



Candlelight For Environment, Education & Health



Annual REPORT 2 0 1 9

«Building Community Resilience & Impacting Humanity»

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Another year has ended, and Candlelight continues to grow to reach more target communities than ever before in the areas of environmental conversation, livelihood support, access to water, capacity building, environmental hygiene and sanitation, nutrition, gender and protection.

The intervention footprint of Candlelight can be felt in all of the six regions of Somaliland. The following pages of the report contain details of the various interventions including the deliverables as well as their immediate impacts.

We would not have achieved these successes without the support of our stakeholders: funding partners, the line ministries and their regional representatives, beneficiary communities and their representatives. With the ongoing support of our Board of Directors, staff and volunteers, Candlelight is ready for the challenges and achievements of 2020.

Finally, the tireless effort, dedication and commitment of our staff and volunteers has been instrumental in our achievements and is well appreciated.

Ahmed Ibrahim Awale
Chairman

A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On behalf of the entire Candlelight team, It's my pleasure to present to you this annual report for 2019.

The report highlights all of our achievements through the year across different thematic areas: Environment and Livelihood, Education, Health and Nutrition, Gender and Protection.

In a snapshot, we have been able to provide livelihood support to over 570 households, Health and nutrition support to over 10,000 people.

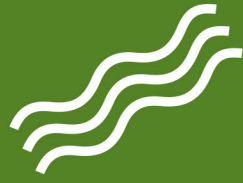
I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who supported us to reach these tremendous achievements: our tireless staff who devoted to work day-and-night, our partner agencies and their staff who also generously contributed and supported us to deliver these services and government institutions.

Finally, I want to appreciate the communities we have worked with. I look forward to stronger and mutually benefiting relations.

Thank you all for being part of this journey in 2019 as we aim at «Building Community Resilience & Impacting Humanity»

Abdirizaq Bashir Libah
Executive Director





WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

Candlelight's vision and mission to provide essential anchorage for its operations, and highlight internally and externally the desire to succeed. Success results from matching the vision and mission with the means to pursue them.

OUR VISION

Peaceful, Environmentally Conscious and Productive Society.



OUR MISSION

Building partnerships to improve quality of community lives through environmental conservation, equitable access to quality education, health and humanitarian services.

CORE VALUES

In delivering on its mission, Candlelight upholds the following institutional and ethical values;

- i. Integrity: Honesty
- ii. Equity and Fairness
- iii. Excellency
- iv. Collaboration and Team spirit.
- v. Respect for culture and community norms.





CANDLELIGHT NEW FOCUS (2019 – 2024)

In 2019, Candlelight finalized the development of a new strategic plan that will steer us through to 2024.

The implementation of this Strategic Plan will comply with the existing national policy frameworks of Vision 2030, SDGs and the Constitutions of Somaliland and Somalia.

In line with the Constitutions, Candlelight will innovatively orientate its grassroots approaches to rights based and demand driven concepts that have evidently empowered communities in managing their own development projects.

Effective coordination with also all pertinent stakeholders will be a prerequisite to the smooth implementation of this Strategic Plan.



Candlelight Strategic Plan 2024-2019

ENVIRONMENT AND LIVELIHOOD



Candlelight's environment and livelihood programme encompasses a range of innovative initiatives that help communities to build secure and resilient livelihoods that enable them to sustainably climb out of poverty and other recurring vulnerabilities.

In 2019, Candlelight provided seasonally appropriate and livelihood-specific inputs to increase the productive capacity of rural livelihoods. Also, to invest in the construction and/or restoration of household and community productive assets to build resilience to withstand future shocks and prevent further deterioration.

Sustainable Agriculture

Animal restocking

5140 shoats distributed, 600 local breed hens distributed, 5,200 HHs reached, 15 CAHWs trained

To restore livelihoods and ensure sustainability, 5140 shoats (goats and sheep) were distributed to pastoral households affected by droughts and cyclones in Awdal, Maroodjeex and Togdheer regions of Somaliland.

Each household received at least 10 heads of animals (goats and sheep).

In addition to that, 600 local breed hens were distributed to 60 women. A total of 15 Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs) were trained as well to ensure that the shoats distributed are healthy.

In Baki and Zeila districts, the distribution of animals was complemented by the “Cash plus” to support the care and maintenance of the restocked animals for an initial three months. This cash helped the families resist the urge to sell off the animals in search for food in the initial months.

According to the data collected through the Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM), the majority of the respondents (99.3%) replied in the affirmative that this restocking activity contributed to their livelihood recovery.



