertilizers, the fertilizers chemically consist of Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>), Potassium (K<sub>2</sub>O) and Magnesium (Mg), the seeds distributed were for variety of crops that can do well in the area.



## 2.5 Building resilience through asset creation and enhancement

In 2021, ADEC in partnership with WFP implemented the asset project. The project sought to strengthen food and nutrition security and resilience among food insecure HHs. To achieve this, the project will support the immediate nutritional needs of vulnerable HHs through the provision of food and/or cash transfers. Using transfers, HHs will access, either through direct distribution or via local markets, sufficient food to meet daily caloric and nutritional requirements. This will address the immediate impacts of food insecurity, reducing the incidence of malnutrition and malnutrition-related morbidity and mortality. Transfers will be conditional upon the completion of work to rehabilitate and/or construct communal assets that have the potential to enhance longer term food security and livelihoods including physical



assets such as dykes and roads, as well as natural assets. To achieve its expected impact, the project will be proactive and supportive (rather than reactive and focused on relief) in aiding for target communities to enhance its effectiveness. The project was designed to implement three interrelated outcomes.

Outcome 1; To improve longer-term food security and nutrition among the most food insecure HHs.

Outcome 2; To address immediate food shortage through conditional cash and/or food transfers to rehabilitate and/or construct physical and/or natural assets.

Outcome 3; To increase capacity to anticipate, adapt, and absorb changes in climate and disruptive events including natural disasters and conflict, including adapting to climate change.



## 2.6 Relief intervention

Many Somalis face hardships during lean seasons and food and nutrition crises triggered by drought, flooding, market shocks, political and resource-based conflicts. Strategic Outcome One of ADECHH food security focused on providing immediate life-saving food assistance and

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nutrition support to vulnerable food-insecure HH during crises. It aligns with WFP's corporate Strategic Result One (everyone has access to food) and WFP's core mandate towards achieving Zero Hunger. ADEC/WFP's food assistance helped meet minimum food requirements during and after shocks, and during lean seasons within 2021, and improved nutrition. ADEC provided unconditional food or cash-based transfers (CBTs) to crisis-affected men, women, girls, and boys through relief food assistance. Drought conditions prevailed in 2021, causing humanitarian needs to increase and compounding pre-existing vulnerabilities. Relief assistance targeted internally displaced persons (IDPs), people affected by drought, localised flooding among others. ADEC's relief assistance enhanced the ease of accessing adequate and diversified diets- measured through the food consumption score (FCS). Post-distribution monitoring results show 54 percent of beneficiaries had acceptable FCS. Households headed by women performed poorly compared to households headed by men. Monitoring results suggest that women were more vulnerable because of the high percentage of women heads without employment. ADEC beneficiaries had better access to food (62 percent) compare with 41 percent for non-beneficiaries. An indication that WFP's assistance was effective in addressing food consumption gaps.





## 2.7 Achievements

- The food was improved the food security situation of targeted households in Badhan and Dhahar Districts.
- The food insecurity household in the targeted districts were provided with cash/food transfers.
- The implemented projects were improved gender equality and women were empowered who was among ADEC assisted population.
- 14,588 households were addressed quality food consumption gaps in Badhan and Dhahar districts in Sanaag region.
- The projects were reduced displacement of people from their current location as the project will address part of community food security needs.

## 3.0 GENDER AND PROTECTION

Women make up 60% of the Somali population, yet they remain the most disadvantaged group which struggles to deal with violence, displacement, abductions, physical assault, murder, and sexual assault.

The protection trends paper (October- December 2020) highlights that Sexual and Gender-based violence (GBV) remain as one of the most serious and prevalent protection threats to women and children in Puntland Somalia with domestic violence widely accepted by both women and men in Somalia: 82% of women and 81% of men agreed that women should tolerate violence to keep her family together. Early marriage is very common: 45% of girls

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married before they were 18 years old and 7% of girls were married when they were younger than 15 years old. Women survivors are shrouded under the societal and cultural veil that inhibits them from accessing their rights. The interactions with the women survivors' buttress that most female survivors have not sought any redress due to lack of knowledge on what to do or where to go for support or advice. This is not only a prominent obstacle to preventing, managing, and overcoming the effects of SGBV but it also increases the vulnerability of these female survivors.

