



# AMARD 2024

**Highlighting Core Achievements that transformed Vulnerable Communities Through Multi-Sector Programming.**

# Introduction



In 2024, AMARD implemented a comprehensive portfolio of humanitarian and development projects across three main thematic clusters: Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH); Protection (focusing on Gender-Based Violence and Child Protection); and Shelter/Non-Food Items (NFIs). These interventions were designed to meet the urgent needs of vulnerable populations especially displaced communities, women, and children—in various regions. Below is a brief overview of the reach and scope of these efforts:

**WASH:** In Wajid District, AMARD improved access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene services for 18,600 individuals.

#### **Protection (GBV & Child Protection):**

- Served 13,700 individuals with GBV and CP interventions.
- Reached 13,000 individuals in Baidoa and Xudur through GBV response and mitigation.
- Offered emergency protection services to 13,000 individuals in flood affected areas.
- Operated Women and Girls Safe Spaces and One-Stop Centers for 12,000 individuals in Flood affected areas

**Shelter/NFIs:** In Baidoa, AMARD supported 2,700 displaced households (approximately 16,200 individuals) affected by El Niño, providing essential non-food items and temporary shelter materials.

## 81,600

Total number of people we reached in 2024

## 18,600

Total number of people reached with WASH service in 2024

## 51,700

Total number of people reached in protection & GBV in 2024

## 11,300

Total number of people reached through Shelter and NFI's 2024

# Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)



In 2024, AMARD undertook a comprehensive WASH intervention in Wajid District, Bakool Region, targeting **18,600 rural** and displaced individuals. With the aim being to improve both immediate and long-term access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene services. To address urgent needs, **1,000 hygiene kits** containing soap, aqua tabs, jerry cans, buckets, and sanitary pads were distributed, ensuring families had essential items to maintain hygiene. Alongside these kits, sanitation tool kits—featuring wheelbarrows, shovels, pickaxes, brooms, and rakes—were provided to bolster community-led clean-up and waste management efforts across three targeted sites.

This initiative was further strengthened by hygiene promotion training for 20 community members, who continue to lead ongoing awareness campaigns on best practices for handwashing, water handling, and environmental sanitation.

To mitigate acute water shortages, AMARD organized water trucking and a voucher system over three months, supplemented by the installation of water bladders in strategic locations. Two communal shallow wells were rehabilitated to ensure a more sustainable water source, reducing the long-term reliance on trucking. Additionally, **70 latrines (55 standard and 15 adapted for people with disabilities)** were constructed to significantly reduce open defecation and enhance overall sanitation.



The impact of these efforts has been noteworthy. Household-level distribution of hygiene supplies, coupled with regular clean-up campaigns, has decreased the incidence of waterborne illnesses. Moreover, the training of local hygiene promoters has fostered ongoing community awareness, embedding safe practices and solid waste management into daily life. Finally, the newly built latrines—including those adapted for persons with disabilities—have not only improved sanitation but have also enhanced the dignity and safety of vulnerable groups, particularly women and girls.

# Protection (GBV and Child Protection)



AMARD's protection initiatives in 2024 centered on safeguarding the rights and well-being of women, girls, and children, particularly in conflict-affected and disaster-prone communities. These combined efforts, spanned Baidoa (urban and rural), Xudur, and other flood-affected areas, reaching a cumulative total of **51,700 individuals**.

The objective of these efforts was to improve and strengthen protection services for children and women by creating safe service delivery points, providing medical and psychosocial support, offering economic assistance, and ensuring timely referrals and specialized case management for survivors of GBV and other protection concerns. Some of the key consolidated protection activities included

## **Unconditional Cash/Voucher Assistance & Specialized Case Management**

- Provided over 1,500 GBV survivors with financial support to meet urgent needs.
- Offered comprehensive, survivor-centered case management to GBV survivors and vulnerable children, ensuring confidentiality, dignity, and seamless referrals to medical, legal, and psychosocial services.

## **Safe Spaces & One-Stop Centers**

- Operated Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS), Women and Girls-Friendly Spaces (WGFS), and integrated protection desks to increase access to protective services.
- Established Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS) and One-Stop Centers (OSC) in Baidoa and Xudur, offering a secure environment where survivors can receive medical care, legal aid, and psychosocial support under one roof.

## **Distribution of Protection Materials**

- Procured and distributed dignity kits, Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) kits, and other essential supplies to ensure safety and well-being, particularly for women, girls, and children at risk.

## **Psychosocial Support (PSS) & Family Tracing/Reunification**

- Conducted individual and group counseling sessions for children, adolescents, and GBV survivors to address trauma and foster resilience.
- Reunited Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) with their families, providing interim care through cash-based assistance to support stable reintegration.

## Awareness and Prevention Campaigns

- Delivered critical messaging on Explosive Ordinance Risk Education (EORE), Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), and Forced/Early Marriage to enhance community awareness and reduce vulnerabilities.

## Mobile Protection Teams

- Deployed rapid-response teams to flood-affected and hard-to-reach areas, identifying protection risks, offering immediate assistance, and linking survivors to specialized referral pathways.



# Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFIs)

Recognizing the acute needs of those displaced by El Niño-induced emergencies, AMARD implemented a targeted shelter and NFI distribution project to safeguard the most vulnerable families in Baidoa. In line with our objectives to save lives and mitigate the risk of harm for households affected by climatic shocks through the provision of emergency non-food item (NFI) kits and plastic sheeting, we conducted the below activities

- **Emergency NFI Distribution:** Provided 1,890 households (approximately 11,300 individuals) with essential relief items—such as blankets, kitchen sets, and plastic sheets—to enhance their safety and well-being.
- **Needs Assessment and Coordination:** Collaborated with local authorities, community leaders, and humanitarian partners to identify the most affected settlements in Baidoa, ensuring a needs-driven and coordinated response.
- **Monitoring and Post-Distribution Support:** Maintained regular follow-ups with beneficiaries to ensure proper use of materials and to gather feedback for continuous improvement.

We reached **2,700 displaced households** (approximately 16,200 individuals) in Baidoa, South West State, Somalia significantly reducing exposure to harsh weather conditions while improving living conditions in IDP camps, while fostering greater security and privacy—particularly for women and children—and preventing secondary displacement, thus contributing to broader stabilization efforts in the region.





AMARD, under its umbrella of Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), is managing Catchment 10 in Baidoa, which comprises 2,541 households and 10,453 individuals under the Area-Based Coordination (ABA) and sites in Ceelberde IDPs. Our focus is on enhancing service delivery and community support through several key activities. We have been actively engaged with various service providers within the catchment to ensure comprehensive service delivery and foster partnerships that improve access to essential services for the community.

**To maintain the quality of these services, we conduct monthly site monitoring to assess their effectiveness and implement service mapping to identify gaps and optimize resource allocation. Additionally, we organize regular catchment-level coordination meetings to discuss community needs and the services provided, concentrating on strategies to enhance service delivery and address community concerns, including the provision of early warning messages.**



## Education

In 2024, AMARD reached a total of 9,340 learners affected by drought and displacement through various services, including the provision of teaching and learning materials, classroom renovations, latrines renovations, water tracking, child-friendly spaces, referrals for livelihoods, and support for children's mental and physical health. Additionally, we offered incentives to 134 teachers in the Baidoa and Waajid Districts.



## Our Partners

All this work has been made possible by the dedication and support of our invaluable partners, including local authorities, humanitarian organizations, and donors who have collaborated with us to ensure successful implementation of these life saving interventions across Somalia.



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