Success story: Enhancing Livelihood through Animal distribution (Restocking)

“The change that I feel now is that I began to feed my family properly and sell products from the livestock (like ghee, milk and meat). I can generate income and my livelihood status became better than before. We recovered from most shocks and disappointments that occurred to us during the hard times. We now live an esteemed pastoral life in the village.” said Jamila.



Jamila with her Shoats

Vaccination and treatment for livestock in collaboration with Ministry of Livestock



At the beginning of September 2019, Candlelight in collaboration with the Somaliland Ministry of Livestock rolled off 2 teams of veterinarians each comprising at least 3 technical people.

The veterinary teams treated 44,700 heads of camel and shoats in 13 villages across Sool and Sanaag regions.

Services provided include: Deworming, treatment of infectious diseases, wounds management and treatment and professional advice to the pastoralists.

Agricultural Input Support

Around 300 farming households received the following agricultural inputs: over 1610 Kgs of assorted seeds and 480 pieces of gardening tools.

Farmers were also trained in basic agricultural best practices namely basic Land preparation, seed selection and pest management. Farmers from three villages of Eel Midgaan, Dayaha and Illad Garood received 3 tillage hours each.

It is anticipated that the combination of all these interventions will scale up productivity of the farmers.



Training on Dry Climate Smart Agriculture Techniques

Access to water (Large water systems - Dams)

A hydrological survey was conducted in five villages in Maroodi jeex and Togdheer regions by Candlelight in collaboration with a qualified hydrologist from the Ministry of Water Resources.

This was done to understand the available underground and surface water structures and provide recommendations for surface water harvesting infrastructures, identification of Borehole drilling sites in selected villages and the cost estimates required per water point.

Three large water systems were constructed/ rehabilitated in which over 800 people gained access to water for domestic use, animals and crop irrigation



Human and Livestock Fetching Clean Water

ENVIRONMENT REHABILITATION

Tree Planting Campaigns

Supporting Plant Nurseries in Sheikh District.

Candlelight supported two community nurseries in Sheikh town and Suuqsade village.

After conducting an assessment, the two nurseries were both provided with the necessary tools such as watering cans, wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, plastic pots for seedlings, loads of sand and manure.

At least one person was recruited to maintain each nursery for a period of time.



Training on Agroforestry Management Practices

180 farmers in Sheikh were trained on agroforestry techniques and skills; advantages of agroforestry; sustainable land management; trees and global climate change; the greenhouse effect; wind breaks; agroforestry technology-living fence; agroforestry technology Alley crops ; trees and contour plantings.

Out of the 180 trainees, 53 (29%) were female.

while 127 (71%) were male. Furthermore, sisal seedlings beneficiaries were trained on practical aspects of how to plant sisal in their farms and its benefits

Tree Planting

About 15,309 fruit, fodder and shade tree seedlings such as Ziziphus Mauritiana (Gob), Luceana, Neem, Limon (Citrus), Papaya, Ruman and Dhamas, Papaya, Guava, Mango, Avocado and sour lemon were distributed and planted in Awdal, Sahil and other regions.

Likewise, a total of 19,500 sisal seedlings have been planted in Sahil region. 87.6% of the distributed fruit trees have been planted successfully.

The plantation success rate was observed to be higher in the irrigated farming beneficiaries due to the water.

Also, 300 ceramic energy saving stoves were distributed to vulnerable households to reduce charcoal use and save trees.



GIZ Officer(left), MoERD Officer (Center), the farmer and Sahil RR (right) collectively planting an avocado tree for the first time in history of Alaa'ule village farming – November 2019

Soil and Water Conservation

Farm lands and grazing areas in Somaliland are increasingly being degraded by erosion affecting production.

Responding to this problem, Candlelight has successfully rehabilitated a degraded farming land through construction of soil bunds. In 2019, a total of approximately 32,420 linear meters of soil bunds were constructed in different target regions.



Community members constructing contour bands Soil and Water Conservation

Capacity Building

Over the course of the year, various training programs were conducted. These included among others Fodder production and management, livestock management techniques, Community based Animal Health Workers (CAHWs) and Bee Keeping training. A total of over 800 people received the different training. Also, 2 exposure visits were conducted for experience sharing. Also, 2 exposure visits were conducted for experience sharing Conservation



Bee keeping training

EDUCATION



Graduation and Toolkit distribution for Welding training

Candlelight Schools

Candlelight's educational services to the region have proven fruitful as more children gained access to education. In 2019, 991 students (554 males and 437 females) enrolled in Candlelight primary and secondary schools.

