

**THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO  
BUILD A HOSPITAL IN SOMALIA –  
WITH YOUR HELP.**

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# A MESSAGE FROM PAUL HEALY, TRÓCAIRE COUNTRY DIRECTOR, SOMALIA

Dear Friend,

**Ireland has a special connection with Somalia ever since former President, Mary Robinson, visited here in 1992 and highlighted the terrible suffering people were facing during that year of famine.**

Thanks to the amazing support of the Irish Public, thousands of Somali families have continued to receive food, healthcare, protection and education for more than 25 years. This support has saved countless thousands of lives and continues to this day.

However, this is a fragile healthcare system that relies solely on our investment for its future survival. The hospitals here in Somalia are a long way from my home town of Dublin. The suffering of little children and the most vulnerable continues and each day I see, face to face, the pain that any mother or father here or in Ireland would feel watching their children suffer so much

**Please help us to change their future and give their health a chance.**

— Paul Healy,  
Country Director, Somalia



Maryann Aden Abdille receives treatment for her malnourished child (Fadhumo) at Luuq hospital.



# TRÓCAIRE IN SOMALIA

**We know medical care is the single most powerful way to help these vulnerable families**

**Trócaire runs the main healthcare and hospital support system available to people in the Gedo region which has a population of over 303,000 people.**

In this region, Trócaire runs **four hospitals, five health centres, three tuberculosis centres, eleven primary health units and seven mobile clinics**, targeting women and children in particular.

An average of 19,000 people per month are being treated at our hospitals in Somalia and our hospitals are the main healthcare facilities that operate in this insecure environment.

Trócaire has a strong, long-established presence in the Gedo region in South Central Somalia. We have worked in Somalia since 1992 and have decades of experience.

**We know what it takes to save lives, but we need your support to save many more.**

**SOMALIA IS A COUNTRY LIVING THROUGH AN ONGOING MAJOR HUMANITARIAN CRISIS—WITH YOUR HELP, WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**



Dr. Abdinasir Hassan photographed pre-COVID in 2019 treating Salaad who was suffering from malnutrition. Salaad has since made a full recovery.

# SOMALIA: A FRAGILE STATE

**Somalia is the world's most fragile state. Decades of conflict has forced millions from their homes driving hunger and malnutrition.**

The consequences of climate change leading to protracted drought has ravaged the land. Disease outbreaks such as cholera and acute diarrhoea are difficult to fend off because of malnutrition and no access to clean water and washing facilities.

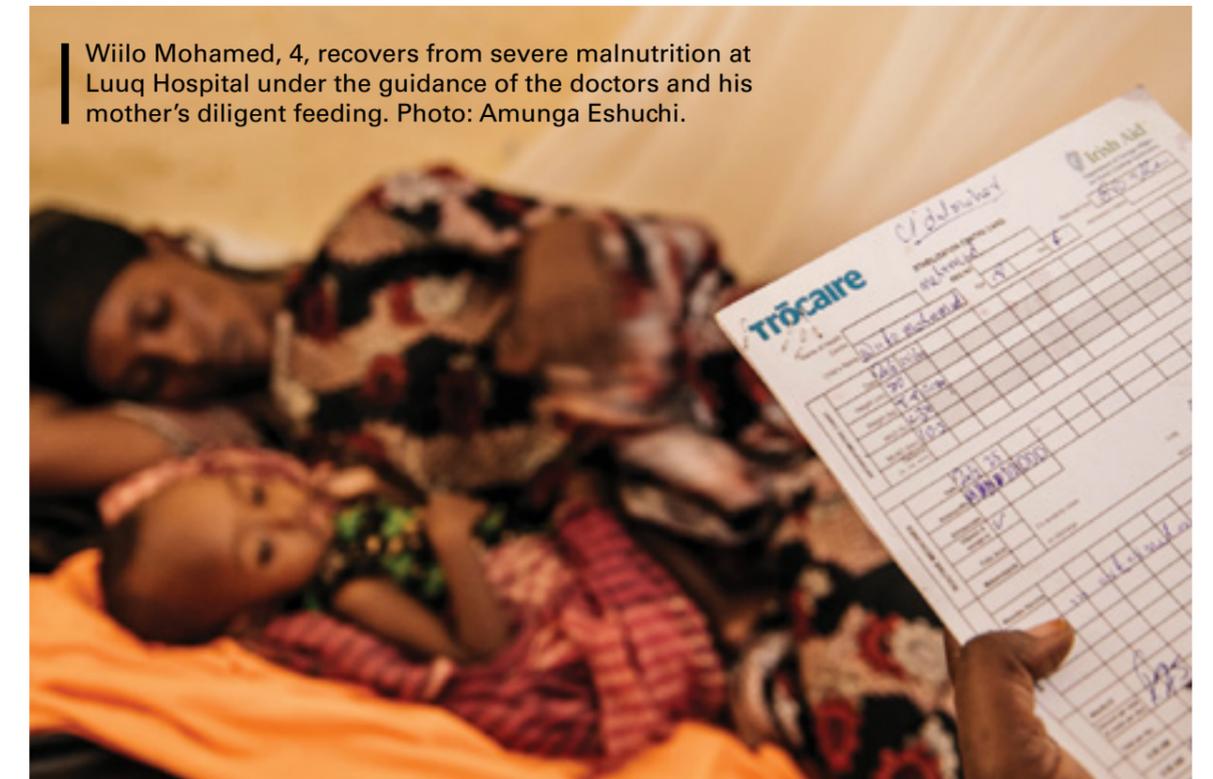
But 2020 has been particularly catastrophic.

