



The Impact of Multipurpose Cash on Foster Families in Somalia

A survey Report

Overview

- **Armed conflict and climate shocks affected the lives and livelihoods of children and their families in Somalia**
- **Droughts and insecurity led to massive displacement– 2.6 million people living in 2,000 displaced person camps across Somalia, many of them are Unaccompanied Separated Children (UASC)**
- **These boys and girls are at further risk of child trafficking, abuse and exploitation in camps and communities.**
- **Many of these children are fostered by their extended families and acquaintances until they are reunited with their parents.**



Overview

- **World Vision operating in Baidoa since 1993 and has implemented programming with GAC funding since 2015.**
- **A total of 50 (40 female , 10 males head of HH) foster families were registered for Multipurpose Cash transfer Assistance (MPCA).**
- **Duration: six months (Year:2021)**
- **Amount: 60 USD**
- **Modality: Multipurpose cash used to pay for school fees, food, water, shelter, medical service, and clothing for UASC**

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Demographics

- **Females 72% and Males 28%**
- **24% HH (26-30 yrs), 28% HH (31-35 yrs), 28% (36-45 yrs) and 2% between (56 - 60 yrs) . The average household size was 5 people**
- **88% have been registered with the local governments and 22% unregistered UASC**
- **76% of the respondents were related to the children they were taking care of while 24% were not related**
- **Six respondents mentioned that they have children living with disabilities (five girls, one boy). Disabilities include paralysis, hearing and visual impairments.**



Main Findings

Early Marriage

24% children under 18 years still got married after families receiving MPCA due to economic reasons and family preference

24%



52%

Children/Adults relationships

88% alluded that MPCA improved the relationship, 10% worsened

88%

Sustainability

52% of the respondents believe HHs and children may face new risks after cash transfer programs ends.

Child Labour

The number of under 18 working UASC reduced from 10% to 4% due to cash intervention

4%

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Coping Strategy Before and After Cash