Candlelight Burco 2019-2020 Enrollment

GENDER	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	TOTAL
Male	118	327	445
Female	122	205	327
Total	240	532	772

Candlelight Erigavo 2019-2020 Enrollment

GENDER	PRIMARY	TOTAL
Male	109	109
Female	110	110
Total	219	219

Technical and Vocational Education and Training

Furthermore, Candlelight is a key player in offering vocational and technical skills training. Over the course of 2019, seven Technical and Vocational Educational Training (TVET) courses were offered in which around 179 people were trained in different TVET skills including literacy and numeracy.



Tailoring classes



Welding Trainees

TVET Trainings in 2019

VOCATIONAL TRAINING TYPE	NUMBER OF TRAINEES	NUMBER OF KITS DISTRIBUTED
Tailoring	19	19
Food Pastry and Bakery Processing	22	22
Henna and Beautification	32	32
Welding and Metal Fabrication	17	17
Electricity Installation	29	29
Beekeeping	60	60

Success story: Overcoming Business Management Challenges

Recalling her situation before attending this literacy center, Milgo remembered the difficulties she faced with her business.

She recalls, "I started my own business, but I was counting on my elder daughter, anyone who can read and write for me or even sometimes the school teachers.

One day I attended a village meeting selecting women, men and children to enroll in the Candlelight literacy and numeracy program, which caught my attention.

I decided to join the center and learn reading, writing and calculation myself". Graduating from Candlelight 3 years literacy and numeracy program at the age of 38, Milgo can now read mobile phone text messages, write letters and calculate business daily transactions



Left: Milgo and her Literacy and Numeracy Class

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

3 regions, 3 mobile teams deployed. Screenings for 4857 children (2114 boys and 2743 girls) for malnutrition.

2270 children (350 SAM and 1920 MAM) were treated for malnutrition. Referrals for 102 children/ people for specialized treatment. ANC/PNC support to 4851 women.

Treatment of minor ailments for 8318 people.

4009 males and 5157 females received hygiene and sanitation and nutrition awareness raising. 250 households (HHs) were provided with hand washing soaps.



Nutrition sessions with mothers

Community Management of Acute Malnutrition

Our Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) approach focused on Community outreach and mobilization; outpatient management of SAM without medical complications; inpatient management of SAM with medical complications and services or programs to manage moderate acute malnutrition (MAM).

3 mobile teams consisting of a nurse, midwife and a nutritionist carried out biweekly visits to hardest-hit and hardest-to-access communities in Togdheer, Sool and Sanaag regions of Somaliland to deliver much-needed health and nutrition treatment and other medical support such as immunisations, ANC/PNC counseling, treatment of opportunistic infections and other simple ailments.

A team of 2 community volunteers from each village were trained to promote health, nutrition, and hygiene.

Also, to mobilise people to seek support from mobile teams and as well refer people to other health facilities.

Altogether, 3 regions, 3 mobile teams deployed screened 4857 children (2114 boys and 2743 girls) for malnutrition.

2270 children (350 SAM and 1920 MAM) were treated for malnutrition. 102 children/ people were referred for specialised treatment.

The midwives provided ANC/PNC support to 4851 women.

The nurses provided treatment of minor ailments to 8318 people.

The mobile teams together with the community volunteers provided hygiene and sanitation, nutrition awareness raising to 4009 males and 5157 females.

Also, 250 HHs were provided with hand washing soaps to boost individual and household hygiene.



Screening of children

EMERGENCY AND HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT

Recurrent environmental, socio-economic challenges and poor infrastructures among other issues leave many people in the region vulnerable for tragedies such as poor health, poor sanitation, water and food insecurity.

2019 had its fair of difficulties and Candlelight relentlessly stepped up to provide support where it was needed the most.



Animal Restocking

Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene

All around Somaliland, 19 small water systems (shallow wells and berkedes) were constructed/rehabilitated, in which over 1,800 people gained better access to safe water.

To improve hygiene and sanitation, 37 latrines were constructed. In total, 9166 people's sanitation and hygiene was improved.

Nearly 100 Community Volunteers were trained to encourage behaviour changing on sanitation and hygiene practices.



Hygiene and Sanitation awareness in communities



Right: Solar water pumping system in a village in Sanaag region. Left: Children fetch water from a solar powered water kiosk



Left: A communal latrine constructed using the smart subsidy approach. Right Twin latrine for a school in Sool region

Emergency Food security and Livelihoods

1290 HHs were supported with UCT, 233 HHs were supported with CfW, 18 VSLAs formed, 201 SHGs and 16 CLAs supported

In 2019, one of Candlelight's objectives was to provide immediate and improved household access to food for people in 'emergency' and those in 'crisis' during the livelihood lean season.

