

Organizational Pitch Deck

SOMALI DANISH WOMEN IN ACTION (SDWA)
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This Pitch Deck outline and provides a comprehensive structure for an effective pitch deck, allowing the organization to showcase SDWA's mission, achievements, and future plans to potential stakeholders and supporters.

1. INTRODUCTION

Somali Danish Women in Action, abbreviated as **SDWA**, is a voluntary organization with non-profit making, non-governmental and non-partisan with no religious or political affiliation. The establishment of the organization comes after a group of Somali-Danish women, based in Denmark, held an assembly meeting on the drought crisis that hit most of the regions in Somalia and affected nearly 2.5 million people who are now at risk of starvation. The group of Diaspora women who are humanitarian pioneers led by Hawa Abdirashid organized the assembly meeting to discuss the establishment of a women-led Diaspora organization on the 4th of November 2021 in Nyborg, Denmark. As a result of the discussions during the assembly meeting, SDWA was founded to respond to the need for humanitarian aid, gender inequalities, gender violence, and gender inequalities in Somalia. The primary purpose is to support women, youth, and children in Somalia's communities by providing both relief and gender-mainstreamed developmental programs through educational capacity building, peace building, and conflict resolution.

SDWA is headquartered in Nyborg, Denmark, and is registered with the Danish Business and Charity registration Authority, and with the Federal Government of Somalia as an international organization. SDWA has local NGO partners in Somalia's different federal states of Puntland, Jubaland, Galmudug, Hir-shabeele, and the Banaadir region.

1.1. The Overall Goal

SDWA's aim is to create educated, economically stable, and healthily educationally sound women and girls by providing promotion of gender equality as well as women empowerment programs and gender mainstreamed short-term relief programs.

Specific goals:

- Ensure female involvement, in climate change negotiations, resource management, and development of policies that address climate change and ensure such policies are gender-sensitively designed.
- Advocate for women's access to resources, and opportunities to participate in the mitigation of climate change effects by persuading decision-makers about the environmental degradation and climate change effects on women.
- To provide climate change technologies and initiatives that enhance sustainable and renewable energy sources designed to reflect women's needs, knowledge, and social roles.
- Promotion of gender equality and women empowerment programs designed to capacitate women enabling them actively to participate in disaster responses; building resilience; securing land and inheritance rights, food, and resources; and ending energy poverty.

- Also, the thematic areas of protection, gender, and environment will be integrated with other programs and women will be educated on environmental conservation to ensure that environmental protection is practiced at the family level.
- To Improve the living conditions of Somali communities, and in particular women and girls among the displaced, returnees, rural community, and poorer groups by providing asset creation and livelihood supporting projects of both recovery and resilience building.
- To improve the drought and water shortage devastated rural and IDP's community access to quality safe water, sanitation, and hygiene by providing WASH projects of both construction and rehabilitation of the existing water sources.
- To target livestock and agricultural productivity complemented by the introduction of modernized livestock and farming techniques aimed at improving productivity.
- To contribute positively to the fight against HIV.AIDS pandemic, eradication of all forms of FGM.
- To enhance rural outreached communities and IDPs in the urbanizing centers and cities in Somalia access to primary health care and nutritional services by providing supporting projects aimed at transforming the traditional livestock into a modern responsive, sustainable, and environmentally friendly engine to improve the rural community's livelihoods, health, and nutritional standards.
- Improve formal and nonformal education for disadvantaged people in the coverage area.
- Providing Research, analyses, and situational and food security assessments in Somalia.
- Capacity-building skills and networking programs.
- Advocacy for human rights, peace, development, legal reforms, and local organizations to get funds for their respective development nurturing and livelihood improvement programs.

1.2. Objectives

- To provide relief assistance to the vulnerable underprivileged Somali women and vulnerable community groups including IDP's and returnees at the time of drought and famine.
- To assist the vulnerable community through the provision of developmental services such as access of education, health, nutrition, WASH, and livelihood programs through protection and advocacy.
- To enhance peace-building efforts through dialogue and negotiation.
- To enhance safe drinking water, improved sanitation, and good standard of hygiene behavior.
- To protect and promote environmental protection to the community through awareness, mobilization, and sensitization.

