



Agency for Minority Rights & Development



AMARD

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Dear Partners, Colleagues, and Supporters,


from the Executive Director

The humanitarian landscape in Somalia during 2025 continued to be shaped by a combination of climate shocks, economic pressures, and protracted displacement. Communities across several regions experienced recurring drought conditions, loss of livelihoods, and limited access to essential services such as water, health care, and education. For minority and marginalized groups, these challenges are often intensified by social exclusion and barriers to accessing humanitarian support.

In this context, the Agency for Minority Rights and Development (AMARD) remained committed to ensuring that vulnerable populations receive the assistance and protection they deserve. Throughout the year, our teams worked closely with communities and partners to implement programs aimed at addressing urgent humanitarian needs while strengthening local resilience.

Our interventions focused on delivering integrated services across several sectors including water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), protection, food security, education, and cash assistance. By combining these services, AMARD was able to support communities not only in meeting their immediate needs but also in improving their capacity to cope with future shocks.

The progress documented in this report reflects the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and community partners who continue to operate in challenging environments to reach those most in need. It also reflects the trust and support of our donors and partners who share our commitment to promoting dignity, inclusion, and sustainable development.

As we look toward the future, AMARD will continue expanding its programs, strengthening community engagement, and advocating for the rights and inclusion of minority populations across Somalia.

On behalf of AMARD, I extend sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to the achievements highlighted in this report.

Sincerely,

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About AMARD

The Agency for Minority Rights and Development (AMARD) is a Somali national non - governmental organization dedicated to promoting the rights, dignity, and development of minority and marginalized communities across Somalia.

AMARD was established with the recognition that many communities in Somalia face systemic challenges related to poverty, social exclusion, conflict, and environmental shocks. These challenges often limit access to essential services and economic opportunities, particularly for minority groups, internally displaced persons (IDPs), women, and children.

The organization works at the intersection of humanitarian response and community development, focusing on programs that provide life-saving assistance while also supporting long-term resilience and recovery.



AMARD adopts a community-centered approach, ensuring that affected populations are actively involved in identifying priorities, designing interventions, and monitoring program implementation. This participatory approach strengthens accountability and ensures that programs respond to the real needs of communities.

Over the years, AMARD has expanded its presence across several regions of Somalia, implementing programs that address critical needs in water access, protection services, food security, livelihoods, and education.



Our Vision

AMARD's mission is to empower vulnerable communities through humanitarian assistance, advocacy, and sustainable development initiatives that promote inclusion, resilience, and social justice.

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Our Mission

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AMARD CORE VALUES

Equity and Inclusion

AMARD prioritizes communities that face discrimination or exclusion and works to ensure equitable access to services and opportunities.



Community Participation

Community engagement is central to AMARD's approach. Programs are designed and implemented with active input from community members.

Human Dignity

The organization respects the inherent dignity of all individuals and strives to deliver assistance in ways that empower rather than create dependency.



Accountability

AMARD is committed to transparency and accountability to donors, partners, and the communities it serves.

Geographical Areas of Operation

AMARD operates across multiple federal member states of Somalia, focusing particularly on areas affected by humanitarian crises, displacement, and limited access to services.

South West State

South West State remains one of the primary areas of operation for AMARD. The organization implements humanitarian and development programs in districts including **Baidoa, Dinsor, Qansaxdhere, Wajid, Xudur, Elbarde, Afgoye, and Marka**. These areas have experienced recurring drought conditions, food insecurity, and significant displacement.

Jubaland State

In Jubaland, AMARD supports communities in **Luuq, Bardheere, and Belet Hawa**. Programs focus on improving livelihoods, supporting food security, and strengthening protection services for displaced populations.

Hirshabelle State

AMARD's work in Hirshabelle includes interventions in **Beletweyne, Jowhar, and Balcad** where communities face recurrent flooding, conflict-related displacement, and limited access to essential services.

Puntland State

In Puntland, AMARD operates in **Bosaso and Galkacyo**, supporting vulnerable communities through protection programs and humanitarian assistance.

Galmudug State

Programs in **Dhusamareeb and Abudwak** focus on strengthening community resilience and providing humanitarian support to displaced and drought-affected populations.

Strategic Program Areas

AMARD implements integrated humanitarian programs designed to address multiple needs simultaneously. The organization's strategic focus includes:

- *Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)*
- *Protection (GBV and Child Protection)*
- *Food Security and Livelihoods*
- *Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH)*
- *Education in Emergencies*
- *Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA)*
- *Community Resilience and Recovery*

Program Achievements in 2025

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Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Water Supply • Latrine Construction • Hygiene Promotion • Hygiene Kits Distribution 30,000 Individuals Reached	Protection (GBV & Child Protection) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GBV Case Management • Child Protection Activities • Dignity Kits Distribution 14,700 Individuals Reached
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Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Access to safe water and sanitation services remains a major challenge in many regions of Somalia, particularly in areas affected by drought and displacement. Limited water infrastructure often forces communities to rely on unsafe water sources, increasing the risk of waterborne diseases.

In 2025, AMARD implemented WASH interventions aimed at improving water access and promoting safe hygiene practices among vulnerable communities.