Throughout the year of 2019, 1,541 vulnerable and at risk households (10787 individuals) (approximately 55% female and 45% male) in different regions of Somaliland were supported through different safety nets.

The approaches included Conditional Cash for 1,290 households and Unconditional Cash transfers for 233 households; to ensure that beneficiaries have access to diversified food choices that meet their basic food and nutritional needs.

Food for Work (FFW): where community members provided casual and skilled labour for the rehabilitation of community assets after which they were supported with assorted food commodities.

Cash transfer values for the different regions are determined by the Minimum Expenditure Basket of goods survey published by the FSNAU and Somalia Cash Working group.

Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA) and Business start-ups; 18 VSLAs of between 15 and 25 people were formed, trained and supported with start-up grants.

The members are encouraged to save together and take out small loans from these savings



Left: A road under rehabilitation through Cash for Work in Sanaag region. Right Finished road

Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Cluster Level Associations (CLAs)

Self Help Group Approach (SHG) is a successful mechanism for combating poverty in a sustainable way. It empowers the very poor people of the communities socially and economically to live a life of dignity with their families and community. The Self Help Group (SHG) is breakthrough of changing dependency on humanitarian aid model Instead; it focuses to promote the strength and the power of the communities as well as unleashing the potential of the communities. The initiative is based on mutual support and encouraging self-reliance of the members and communities. The approach has three levels of Self Help group (SHG) the first level, Cluster Level Association (CLA) the second level and Federation Level which is the third level.

Therefore, Candlelight continued to support its 201 Self Help Groups (SHGs) and 16 CLAs in Hargeisa and Burao. The group's membership has grown to 2941 are members (each SHG group is composed of 15-20 member and CLAs is composed of 8-10 SHGs with 160-200 members are the representatives of the member SHGs). So far, the approach has created 5,882 small businesses for the members from their own saving.



Self Help Group (SHG) meeting

SHG approach has led to an improvement of socio-economic development of the poorest section in the community, It has changed family lives and it has progressed involvement in community action, it is Increased communication level of members, Self confidence among members, social harmony, Social Support/Capital; also the approach reduced the conflict among the community and the community members can claim their rights.



Business created by SHG members



13,984 people (2972 men, 4044 women, 3197 boys and 3771 girls) from 20 IDP sites/ villages in Badhan, Dhahar and Xingalool reached through the different project activities.

75 people trained on negative health and social consequences of FGM/C, 40 University students engaged in FGM/C awareness raising campaigns and 1000 dignity kits distributed.

Gender And Protection

In 2019, Candlelight closely worked with organization, ACTED, implementing an integrated project targeting some IDP sites/villages with a complete package of Integrated CCCM, WASH, Shelter and Protection targeting same communities/IDP sites; where Candlelight covered the protection component while ACTED covered the rest.

The project supported the training of project staff to effectively implement the project activities.

Community protection structures including representatives from CSOs, Judiciary, Police, university students, Teachers and Camp Management Committees were trained on understanding Gender Based Violence and child protection; types of violation, community based strategies to addressing GBV and child protection, stakeholder mapping, coordination and collaboration among the different stakeholders.

Candlelight supported raising awareness about issues related to GBV, protection of women, girls, boys, men and available support centers.

Access to safe and non-stigmatizing multi-sectorial GBV response services (psychosocial, legal, and medical) was also provided through direct support by the project referrals. Approximately 1,449 people were supported with Psycho-social support including 197 who were referred to access more specialized support.

10 children were reunited with their families.

Altogether, approximately 13,984 people (2972 men, 4044 women, 3197 boys and 3771 girls) from 20 IDP sites/villages in Badhan, Dhahar and Xingalool were reached through the different project activities

In other protection interventions, we trained nearly 80 Community Protection Volunteers to undertake protection awareness raising for behavior change in their respective communities



Protection Stakeholders Coordination Meeting

FGM/C Awareness Raising

In a bid to boost community awareness on FGM/C, Candlelight started mainstreaming community capacity enhancement on FGM/C within its other livelihood interventions.

60 (35 F and 25 M) community mobilisers were trained on health and social negative consequences of FGM. 40 (30 female and 10 male) University students in Buroa and Hargeisa were trained and empowered to actively engage in campaigns towards abandoning FGM/C.

Training included academic research and media campaigns. Candlelight also engaged youth on social media for related discussions

In Sahil region, a total of 327 households (57.5% female) represented by community education committees, students, school teachers, household parents, religious and cultural leaders, youth, villagers, women in business sector, pastoralist and farmers in the target communities were reached in 2019 through different FGM/C awareness raising activities.



knowledge and experience sharing among university student

Provision of Dignity Kits

Dignity kits help women and girls maintain their dignity during humanitarian crises.

