



# The worst drought in 60 years

STOP... LOOK... and ACT

## Concerned Southern Somali Diaspora Stop the Hunger Campaign

- » With the worst drought in 60 years and the Al-shabaab militia harming the locals, the Southern Somali need our help
- » Every day, countless people are dying from starvation or military aggression, including women, children, elderly and handicapped
- » Tens of thousands of people are fleeing drought and starvation in the agricultural region of Southern Somalia
- » Women, children and families walk for days through the bush just to get to the major cities of Jilib, Barawa, Baidoa and Afgoi
- » Most of the people who are starving are farmers, livestock owners and their families
- » Innocent Somalis are trapped in a region controlled by the hard-line Islamic militia -- Al-shabab
- » The Al-shabaab are busy with their political agenda, which includes recruiting the Somali youth

# Somalis are being presented with only 2 choices

**PLEASE LISTEN!**

*"I am exhausted and hungry after walking for four straight days. How can the world just watch and not do anything to help us?"*

*"The feeding centers have been closed intentionally. How are we going to survive?"*

*"Where is the rest of the world when we need them? When will they intervene? When are we going to receive the help that we need?"*

**This is what the Somali people are saying**

**(Reported by M. Ciise - SPR after visiting the Mogadishu camps)**

*"A mother arrived at one of our feeding centers saying she'd actually left her children behind in a village because she couldn't watch them die. She just walked away and left her six children in a house. Two of them ended up dying and we managed to reach four others. Children are arriving into Dadaab barefoot, after walking for six weeks. They're covered in sores and wounds. They're acutely malnourished. They're completely dehydrated."*

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Join Al-shabab - OR - Die of starvation  
Both have the same result – Deaths  
that we can prevent if we act now.

"Our objectives are to promote peace by reducing the suffering of Somalia's most vulnerable groups. We provide the resources they need to be self-sufficient and safe. We work to educate the Somali, the diasporas, and the public who want to do something to improve the conditions these people face." -- Somali Institute for Peace Research (SIPR)

Add your voice to the

TAKE ACTION: STOP HUNGER IN SOMALIA CAMPAIGN

Send letters to your Congressional Representative and Senator

<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>

Call for urgent action to stop hunger in Somalia

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