



IRE'S BULLETIN

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LIFESAVING SUPPORT

IRE Advances Lifesaving Multisectoral Support for Drought-Affected Communities in Somali Region

Islamic Relief Ethiopia (IRE) is recording strong field progress under the Multisectoral Intervention for Crises-Affected Communities in Liban (MIRACLE) project, delivering integrated humanitarian assistance to vulnerable populations in the Somali Region.

Operating in remote and climate-stressed areas, the project is improving access to essential services through coordinated interventions in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), food security and livelihoods, health, nutrition, and protection. [Read more](#)

IR Ethiopia Completes Torbayo Water Supply Scheme

West Hararghe, Ethiopia- Islamic Relief Ethiopia (IRE) has successfully completed the Torbayo water supply scheme in Miesso District, marking a significant step forward in improving access to safe and reliable water for domestic use, irrigation, and livestock under the Strengthening Community Resilience and Economic Empowerment Program (SHEEP). The system eases the long-standing burden of water scarcity, particularly for women and children, while supporting healthier households, stronger livelihoods, and greater climate resilience... [Read more](#)





IRE INAUGURATES HEALTH POST IN REMOTE VILLAGE



Islamic Relief Ethiopia (IRE) has officially inaugurated a newly constructed primary health post in Haqabaas village, Dobba Woreda, in the West Hararghe Zone of the Oromia Region. Equipped with solar power, the new facility is set to transform healthcare access for a remote community that has long struggled with a lack of basic medical services.

For years, residents of Haqabaas were forced to travel long distances to access medical care due to the village's remote location. Community members frequently reported that these journeys exposed the sick and vulnerable to significant hardship, often delaying critical treatment. [Read More](#)





Project Updates

IR CANADA-FUNDED OROMIA HEALTHCARE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT HAS EXPANDED TO DIGITALIZATION

The Oromia Healthcare Improvement Project is transforming the healthcare landscape across Ethiopia by changing paper-based systems into digitalized ones. Through our project, this project traded paper stacks for digital systems and outdated tools for world-class medical equipment by providing modern medical equipment and full-fledged ICT materials.



FINAL TOUCHES UNDERWAY TO DELIVER A HIGH SCHOOL IN HAYASOFTU, SOMALI REGION

Finishing works have already started as Islamic Relief Ethiopia nears completion of its high school construction project in the Liban Zone of the Somali Region. Funded by Islamic Relief Netherlands, the school is expected to welcome students in the next calendar year.



Sitation Update

ETHIOPIA HUMANITARIAN SITUATION REPORT JAN - FEB 2026

Ethiopia is facing a complex, multi-dimensional humanitarian emergency, driven by the intersection of recurrent drought, flooding, armed conflict, large-scale displacement, disease outbreaks, and severe economic instability, including persistent inflation. These compounding shocks have sharply exacerbated food and nutrition insecurity, with children among the most adversely affected. As conditions deteriorate, vulnerable populations are increasingly exposed to life-threatening levels of deprivation, undermining their health, well-being, and long-term development. According to the FEWS NET Food Security Outlook (February–September 2026) 1, the poor performance of the March– May 2025 Gu/Genna and the October–December 2025 Deyr/Hageya rains resulted in atypically severe shortages of pasture and water, particularly in Afder, Liban, Dawa, and Korah zones of Somali Region and Borena Zone of Oromia Region. [Read More](#)





Success story

The Story of

ALIYI MOHAMMED

A case from IR USA-funded Strengthening Community Resilience and Economic Empowerment Project (SHEEP)

For many years, Aliyi Mohammed Abdulle, a 51-year-old farmer and father of nine, faced constant uncertainty about how to provide for his family. Living in Huse Mandera kebele in drought-prone Mieso District, Aliyi depended on farming sorghum and maize as the main source of food and income. However, recurring drought, poor rainfall, and low-yield traditional crop varieties meant harvests were often too small to meet household needs. The local seeds also took a long time to mature, leaving families exposed when rains failed or ended early. Before receiving support, Aliyi's family lived with the fear of hunger each season. Supporting the education of his children was increasingly difficult, and like many farmers in the area, he had limited options to improve production. Farming was becoming more risky while climate shocks were becoming more frequent. Through the Strengthening Community Resilience and Economic Empowerment Program (SHEEP), funded by Islamic Relief USA and implemented by Islamic Relief Ethiopia, Aliyi became one of 1,000 farmers selected to receive support aimed at building resilience and improving agricultural productivity. He received 12.5 kg of improved Melkam sorghum seed, practical training,



Ongoing technical guidance from project staff and local agricultural experts. The improved seed brought immediate change. Unlike the traditional varieties, the Melkam sorghum is drought tolerant, matures in around four months, and is easier to manage. Using the knowledge gained through training, Aliyi planted the seed on 0.6 hectares of land and carefully managed the crop throughout the season. The results were remarkable. Even during a severe drought year, Aliyi harvested 15 quintals of sorghum – a harvest that significantly improved his family's food supply and income security. What was once a season of anxiety became a season of hope. His household now has greater stability.

And six of his children continue attending school without interruption. Today, Aliyi is looking beyond survival. He plans to continue cultivating the improved variety, diversify into higher-value crops, and share seed with neighbouring farmers so that other families can also benefit. This reflects a strong local tradition of farmers helping one another through seed exchange and community support. Aliyi's story shows how targeted agricultural support can transform lives. With the right seed, training, and partnership, one farmer moved from repeated hardship to renewed opportunity – creating lasting resilience not only for his family, but for his wider community.



Upcoming Events

SCHOOL PROJECT INAUGURATION

Islamic Relief Ethiopia in the coming quarter will inaugurate its high school construction project in the Somali region's Liban zone of Ethiopia with a vibrant ceremony

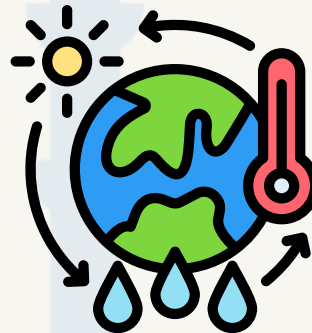


VISIT BY HIGH-LEVEL MEDIA DELEGATION FROM SWEDEN

IRE has been visited by journalists and high-level Islamic Relief Sweden delegates. to assess the impacts of Swedish government aid agency SIDA's fund cut for Islamic Relief, stay tuned in the next issue of the newsletter to see the exclusive report

HIGH-LEVEL CLIMATE WORKSHOP

Islamic Relief Ethiopia will host delegations across IRW headoffice and other Islamic Relief family members as it prepares to launch the Humanitarian Climate Vulnerability and Capacity Analysis toolkit. (H-CVCA)



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