Preserving their dignity is essential to maintaining self-esteem and critical to protection, including SGBV risk mitigation.

In 2019, Candlelight distributed dignity kits to 1000 households/ women with each kit containing a hand held solar lamp, reusable menstrual pads, Female Under Wear, Bucket with cover, Laundry Soap, Bathing Soap, Somali Traditional dress (Dirac shied ah) and 200 wheelbarrows mainly for the elderly.

The distribution was preceded by awareness raising on how to use these dignity kits. A PDM report revealed that over 90% of the beneficiaries appreciated both the kits content and the process of distribution.



Distribution of dignity kits to women in Eastern Somaliland

Distribution NFI to The Cyclone Affected of The Sanaag Coastline Villages

Candlelight urgently responded to cyclone affected areas of Sanaag coastline in December 2019 known as (PAHWN).

Their contribution included: inter-agency contribution of Aid, governmental agencies disease assessment and reporting.

In addition to that, Candlelight assessed and later delivered NFI of 200 HH to villages in XIIS and Laaso surud.

The distributed NFI consisted of temporary plastic shelters and blankets in which Candlelight has done an in depth intervention assessment to the risk groups during the distribution period.



Distribution of NFI blankets and temporary shelters to the coastline villages Xiis and Laasosurud.

COORDINATION

In 2019, Candlelight was elected to the Somalia/Somaliland Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) as one of the Somali region local/national NGOs representatives on a one year term

Candlelight has been an active member of all the different UNOCHA organized sub sector/working group meetings, NGO consortium meetings, Government ministries, departments and agencies meetings among others.

Candlelight is currently hosting the Food security sub sector and regional meetings in Togdheer region, while supporting the protection working group meetings in Sanaag region.


ACCOUNTABILITY AND LEARNING (FEEDBACK AND COMPLAINTS MECHANISM)

Toll free line 2056

Candlelight is committed to the process of accountability in all its undertakings as guided by one of our core values.



In addition to conducting rigorous monitoring and evaluation, field visits to ensure we are achieving results, Candlelight with support from its partners has enhanced accountability to its beneficiaries and other stakeholders through setting up a toll free line 2056 and its data management support system.

Beneficiaries and other stakeholders will now be able to freely provide and as well receive feedback in a timely manner.



CANDLELIGHT
For Environment Education & Health

**Fadlan wixii talo-soo-jeedin, toosin ama cabasho
ah ee aad qabto nagala soxidhiidh nambarkan**

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8:00 Subaxnimo ilaa 2:00 Duhurnimo
Axada ilaa Khamiista**

CANDLELIGHT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Candlelight Partners 2019 (In Alphabetical Order)

1. CARITAS
2. Danish Refugee Council (DRC)
3. Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
4. Development Fund Norway (DF) And European Union (EU)
5. Finish Church Aid (FCA)
6. Food Agriculture Organization (FAO)
7. International Solidarity Foundation (ISF)
8. Kinder Not Hilfe (KNH)
9. Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and European Union (EU)
10. OXFAM International
11. Somalia Humanitarian Fund (SHF) OCHA
12. United State African Development Fund (USADF)

Balance Sheet

Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31st December 2019

Statement of Financial Position

<u>Notes</u>	AS at 31 Dec 2019 USD
Non-current Assets	
Property, plant & equipment	737,408
Long Term Loans and Advances	-
Total Non-Current Assets	737,408
Current Assets	
Accounts Receivables	189,750
Cash and Bank Balance	23,951
Total current assets	213,701
Total Assets	951,109
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	
Less Current Liability	
Supplier balances	
Interproject balances	
Accounts payable	8,500
Total	8,500
Capital and reserves	
Revenue reserve	942,609
Total Equity & Liabilities	951,109

These Financial Statements were approved by the Board members on 31 Aug 2019 and signed on their behalf by:

Chairperson / Executive Board Member

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Treasurer

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Date: 30th April 2020



Candlelight Income and Expenditure


Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31st December 2019

Note		AS at 31th Dec 2019 USD
1	Income	A
	Balance from end of 2018	163,223
	Grant and Donations Received	3,264,867
	Other Income	149,200
	Total Income	3,577,290
2	Expenses	B
	Project Expenses	2,717,309
	Administration Expenses	515,451
	Other Expenses	130,829
	Total Expenditures	3,363,589
	Fund balance as year ended	213,701

Chairperson / Executive Board Member

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Treasurer

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Date: 30th April 2020



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