The objectives for our interventions in the gender and protection programs were to:

1. Identify high-risk areas and factors driving GBV in the emergency and set up prevention strategies
2. Increasing access to integrated survivor friendly services (health, psychosocial, case management) for GBV survivors.
3. Increase men and adolescent boys' participation in Gender based violence prevention and response.

Against this backdrop, our intervention in this thematic area included GBV prevention & response in Bosaso IDP camps and in these projects targeted vulnerable women and girls in the two areas providing emergency GBV prevention and response services. The projects involved the recruitment of victim support groups which provide referral services for abuses to the authorities and service givers and linkages to national platforms for accessing restorative Justice Mechanisms.

### **3.1 Strengthening the coping capacities of conflict affected GBV survivors.**

In the reporting year ADEC voluntarily implemented a project called strengthening the coping capacities of conflict affected gender-based violence (GBV) survivors through an inclusive, coordinated and survivor centred process in Protection of women and girls, Puntland Somalia which was a n 8-month project covering June 2021- January 2018. The project sought to strengthen the coping capacities of conflict and drought affected GBV survivors by promoting an inclusive, coordinated and survivor centred approach through promoting women's

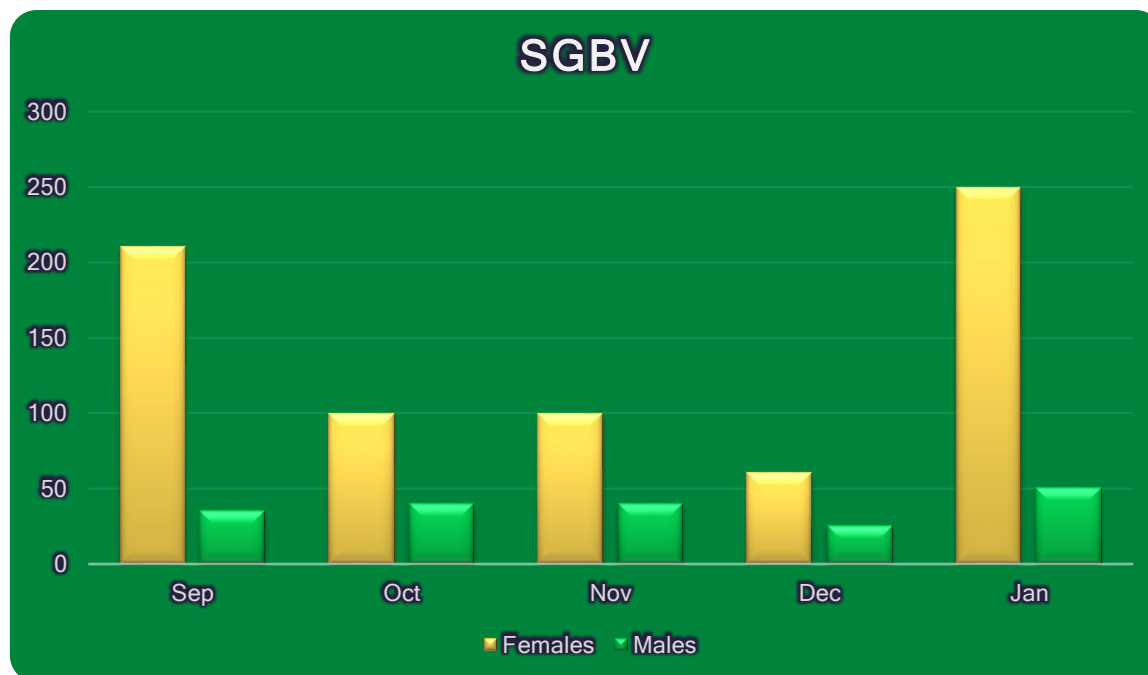
understanding of human rights, justice, and support care services (protection mechanisms); establishing victim support groups to dialogue on justice and support care services and processes (protection/ remedy services and justice mechanisms) and strengthen the Implementation of survivor driven policies on access to justice and support care services. The Goal for this project was to establish victim support groups that will enhance women survivors' ability to access justice and support care. The project was designed to achieve the following 3 objectives namely:

Objective 1: To enable capacities for victims of conflict related violence to know and claim their rights developed and strengthened.