- To promote and encourage the formulation and implementation of policies and programs which are necessary for the integration and peaceful coexistence among the clans of Somalia.
- To promote and work for the development of policies, bylaws, and acts that ensure respect for human rights and assure justice to all in Somalia and within the autonomous administrations.
- To disseminate and emphasize peace values and basic human rights throughout the community grassroots.
- To conduct policy research, provide capacity-building skills and advice, and disseminate information on all aspects of peace being the prioritized instruments.
- To promote and support the development of regional principles and legally binding instruments seeking to promote sustainable development through research, consultation, and information.
- To efficiently participate, lobby, and advocate for the implementation of the plans of action on peace and democracy, and security in Somalia.

1.3. SDWA vision

“An environment where women are free from all forms of inequalities, risks of violence, abuse, as well as other harmful practices and they, are active participants in leadership, economic growth, as well as other social sectors and their contribution to the society at large, is fully realized”.

1.4. SDWA mission

To ensure that the vision is achieved, SDWA’s mission is to promote Somali women's participation in leadership, economic growth, and policy decision-making, and to provide capacity-building and other empowerment programs for women to enable them to contribute to society and play a major role in the leadership, private and public entrepreneurship, and political decision making yet remaining accountable to all stakeholders (community, government, and partners) as an organization.

2. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Decades-old Conflicts and Humanitarian Crisis: Somalia has been marred by decades-old conflicts, insecurity, and humanitarian crises. The situation is exacerbated by natural disasters such as droughts, cyclones, and floods, making the country one of the most challenging places to live. The impact of these crises has resulted in Somalia having one of the largest internally displaced populations (IDPs) globally, with women constituting a significant 60% of this displaced demographic.

Gender Inequality and Underprivileged Status of Women and Girls: Women and girls in Somalia face profound challenges, ranking the country fourth lowest for gender equality on a global scale.

Maternal and infant mortality rates are alarmingly high. The plight of women is further compounded by psychosocial distress stemming from the loss of close relatives and the disruption of kinship support systems. Women are compelled to manage households under extraordinarily difficult circumstances.

Negative Social/Cultural Practices and Gender-Based Violence (GBV): Negative social and cultural practices, such as early marriage and gender-based violence (GBV), persist in Somalia. Girls are often subjected to early marriage, and GBV, including physical assault and intimate partner violence (IPV), remains prevalent and pervasive. Shockingly, an estimated 91% of women aged 15-19 have undergone female genital mutilation (FGM), leading to physiological, sexual, and health complications.

Educational Disparities and Discrimination: Educational disparities persist, with three out of five children out of school. Boys are favored over girls in educational opportunities. In IDP communities, the illiteracy rate among women is alarmingly high, estimated at 76%, while non-displaced women face a rate of 59%. In comparison, the rates for IDP and non-displaced men are 60% and 39%, respectively.

Somali Diaspora Expertise as a Catalyst for Change: The Somali Diaspora holds invaluable expertise that cannot be underestimated in addressing these challenges. Their experiences can serve as a catalyst for initiating much-needed peace building, empowerment for women and youth, promotion of human rights, gender equality, advocacy, protection, and humanitarian endeavors.

SDWA as a Catalyst for Change: SDWA, led by Somali-Danish women with sound educational backgrounds and experience, stands poised to be a crucial development partner for Somalia. The organization's focus on reaching vulnerable and marginalized groups, particularly women and youth, aligns with the urgent need for comprehensive interventions in Somalia. SDWA's commitment to peace building and empowerment positions it as a vital player for donors looking to engage in impactful and sustainable development initiatives in the country.

3. SOLUTION

In response to the complex challenges faced by women and youth in Somalia, Somali Danish Women in Action (SDWA) proposes a holistic and comprehensive solution aimed at addressing immediate needs and fostering sustainable development. The multifaceted approach encompasses relief aid, gender equality promotion, peace building, environmental protection, and educational empowerment.

