

Formal Education Network for Private Schools-FENPS

Report on Education Needs Assessment at Wanlaweyn and Afgoye in Lower Shabeelle, 14th-28th April 2013



This school is half closed in Afgoye because of lacking rehabilitation

Introduction:

Wanlaweyn and Afgoye, located about 100 and 30 kilometers respectively north of Mogadishu. They are situated beside the intersections of major roads to and from the southern regions of the country, hence a massive influx of people into them as they are of strategic importance (i.e. easily accessible) to the people from different places in the south Somalia fleeing from the droughts and other causes of displacement. There are limited social services delivery in Wanlaweyn and Afgoye such as health, education and clean drinking water.

The repeated wars had impacted devastation in terms of lost of human lives, destruction of social and economic institutional facilities and infrastructure in these districts. As result, delivery of social services had collapsed. Most of the professionals and skilled personnel fled the towns or became IDPs. School enrolment is very low in Wanlaweyn and Afgoye, and enrolment of girls, is even lower. Hence, the educational outcome was extremely poor owing to badly educated teachers and insufficient educational resources in Wanlaweyn and Afgoye.

Response

Considering the conditions and increased reports of community needs in Wanlaweyn and Afgoye, FENPS conducted education needs assessment to highlight education gaps and investigate a possible ways that could be helped vulnerable youth and children in Wanlaweyn and Afgoye.

Methodology

The methodology used is based on the Somalia Education Cluster Rapid Assessment Tool, which includes collaboration with authorities, observations, focus group discussions and individual interviews.

Findings

The FENPS assessment team comprised of 5 members (4 male), fulfilled the assessment work in Wanlaweyn and Afgoye from 14th-28th April 2013 at 16 villages (Hawa-Tako, Hawa-Abdi, ADC, Buulalow, Donyarow, Siigaale, Buula Folyo in Afgoye and Malabley, Wanlaweyn, Waramxan in Wanlaweyne) in Lower Shabeele. As the settlement focal points and community elders reported, over 17937 (8130 male and 9807 female) live in the visited villages in Wanlaweyn and Afgoye. 10% of these populations in the visited villages are returnees who already displaced the area and about 10% are secondary IDPs who come from Mogadishu evicted IDP settlements and other unstable places. Observations and interviews made by the assessment team estimate children in the visited villages about 9,830 out of whom 6350 (56% girls) are the age of school. The assessment team of FENPS visited 12 schools in these villages (9 schools in Afgoye and 3 schools in wanlaweyn). They interviewed head teachers who told them that 1740 pupils (722 girls) were learning in these schools altogether and 89 teachers (7 female) were teaching in schools. Nine of the schools visited by assessment team were privately owned and charging fees on pupils. One of the head teachers interviewed by the assessment team told that 75 students dropped out their school in 2012/2013 schools year only after their families

were not able to pay school fees. Some of the schools visited by FENPS assessment team were half closed because of lack of rehabilitation and some were without WASH and gender responsive materials. The assessment team held group discussion with teachers, students, youth and parents in the visited villages. According to the forms filled from the teachers, 90% of the 79 teachers in these 12 schools have had non-teaching qualifications. Youth in the visited villages were wandering around and doing nothing in the streets. *“I cannot pay school fee and I don’t have any task so I play Gariir here”* said a girl in the visited villages. The team interviewed 68 youth (32 female) in the visited villages and knew from that 97% of them could not write and read. 3% can read and write but do not have any skill to work.

Recommendation

The assessment team recommends to all concerned parties (UN agencies, donors, national and international organizations, TFG authorities and business companies) to provide assistance of any kind these IDP/returnees and village members in Wanlaweyn and Afgoye.



Families shading in a tree from the rain near Hawo-Abdi



IDPs Near Hawo-Abdi in Afgove



Girls playing Ay-ay/Gariir in Afgoye