

# COVID-19:

## SOMALI RED CRESCENT SOCIETY (SRCS) RESPONSE



The Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS), in partnership with its Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement partners, has been reaching out to communities through the promotion of health and hygiene measures and awareness campaigns to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the country.

Main target areas include SRCS Primary Health Care (PHC) clinics, communities living within 5km radius of SRCS facilities, hospitals, IDP settlements and other high-risk areas.



### HEALTH PROMOTION

- **31,500** people were reached with health education, promotion of handwashing and social distancing practices at **71** SRCS Clinics.
- **36,200** communities living around 5 km radius of clinics were provided with information sessions on COVID-19 prevention, along with **2,150** posters and other materials.
- SRCS staff and volunteers have been trained on mass health education to be conducted in the clinics, market place and with over **37,800** communities and IDPs.
- **459** trained volunteers were mobilized to carry out house to house Covid-19 preventive messages.



### HYGIENE PROMOTION

- **41,432** people benefited from **591** handwashing tanks, **451** jerry cans and **920** cartoons of soap.
- Hygiene Promotion sessions were conducted at community level and at clinic level. Key preventative messages and proper hand washing demonstrated to **6,120** residents and IDPs, people in market places, villages and in the clinic waiting area.
- **41** handwashing tanks and pieces of soap were distributed to all **71** clinics supported by SRCS.
- Over **29,349** people utilized handwashing services at all SRCS health clinics.



### INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL AT HEALTH FACILITIES

- **137** SRCS staff and volunteers received Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- **19,934** people have benefited from spraying of **71** SRCS clinics and **57** public areas including community centres and internally displaced persons' camps.
- SRCS has distributed **1,967** pieces of face mask, **14** infra-red thermometers and **1,972** hand gloves to **71** health clinics, rehabilitation centers and nutrition supported centers.
- The temperature of the patients who visit SRCS clinics are checked before they join others in the waiting area.
- **56** SRCS staff were trained on infection prevention and control and were designated to apply this knowledge and skill with equipment in health facilities.



### AWARENESS RAISING AMONG PUBLIC THROUGH IEC/ TV/ RADIO

- Key messages on handwashing, hygiene and social distancing were broadcasted through radio stations and TV stations to cover all the regions in the country.
- Over **603,015** people benefited from COVID-19 awareness through radio and TV stations.



### CAPACITY BUILDING

- **39** volunteers, clinic staffs and Community Health Committees were trained on COVID-19 and preventive measures and are currently involved in raising awareness.