Relief Aid and Humanitarian Endeavors: SDWA recognizes the immediate needs of vulnerable populations, particularly women and youth, during crises such as droughts, floods, and conflicts. The organization is committed to providing timely and targeted relief aid, including access to essential resources such as food, clean water, shelter, and healthcare. This intervention ensures the well-being of those affected by humanitarian emergencies.

Gender Equality Promotion and Women Empowerment: SDWA places a strong emphasis on promoting gender equality and empowering women. The organization is dedicated to advocating for women's rights, combating harmful practices such as early marriage and female genital mutilation (FGM), and fostering an environment where women can actively participate in decision-making processes. Gender mainstreaming initiatives are integrated into all SDWA programs to ensure inclusivity and equality.

Peace building and Conflict Resolution: Recognizing the longstanding conflicts in Somalia, SDWA actively engages in peace building efforts. The organization facilitates dialogue and negotiations to contribute to the resolution of conflicts, promoting a peaceful coexistence among various clans and communities. By addressing the root causes of conflicts, SDWA aims to create a stable and secure environment for all, fostering resilience in the face of ongoing challenges.

Environmental Protection and Awareness: SDWA acknowledges the interconnectedness of environmental sustainability and community well-being. The organization conducts awareness campaigns on environmental conservation, mobilizes communities to participate in sustainable practices, and advocates for policies that ensure the protection of natural resources. By integrating environmental considerations into its programs, SDWA contributes to long-term community resilience.

Educational Empowerment and Skill Development: SDWA recognizes the importance of education in empowering individuals and communities. The organization invests in formal and non-formal education initiatives, ensuring access to quality education for disadvantaged populations, especially girls. The SYL Vocational Skill Training Center plays a pivotal role in equipping young girls with life skills such as computer literacy, tailoring, beauty, and salon services, fostering economic independence and self-sufficiency.

Research, Advocacy, and Capacity Building: SDWA is committed to conducting research, providing analyses, and performing situational and food security assessments in Somalia. The

organization advocates for human rights, peace, development, and legal reforms. Through capacity-building programs, SDWA strengthens the skills and knowledge of individuals and local organizations, empowering them to lead their respective development and livelihood improvement initiatives.

Fundamental Researches

Somali Danish Women in Action (SDWA) actively collaborates with Sombridge University, located in Mogadishu, on fundamental research initiatives focused on health and various social aspects. Our partnership is rooted in a shared commitment to advancing knowledge, informing evidence-based interventions, and addressing critical issues within the community. The fundamental research conducted by **SDWA and Sombridge University spans multiple domains:**

- a. **Health Research:** SDWA and Sombridge University engage in collaborative health research projects aimed at understanding prevalent health challenges within the community. This includes research on diseases, health disparities, and the effectiveness of health interventions. Through rigorous data collection and analysis, our joint efforts contribute valuable insights to inform healthcare policies and practices.
- b. **Social Aspects Research:** Our collaborative research extends beyond health to encompass various social aspects impacting the community. This includes studies on gender dynamics, socio-economic factors, cultural influences, and community perceptions. By delving into these social aspects, SDWA and Sombridge University strive to address the root causes of issues and develop context-specific solutions.
- c. **Community Engagement and Participation:** SDWA and Sombridge University prioritize community engagement throughout the research process. We employ participatory research methodologies that involve community members in the design, implementation, and interpretation of research findings. This ensures that the research outcomes are not only scientifically robust but also reflective of the community's perspectives and needs

Collaboration and Networking: SDWA recognizes the importance of collaboration and partnerships. The organization actively seeks to collaborate with local and international entities, fostering strategic partnerships to amplify its impact. By engaging with governmental bodies, NGOs, and the private sector, SDWA aims to create a network of support for sustainable development in Somalia.

In summary, SDWA's solution is grounded in a comprehensive and integrated approach that addresses immediate needs while laying the foundation for long-term development. By combining relief aid, gender equality promotion, peace building, environmental protection, educational empowerment, and collaborative efforts, SDWA endeavors to create positive and lasting change in the lives of women and youth in Somalia.

