



# **SOUTIEN SANS FRONTIÈRES**

Health, Education and Wellbeing Development

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**Soutien Sans Frontières (SSF)** is a non-profit, non-political and non-sectarian organization. Our goal is to fight extreme poverty through education, food security, access to safe drinking water, health, and income-generating activities.

**SSF will intervene** in northern Somalia, more specifically in the regions of Sool, Sanaag and Cayn. These regions are on the border between Somaliland and Puntland. The territorial dispute between the two administrations has been going on for twenty years. Puntland claims those regions by alleging their clan affiliations; and Somaliland by alleging pre-independence colonial borders. That is why these regions are known as Disputed Areas. Since 1991, international organizations can no longer access them for security reasons.



**Our vision is** to end extreme poverty. To this end, SSF engages in a constructive dialogue with national authorities and international organizations to improve the humanitarian situation in these regions.

**Our mission is** to mobilize the political will and financial resources to help the populations of Sool, Sanaag and Cayn through implementing community empowerment projects to eradicate poverty. In addition, SSF is committed to supporting international organizations wishing to assess the humanitarian situation on the ground.

**SSF projects are** prepared taking into account the needs, expectations and cultural specificities of the beneficiaries. Our actions are based on the participation of local actors (communities, civil society, local authorities, and private sector). Their involvement in the development and implementation of programs is essential to ensure their sustainability. These are their initiatives, SSF only supports them.



**Fighting poverty** in the Sool, Sanaag and Cayn regions implies action to remove barriers standing in the way of access to basic services - health, education - as well as access to economic, social and political opportunities for women and for men. For SSF, equality between women and men - or gender equality - is a fundamental human right. In light of the discrimination faced by women, it is fair and necessary, as an organization committed to fighting poverty, to work for this right to be recognized and respected.

**Resilience** In a context of increased unpredictability from climate change, disasters and conflict, SSF strengthens poor people's capacity to anticipate, absorb and adapt to shocks, manage growing risks, address underlying causes of vulnerability and transform their lives in response to new hazards and opportunities. This enables SSF to better integrate its humanitarian, disaster risk reduction, social protection, climate change adaptation, natural resource management and other development actions. When communities are resilient the chances of moving out of poverty are greatly enhanced.

**Strengthening Gender Equality and Women's Voice** Based on SSF's commitment to the rights of all people to live free from poverty, we promote the empowerment of women and girls, and engage with men and boys, to transform unequal power relationships and address gender inequality. We place particular emphasis on strengthening the voice of women and girls and enabling them to influence the decisions that affect their lives. We support women's struggles to achieve their full and equal human rights, including girls' right to education. This includes balancing practical, daily, individual achievements with long-term efforts to challenge unequal social rules and institutions. SSF supports local actors, particularly women, to build trust within and between communities. We seek to amplify women's voices at higher decision-making levels.

SSF has defined an overarching approach for all our programmes: to tackle the underlying causes of poverty and social injustice to bring lasting change to the lives of poor and vulnerable people.



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- **SSF's program for 2017-2022 (Sool and Sanaag region)**