Objective 2: To establish functional victim support groups and referral pathways strengthened.

Objective 3: To build consensus and confidence around survivor-oriented policies.

Monthly dialogues	Females	Males
September	214	36
October	100	40
November	100	38
December	60	22
January	250	54



### 3.1 Achievements

Monthly dialogues	FemalesReached	Males reached
September Dialogues	214	36
October Dialogues	100	40
November Dialogues	100	38
December Dialogues	6	22
January Dialogues	250	54

The participants at every site had foreman for supervision of the activity and marking of the daily attendance register to ensure every participant achieve the required work. To ensure transparency and accountability, all beneficiaries will receive their wages and entitlements using SCOPE card through fingerprint authentication. During the distribution ADEC field staffs will monitor on the distribution, as well as project activities and will submit monthly distribution and activity progress reports to WFP.



Assistance will be provided through meaningful access to impartial services for beneficiaries, while considering the contextual and socio-cultural norms and works to prevent and minimize any unintended negative effects of the intervention (Do No Harm principle), and work towards equality, accountability, participation, and empowerment. This promotes safety and dignity for the beneficiaries.

## 4.0 EDUCATION & PEACE BUILDING

Education in Puntland Somalia has continued to deteriorate since the outbreak of drought. The effect of drought which has been felt across all sectors in Puntland Somalia has particularly negatively impacted school going children thereby impacting their education needs and denied children opportunities to access inclusive quality education.

During the reporting year 2021, ADEC carried out an assessment in September 2021 and shared a report which highlighted the challenges.

Also, during the reporting period, a good number of school age children were out of school in these locations due to hunger, lack of water, insecurity, and long instances to schools. In addition, the assessment identified early marriages, expensive school fees and lack of WASH and scholastic materials as some of the challenges that hinder access to education. While efforts need to be put in providing education or alternative education services in the targeted areas, equal attention should be put to underlying reasons that are keeping children out of school. Education access was also assessed looking at the number of existing facilities in the assessed locations including the availability of teachers and school attendance. In one of the focus group discussions with women and youth outlined the implications of the current food insecurity situation on boys' and girls' access to education as most of the girls were engaged in homes chores as opposed to going to school. The assessment also highlighted secondary education as one of the areas neglected as it received less attention and support.





## 5.0 OUR DONORS & PARTNERS

A huge thank you to all ADEC partners who help us to transform lives and communities in Somalia. During the period under review, ADEC reached out to donor agencies such as WFP, courtesy of an improved fundraising strategy.

In the reporting year 2021 ADEC also established meaningful partnerships with donors, UN, Government and other humanitarian and development actors. ADEC also held several responsibilities of service to the humanitarian.

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## 6.0 HOW ADEC IS ORGANIZED

Management plays a vital role of coordination and facilitation of implementation of planned programmes and projects. In 2021, we undertook the following activities:

### 6.1 ADEC becoming more efficient and effective

In 2021, ADEC implemented a restructuring programme to enhance its competitiveness in the ever-changing humanitarian and development world.

Accountability to our partners and beneficiaries were further enhanced by having key components of communicating with communities in our interventions and the introduction of help desks and feedback mechanisms in our work. It is important to also highlight that during the period under review, ADEC undertook its audits of organizational accounts to enhance

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transparency of how funds are managed by the organization. Additional structural changes introduced were the alignment of country coordination mechanisms and the setting up of new directorates including the directorate of Quality Assurance & Grant Acquisition.

## 6.2 Our communications and advocacy work

To enhance our organizational communications and advocacy work, we have enhanced our organization's Logo with a more presentable and obtrusive logo; published a strategic objective handbook to share with our stakeholders for mandate clarity and a newsletter to showcase our work and impact on our target communities.

We have also established strong networks in the media industry especially with local media which has further strengthened our communications department. We have revamped our website and activated a You-tube and tweeter accounts for even greater visibility.



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