4. Impact and Success Stories

1. Relief Aid and Humanitarian Impact

SDWA's rapid response during humanitarian crises has consistently provided crucial relief aid to vulnerable populations. In times of droughts, floods, and conflicts, our interventions have ensured access to food, clean water, shelter, and healthcare for affected communities. The impact is measured by improved well-being, reduced mortality rates, and strengthened resilience among those facing emergencies.

2. Gender Equality and Women Empowerment

SDWA's initiatives promoting gender equality have resulted in tangible improvements in the lives of women. Success is measured through increased awareness, advocacy for women's rights, and a decline in harmful practices such as early marriage and FGM. The active participation of women in decision-making processes is a testament to the transformative impact on gender dynamics.

3. Peace building and Conflict Resolution

SDWA's peace building efforts have contributed to creating stable and secure environments. Communities experiencing reduced conflict report improved social cohesion, economic activities, and overall well-being. Success is evident in the decreased frequency of conflicts and the active involvement of community members in dialogue and negotiation processes.

4. Environmental Protection and Awareness

The organization's environmental awareness campaigns have led to behavioral changes within communities. Success is observed in the adoption of sustainable practices, increased community engagement in conservation efforts, and the development of local policies supporting environmental protection. SDWA's holistic approach recognizes the vital link between a healthy environment and community resilience.

5. Educational Empowerment and Skill Development

SDWA's commitment to education is reflected in the success stories of girls and young women who have benefitted from the SYL Vocational Skill Training Center. Graduates showcase enhanced life skills, computer literacy, and economic independence. The success is measured by improved educational opportunities, increased enrollment, and the positive socio-economic impact on individuals and their communities.

6. Research, Advocacy, and Capacity Building

The impact of SDWA's research and advocacy efforts is evident in informed policy changes and strengthened local organizations. Success stories include the implementation of legal reforms, improved human rights practices, and the increased capacity of local entities to lead their development initiatives. The organization's commitment to knowledge-sharing and capacity building fosters a culture of empowerment and self-determination.

Success Stories

1. Empowering Women Entrepreneurs:

SDWA's economic empowerment programs have supported women in establishing businesses. Success stories include women entrepreneurs who, with training and support, have initiated successful ventures in various sectors, contributing to their financial independence and the overall economic development of their communities.

2. Transformative Impact of SYL Vocational Skill Training Center:

The SYL Vocational Skill Training Center has witnessed numerous success stories of young girls who, upon completing the training, have secured gainful employment or started their businesses. These success stories highlight the transformative impact of skill development in enhancing livelihoods and fostering economic self-sufficiency.

3. Advocacy for Legal Reforms

SDWA's advocacy initiatives have played a pivotal role in influencing legal reforms that promote human rights and gender equality. Success stories include legislative changes addressing discriminatory practices and ensuring the protection of vulnerable populations, particularly women and girls.

4. Community-led Environmental Conservation

Communities engaged through SDWA's environmental protection programs have successfully implemented local conservation initiatives. Success stories feature communities actively participating in tree planting, waste management, and sustainable resource use, resulting in improved environmental conditions and enhanced community resilience.

5. Educational Success

SDWA's educational empowerment programs have yielded success stories of girls overcoming barriers to education. These stories showcase increased enrollment, reduced gender disparities, and improved academic achievements, illustrating the organization's impact on transforming educational opportunities for young girls in Somalia.

6. Strengthening Local Organizations

SDWA's commitment to capacity building has empowered local organizations to lead their development projects. Success stories highlight the increased effectiveness of these organizations in addressing community needs, fostering self-reliance, and creating sustainable change from within.

In conclusion, SDWA's impact is measured not only in quantitative achievements but also in the transformative stories of individuals and communities. These success stories underscore the organization's commitment to creating lasting positive change in the lives of women and youth in Somalia.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN

This table provides a clear overview of SDWA's strategic plan, including the strategic areas, corresponding objectives, and key initiatives for each area.

