

Name of organization.

- Save the Children International – Somaliland

Name of your ICDP project

- Child Sensitive Social Protection Project (CSSP) in Somlailand

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Describe the main activities in 2025

To ensure sustainability of the CSSP parenting sessions, the project undertook capacity building of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family social workers and staff at both district and provincial level. This was to enable them to acquire the necessary CSSP parenting skills so that they sustain the CSSP work which was done over the years.

The numbers trained (caregivers, facilitators, trainers) and types of beneficiaries (age, gender)

- In 2025, the project trained 22 (5 male and 17 Female) staff (facilitators/Social workers) from the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family(MOLSAF) from three District of Hargeisa, Berbera and Sheikh.
- The trained facilitators/social workers are already incorporating the CSSP sessions in their various activities at district level. The facilitators/social workers are planning to reach out to 300 mother of Social Cash Transfer beneficiary households (HHs), representing households in Sheikh district.
- The approach was aimed at ensuring that their programs became more child sensitive by improving understanding among parents and caregivers of the positive qualities of care that should and could exist between parents and the child, increase sense of caregiver self-confidence and a better understanding and reaction towards children’s point of view and intentions.

The total number of people that were affected by your work.

- In 2025 over 159 caregivers were trained on CSSP parenting sessions and parents/caregiver were positively affected by our work in 2025.

- The training of 22 facilitators/social workers of MOLSAF are planning to reach out to 300 parents/caregivers and that will make huge difference in their respective locations.

Describe perceived impact on beneficiaries

- Enhanced Caregiver Engagement.

CSSP parenting intervention significantly improved parenting skills, specifically increasing caregiver-child interactions, non-violent discipline, and Positive relationship between children and parents

Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family has commended CSSP approach and they recognized parenting as critical component for social protection work and programs in Somaliland

Share a brief story that illustrates the impact of your work

- *Qadan Sahardid* lives in Sancaani IDP camp with her eight children. Her household is supported through the Social Cash Transfer programme and also participates in the Child Sensitive Social Protection (CSSP) parenting initiative, implemented by Save the Children in partnership with the local organization HAVOYOCO.*

STRONG QOUTES FOR QADAN

"Before attending the parenting sessions, my relationship with my children was very distant. I did not understand their feelings, and I hardly listened to their opinions or involved them in discussions at home. Most of the time, communication between us was limited, and I did not realize how this affected their confidence and happiness. However, after joining the training provided by HAVOYOCO and Save the Children, I learned the importance of patience, understanding, and positive communication. I now speak to my children with love, listen to their concerns, and support them in their education. Today, our home is more peaceful, and I can clearly see my children becoming happier, more confident, and more open with me every day."

- *Itahil Abdillahi* lives in Magaalo Cad settlement in Berbera District with her seven children. She is one of the beneficiaries of the Child Grant programme under the Child Sensitive Social Protection (CSSP) Programme in Somaliland. She also participates in the CSSP parenting initiative, implemented by Save the Children in partnership with the local organization HAVOYOCO.*

STRONG QOUTES FOR STAHIL

"Istahil Abdillahi Mohamed said, "She thought that she was shouting and beating her children and calling them bad names like lazy, foolish, and stupid damaged their morals and emotions. But now, after I attended training, I changed my behaviour and encouraged my children. I shared their conversations every time. Before, when they wanted to tell me something, I didn't allow them to shout. Mostly, they feared me. The training changed my life in a lot of ways, like improving my children's relationships, benefiting from feeding and nutritious foods, learning how to plan my household income, and making priorities on child nutrition and education expenses."

Any highlights you may like to share; special achievements, acknowledgements etc.

CSSP work in Hargeisa and Berbera districts led to the following achievements.

- Scalling up ICDP parenting training of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family social workers who were from the three districts namely Hargeisa, Berbera and Sheikh.
- Planning for immediate needs and longer- Family budgeting session incorporated in parenting Through effective budgeting taught in the family budgeting lessons, families learned to recognize the importance of planning for both immediate needs and longer-term investments in their household.
- Better budgeting practices allowed caregivers to set aside funds for crucial household items, thereby fostering a greater sense of stability and comfort within their living environments.
- The CSSP team acknowledges support and guidance from the senior technical advisor, the ICDP president and indeed the entire global ICDP family.

Any difficulties encountered that you would like to share

- The CSSP parenting work in Somaliland has been implementing smooth as the project ensured early engagement and involnment of Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs & Family and the targeted local municipalities particulary Hargeisa and Berbera municipalities

Describe any links/partnerships you have with other organizations, NGOs, UN, government agencies etc.

- Save the Children, in partnership with the Horn of Africa Voluntary Youth Committee (HAVOYOCO) with funding from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of Finland, has been implementing Child Sensitive Social Protection since 2017. HAVAYOCO implements the CSSP parenting sessions, transparency & accountability mechanism and other CSSP parenting packages for CSSP parenting approach. The partnership has been very solid and strategic as well for pushing child sensitive social protection into the next level.

Your future project goals

- To continue work and advocacted for the government to adopt the CSSP approaches, particularly the parenting approach, the future social protection programs in Somaliland.This will enable the project to have meaningful advocacy and recognition by the government for scaling up the CSSP approach in the country and especially government future social protection program
- To scale CSSP parenting into Sheikh district where the plan is to train 600 mother who have been benefiting Social Transfer program



ICDP training for MOLSAF social workers conducted by Save the Children under CSSP project in Somaliland



ICDP based parenting sessions at Magalo Cad village in Berbera, Somaliland



ICDP parenting sessions in Sancaani IDP camp in Hargeisa, Somaliland