The organization supported communities through water supply initiatives, the construction of sanitation facilities, and hygiene promotion campaigns. Community members were also trained on safe water handling and sanitation practices to reduce health risks.

Key Achievements

- Provision of safe water to drought-affected communities
- Construction of emergency and household latrines
- Community hygiene promotion campaigns
- Distribution of hygiene kits to vulnerable households

Total Beneficiaries Reached: 30,000 individuals



Protection (GBV and Child Protection)

Protection challenges remain significant in humanitarian settings where displacement, poverty, and social instability increase the vulnerability of women and children.

AMARD implemented integrated protection programs focused on supporting survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and strengthening child protection mechanisms in communities.

These programs included psychosocial support services, case management, referral systems, and community awareness campaigns aimed at preventing violence and protecting children.

Key Achievements

- Case management and psychosocial support for GBV survivors
- Awareness sessions on GBV prevention
- Child protection activities and referrals
- Distribution of dignity kits to vulnerable women and girls

Total Beneficiaries Reached: 14,700 individuals





Food Security and Livelihoods

Food insecurity remains one of the most pressing humanitarian concerns in Somalia. Recurrent droughts, conflict, and economic instability have significantly affected agricultural production and income opportunities.

To address these challenges, AMARD implemented programs aimed at supporting food security and restoring livelihoods for vulnerable households.

Cash-for-work initiatives were introduced to provide short-term income opportunities while supporting community infrastructure rehabilitation.

Key Achievements

- Conditional cash transfers for vulnerable households
- Cash-for-work programs supporting community projects
- Assistance to drought-affected families to meet basic food needs

Total Beneficiaries Reached:
5,670 individuals (945 households)



GBV & Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH)

AMARD continued to strengthen services addressing the health and protection needs of women and girls.

Through community-based interventions, the organization promoted awareness of reproductive health services while providing psychosocial support and referral services for survivors of gender-based violence.

Community dialogues and awareness sessions were also conducted to address harmful practices and strengthen community support systems for women and girls.

Key Achievements

- Psychosocial counseling services
- SRH awareness sessions in communities
- Referral support to health facilities
- Community campaigns promoting protection and gender equality

Total Beneficiaries Reached:
12,750 individuals



Education in Emergencies

Education is critical in humanitarian contexts, providing children with stability, protection, and opportunities for development.

In displacement settings where access to formal education is limited, AMARD supported emergency education initiatives to ensure that children continue learning.

Temporary learning spaces were established and educational materials were provided to support teaching and learning activities.

Key Achievements

- Establishment of temporary learning spaces
- Provision of school supplies and learning materials
- Community engagement to promote school attendance
- Support for teachers and facilitators

Total Beneficiaries Reached:
1,850 children



Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA)

Multi-purpose cash assistance allows vulnerable households to prioritize their own needs and make decisions about how best to use financial support.

In 2025, AMARD provided unconditional cash transfers to vulnerable families affected by displacement and economic hardship.

The assistance helped households access food, healthcare, shelter materials, and other essential services.

Key Achievements

- Cash transfers delivered to vulnerable households
- Strengthened household purchasing power
- Improved access to essential goods and services

Total Beneficiaries Reached:
9,000 individuals

Cross-Cutting Approaches

Across all programs, AMARD integrates several cross-cutting principles that strengthen the quality and impact of humanitarian interventions.



Protection Mainstreaming

Ensuring that programs promote safety, dignity, and access for all individuals, particularly vulnerable populations.



Gender Equality

Promoting participation and leadership opportunities for women and girls in community initiatives.



Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP)

Establishing feedback mechanisms that allow communities to provide input and raise concerns about program activities.



Inclusion of Minority Communities

Prioritizing assistance to groups that face discrimination or social exclusion.

Partnerships and Collaboration

Partnerships play a crucial role in enabling AMARD to reach vulnerable communities effectively.

The organization collaborates with:



Challenges in 2025

While AMARD achieved significant progress during the year, several challenges affected humanitarian operations.

These included:

- *Prolonged drought conditions affecting livelihoods*
- *Increased displacement due to conflict and climate shocks*
- *Limited funding relative to the scale of humanitarian needs*
- *Access constraints in certain areas due to security concerns*

Despite these challenges, AMARD remained committed to maintaining program continuity and adapting interventions to ensure assistance reached vulnerable communities.

Looking Ahead to 2026

In 2026, AMARD aims to further strengthen its impact through expanded humanitarian and resilience-building programs.

These included:

- *Scaling up climate resilience and drought response programs*
- *Strengthening livelihoods and economic recovery initiatives*
- *Expanding protection services for women and children*
- *Increasing access to safe water and sanitation*
- *Enhancing partnerships and coordination with humanitarian actors*

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Hotline Information

AMARD is committed to ensuring that communities can reach us quickly and reliably. Our hotline provides direct access for urgent inquiries, reporting, and support.

Hotline Number: 2245

This service is available to:

- Beneficiaries seeking immediate assistance
- Partners requiring rapid coordination
- Community members reporting emergencies or protection concerns

By calling 2245, you will be connected to our trained staff who are ready to respond with compassion, professionalism, and timely guidance.



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