#	Strategic Area	Objectives	Key Initiatives
1	Gender Equality and Women Empowerment	Promote gender equality and empower women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct awareness campaigns on women's rights and gender equality - Provide training programs.
2	Humanitarian Aid and Relief Efforts	Ensure timely and effective response to crises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthen rapid response capacity. - Establish partnerships for coordinated relief efforts.
3	Peace building and Conflict Resolution	Contribute to peace building efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitate community-led peace building initiatives. - Engage in dialogue and negotiations.
4	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Advocate for environmental protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct awareness campaigns on conservation. - Implement sustainable resource projects.
5	Educational Empowerment and Skill Development	Enhance educational opportunities and skills development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expand the reach of vocational training centers. - Implement programs promoting education.
6	Research, Advocacy, and Capacity Building	Conduct research and capacity-building initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct research on issues affecting women and youth. - Advocate for policy changes.
7	Monitoring and Evaluation	Assess progress and impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implement key performance indicators and assessments. - Use feedback mechanisms for improvement.

6. TEAM

6.1. Board of Directors:

1. Hawa Abdirashid (Chairperson): A humanitarian pioneer with extensive experience in community development and gender equality initiatives.
2. Farhiya Dahir (Vice Chair): Accomplished advocate for women's rights and social justice, bringing a wealth of experience in grassroots activism.
3. Kaltum Adan (Treasurer): Financial expert committed to ensuring transparency and accountability in SDWA's financial management.
4. Ahmed Farah (Secretary): Dedicated to educational empowerment, contributing insights into SDWA's programs promoting formal and non-formal education.
5. Abdullahi Hassan (Director, Peace building): Expertise in conflict resolution and peace building, actively engaged in fostering dialogue within communities.

6. Naima Yusuf (Director, Environmental Advocacy): Environmentalist championing sustainable practices, leading initiatives to address environmental challenges.

6.2. Executive Management

1. Lul Mohamed Abdi (Executive Director): Experienced leader overseeing the strategic vision and day-to-day operations of SDWA.
2. Ahmed Ibrahim (Programs Manager): Expert in program development and implementation, ensuring the effective delivery of SDWA's initiatives.
3. Samira Abdi (Advocacy and Research Coordinator): Research specialist driving SDWA's advocacy efforts based on evidence and data-driven insights.
4. Omar Ahmed (Humanitarian Response Coordinator): Specializing in humanitarian aid, orchestrating timely and effective responses during crises.
5. Fadumo Hussein (Education and Skill Development Manager): Leading initiatives to enhance educational opportunities and skill development for women and youth.
6. Fatima Abdirahman (Monitoring and Evaluation Officer): Responsible for implementing robust monitoring and evaluation processes to assess SDWA's impact.

6.3. Field Operations

1. Regional Coordinators (Puntland, Jubaland, Galmudug, Hir-shabeele, Banaadir): Local experts overseeing the implementation of SDWA's programs in specific regions.
2. Community Mobilizers: Engaged in grassroots outreach, building connections, and ensuring community involvement in SDWA's initiatives.

6.4. Support Staff

1. Finance and Administration Officers: Ensuring efficient financial management, administrative support, and compliance with regulatory requirements.
2. Communication and Outreach Officers: Responsible for promoting SDWA's mission, communicating with stakeholders, and managing public relations.
3. Training Facilitators: Skilled individuals delivering training programs, workshops, and capacity-building sessions.

6.5. Volunteers

1. SDWA is supported by a network of dedicated volunteers contributing their time and expertise to various projects and initiatives.
2. This diverse and skilled team is committed to advancing SDWA's mission and creating positive change for women, youth, and communities in Somalia.

7. PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

7.1. Local Partnerships

1. Local NGOs in Somalia: Collaborating with established local NGOs in Puntland, Jubaland, Galmudug, Hir-shabeele, and Banaadir to ensure community engagement and cultural sensitivity.

2. **Healthcare Facilities:** Partnering with hospitals and clinics in targeted regions to enhance access to healthcare services for women and youth.
3. **Educational Institutions:** Establishing partnerships with schools and vocational training centers to expand educational opportunities and skill development.
4. **Community Leaders and Elders:** Engaging with community leaders and elders to ensure SDWA's initiatives align with local customs and gain community support.

