

The survival box

Amina Mukhtar, 41-year-old mother live in Warabedareeray Village. She was one of the people affected by the cyclone that hit part of coastal region of Somaliland in June sweeping away both her home and livestock.

“The strong winds with floods filled our village. Everyone was afraid about what could happen to us. The rain continued for two days and one night. The second time the winds blew stronger and destroyed my home. My children and I had to run to another house nearby,” Amina narrates of the horror adding that “It was a horrible moment for us, but thank God we survived.”

The cyclone killed over 50 people in the district and rendered many homeless and in need of food, clean water, medicine and shelter.

World Vision reached 60 households (approximately 360 people) with water survival boxes to keep clean water and help reduce the risk of contracting water borne diseases.



World Vision WASH Coordinator training Amina Mukhtar how to use Aquafilter - Water Purification kit.

The water survival boxes contains a kitchen set comprising of an Aquafilter water kit, soap, cloths, spoon, knives, plates, touches, small solar and other utensils. Each box also contains a water filter to be used for cleaning up to 100,000 liters of contaminated water making it safe for drinking.

“The cyclone destroyed everything that I had including my farm, killed my animals and the community shallow wells where we used to fetch water, but thanks to World Vision as they repaired the shallow well and provided us with this items,” says Amina.



Figure 1: Amina checking the water survival box she received from World Vision

Families in Warabadareeray Village depend on earth dam or shallow wells as their sources of water. After the cyclone destruction, most of the open water sources get contaminated by carcasses of animals lying by the roadsides or in the dry riverbeds.



Figure 2: Amina Mukhtar holds a piece of cloth she found from the box in a surprise.

"I was surprised when I found even clothes inside the box, mothers are happy to get such help from World Vision. They (World Vision) arrived after three days and gave us support including medicine at that time. They still continue to support us and we are grateful for the care they have shown for children and mothers," Amina adds.



Figure 3: Amina and her small daughter Nimco

To help address the problem of water shortages and support communities get access to clean water, World Vision also rehabilitated two shallow wells.

Amina continues to express her gratitude: “Getting clean water was our biggest fear. Our children could have clean drinking water, but now with the two shallow wells in our village we are able to get enough.”



Figure 4: Warabadareery Shallow well rehabilitated by World Vision after cyclone destroyed it.