International Collaborations

1. **United Nations Agencies:** Building partnerships with UN agencies to leverage their expertise and resources for humanitarian and developmental projects.
2. **International women led organizations:** Collaborating with The Girl Generation's End FGM Grassroots Fund to address FGM in Somalia through education, advocacy, and community dialogue.
3. **Danish Women Council:** Exploring collaboration opportunities to support SDWA's feminist and women-led initiatives in Somalia.
4. **European Fellowship Centers:** Partnering with Nordic University in Denmark for joint research projects and initiatives related to health and social aspects.

Government Partnerships

1. **Federal Government of Somalia:** In the process of registering with the Federal Government of Somalia as an international NGO to collaborate on national development goals.

Funding Collaborations

1. **Grants International NGOs:** Exploring opportunities for funding to implement projects addressing FGM and promoting women's rights.
2. **Potential Collaboration with UN Women and Danish Women led organizations:** Seeking financial support for capacity-building projects and initiatives focused on ending violence against women and girls.
3. **Corporate Partnerships:** Exploring collaborations with corporate entities that align with SDWA's mission for sustainable and impactful development projects.

Academic Collaborations

1. **Research Institutions:** Collaborating with research institutions for data-driven insights and evidence-based approaches in program development.
2. **International Universities:** Exploring partnerships with international universities for knowledge exchange and joint initiatives.

SDWA values collaboration as a key driver for achieving sustainable impact. Through these partnerships, the organization aims to create a network of support, expertise, and resources to address the complex challenges faced by women, youth, and communities in Somalia.

8. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

8.1. Revenue Sources

- a) **Grants and Donor Funding:** Securing grants from international organizations, consortia, and donor agencies to fund specific projects and initiatives.
- b) **Individual and Corporate Donations:** Soliciting donations from individuals and corporate entities who share SDWA's commitment to gender equality, humanitarian aid, and community development.
- c) **Partnership Contributions:** Receiving financial contributions from local and international partners as part of collaborative projects and programs.
- d) **Fundraising Events:** Organizing fundraising events, campaigns, and activities to generate additional financial support from the community and beyond.

8.2 Budget Allocation

- a) **Program Implementation:** The majority of the budget is allocated to implementing SDWA's core programs, including gender equality, humanitarian aid, peace building, environmental protection, education, and skill development.
- b) **Operational Costs:** Covering essential operational expenses, including staff salaries, office rent, utilities, and administrative costs to ensure effective day-to-day functioning.
- c) **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Allocating funds for robust monitoring and evaluation processes to assess program impact, measure outcomes, and adapt strategies for continuous improvement.
- d) **Capacity Building:** Investing in the training and development of SDWA staff, volunteers, and local partners to enhance organizational capacity and program effectiveness.
- e) **Community Engagement:** Allocating resources for community outreach, awareness campaigns, and engagement activities to ensure active participation and ownership of SDWA initiatives.

8.3 Financial Management

- a) **Transparency and Accountability:** Implementing transparent financial practices to build trust with donors and stakeholders, including regular financial reporting and audits.
- b) **Strategic Financial Planning:** Developing strategic financial plans that align with SDWA's mission, ensuring sustainable growth and impact.
- c) **Diversification of Funding Sources:** Actively seeking diverse funding sources to reduce dependency on specific donors and enhance financial stability.
- d) **Cost-Efficiency Measures:** Implementing cost-efficiency measures to maximize the impact of financial resources on program outcomes.

8.4 Future Financial Goals

- a) **Financial Sustainability:** Working towards achieving financial sustainability to ensure the long-term impact and continuity of SDWA's programs.
- b) **Resource Mobilization:** Expanding efforts to mobilize resources from various channels, including increased individual and corporate donations, and diversified grant sources.

- c) **Endowment Fund:** Establishing an endowment fund to provide a stable financial base for ongoing and future projects.
- d) **Strategic Partnerships:** Strengthening existing partnerships and establishing new collaborations to access additional funding opportunities and shared resources.

This financial overview provides insights into SDWA's revenue sources, budget allocation, financial management practices, and future goals, emphasizing transparency, accountability, and strategic planning to achieve sustainable impact.

9. FUNDING AND SUPPORT NEEDS

SDWA outlines specific funding needs for current and future programs, inviting donors and sponsors to contribute. The organization presents opportunities for financial support to advance its mission and initiatives.

9.1 Priority Areas for Funding

- a) **Program Expansion:** SDWA aims to expand its core programs in gender equality, humanitarian aid, peace building, and environmental protection to reach more communities in Somalia.
- b) **Educational Initiatives:** Funding is crucial for expanding educational programs, including scholarships, vocational training, and awareness campaigns to empower women and youth.
- c) **Healthcare Access:** Support is needed to enhance healthcare services, including maternal and child health programs, access to quality healthcare, and awareness campaigns on health-related issues.
- d) **Capacity Building:** Funding is essential for ongoing capacity-building initiatives for SDWA staff, local partners, and community members to strengthen organizational effectiveness.
- e) **Infrastructure Development:** Investments in infrastructure projects, such as water and sanitation facilities, are vital for improving living conditions in targeted regions.
- f) Specific Project Funding:
- g) **FGM Eradication Project:** SDWA seeks funding to implement projects focused on eradicating Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) through community education, advocacy, and support for survivors.
- h) **Climate Change Resilience:** Funding support is needed for climate change initiatives, including sustainable and renewable energy projects, to address environmental challenges and promote resilience.
- i) **Livelihood Enhancement:** SDWA requires funding to implement projects aimed at improving livelihoods, supporting entrepreneurship, and creating sustainable income-generating opportunities.
- j) **Research and Data Collection:** Support for research projects and data collection efforts to better understand community needs, measure program impact, and inform evidence-based decision-making.
- k) Infrastructure Support:

- l) **Office Infrastructure:** Funding is needed for office rent, utilities, and technology infrastructure to ensure smooth day-to-day operations and efficient program implementation.
- m) **Community Centers:** Establishing community centers for education, skill development, and community engagement, requiring funding for construction and operational costs.
- n) Support Needs:
- o) **Technical Expertise:** Collaborations with experts in gender equality, environmental sustainability, and healthcare to enhance the quality and impact of SDWA's programs.
- p) **Advocacy Support:** Assistance in advocacy efforts to raise awareness about gender-based violence, climate change, and the importance of women's empowerment.
- q) **Networking Opportunities:** Access to networks, forums, and platforms that facilitate partnerships, knowledge exchange, and collaboration with like-minded organizations.
- r) **Media and Communication:** Support for media campaigns and communication strategies to amplify SDWA's messages, engage communities, and attract potential donors.

10. CALL TO ACTION

10.1 Join Hands for Change

Somali Danish Women in Action (SDWA) extends a heartfelt call to action, inviting individuals, organizations, and partners to join hands in making a positive impact in Somalia and any funding and support will contribute to building resilient communities, empowering women and youth, and fostering sustainable development.

Somali Danish Women in Action believes that together, we can create meaningful change and uplift communities facing significant challenges.

10.2 Ways to Get Involved

- a) **Financial Support:** Your financial contributions can directly fund our initiatives in gender equality, humanitarian aid, education, and healthcare. Every donation, big or small, makes a difference.
- b) **Partnerships:** SDWA welcomes collaboration with organizations, NGOs, and institutions that share our commitment to empowering women, youth, and marginalized communities. Let's combine our strengths for greater impact.
- c) **Technical Expertise:** If you possess expertise in areas such as gender equality, healthcare, environmental sustainability, or education, consider offering your knowledge to enhance the effectiveness of our programs.
- d) **Advocacy and Awareness:** Help us amplify our messages by participating in advocacy efforts, spreading awareness about gender-based violence, climate change, and the importance of women's empowerment.

10.3 Connect with SDWA

To discuss potential collaborations, explore partnership opportunities, or inquire about how you can contribute, please reach out to **Ms. Hawa Abdirashid Farah** at hawafarah@somwomen.org. Your support and involvement can play a crucial role in transforming lives and building a more resilient, equitable Somalia.

10.4 Be a Catalyst for Change:

By answering this call to action, you become a catalyst for positive change in Somalia. Together, we can break the cycle of poverty, promote sustainable development, and create a future where every individual, especially women and youth, can thrive.

Thank you for considering our call to action. Your commitment and support will contribute to building a brighter, more inclusive future for communities in need.