On top of the three severe droughts in 10 years; on top of the decades-long conflict, a devastating famine, a year of flooding displaced half a million more people, a massive locust plague destroyed any remaining crops and, now, COVID-19.

**Millions of people urgently need lifesaving care.** We are there now, and urgently need to build a new hospital and upgrade existing services.

## WHY WE ARE IN SOMALIA:

**One out of every 10 Somali children dies before seeing their first birthday. Infant and maternal mortality rates are amongst the highest in the world. 11 million people have no access to healthcare in Somalia.**



Wiilo Mohamed, 4, recovers from severe malnutrition at Luuq Hospital under the guidance of the doctors and his mother's diligent feeding. Photo: Amunga Eshuchi.



Trócaire run Garbaharey Hospital in Somalia.

## THE TARGET: TO RAISE €1 MILLION\* OVER THE NEXT 3 YEARS TO GROW OUR EXISTING HEALTHCARE SERVICE IN SOMALIA

### THE HEALTH FUND: A DUAL APPROACH

1. To **improve present conditions in the existing hospitals**  
Trócaire runs in the Gedo region of Somalia – providing essential services to over 19,000 mainly women and severely malnourished children each month.
2. To build a **new hospital facility** in Dollow which will allow us to treat an additional 30,000 patients per year.

### THERE ARE 3 PHASES PLANNED OVER THE NEXT 3 YEARS

With your support, here is what we will achieve:

- + Ability to treat more complex medical needs
- + Increase our treatment of malnourished children
- + Increase our treatment and prevention management of cholera and other virus outbreaks
- + Increase our midwifery service
- + Scale up our treatment of critical trauma cases due to ongoing conflict in area
- + Provide care and end of life support for elderly and critically ill

\*€900,000

# WHAT THE HEALTH FUND WILL ALLOW US TO DO

## PHASE 1 COST: €355,000

Refurbishment and upgrade in existing hospitals

## PHASE 2 COST: €158,000

Upgrade health unit to primary health centre

## PHASE 3 COST: €300,000

Construct a new hospital and provide training facility for nurses and midwives

## PHASE 3 COST: €200,000

Training centre and resource running costs of hospital

### OUTPUT

#### Diagnostic imaging equipment:

2 x-ray and 3 ultrasound machines provided to two main hospitals.

#### Delivery wards refurbishment:

Structural refurbishment and equipment for 3 hospital delivery wards.

#### Laboratory upgrade:

Purchase of biochemistry and diagnostic equipment.

#### Surgical kits and equipment:

Purchase of life saving respirators, suction machines and trauma kits for all 4 hospitals.

#### New Primary Healthcare Centre:

Upgrade, extend and equip the Health Unit in Korey, Dollow to a Primary Health Centre.

#### New hospital located near IDP (Internally Displaced People) camps in Dollow:

Build and equip a new 60 bed hospital with trained nurses and midwives.

Provide vital training and development of nurses and midwives.

**New hospital, healthcare clinic, refurbished wards, extra life saving medical equipment.**

### IMPACT

The extra x-ray and ultrasound machines alone will allow the hospitals to treat an extra 50,000 patients each year.

Maternal and child mortality is greatly improved when women have an opportunity to give birth in safe and dignified environments.

Earlier diagnosis of medical conditions allows early life saving intervention.

The more surgical equipment available in hospitals, such as respirators, the more lives can be saved each day.

This upgrade will help treat 1,200 per month (14,400 patients annually).

Mainly helping women and children including vaccines, immunization, and pre-natal and postnatal care.

Will treat vulnerable populations in Qansaxley and Kabasa and displaced families living in Dollow camp.

There are many thousands suffering from malnutrition, cholera and other viral outbreaks as a result of ongoing conflict and extreme challenges in the area. The new hospital will reach 30,000 annually.

Ensure continued sustainability of the health systems with adequately trained nurses and midwives to deliver much needed medical care.

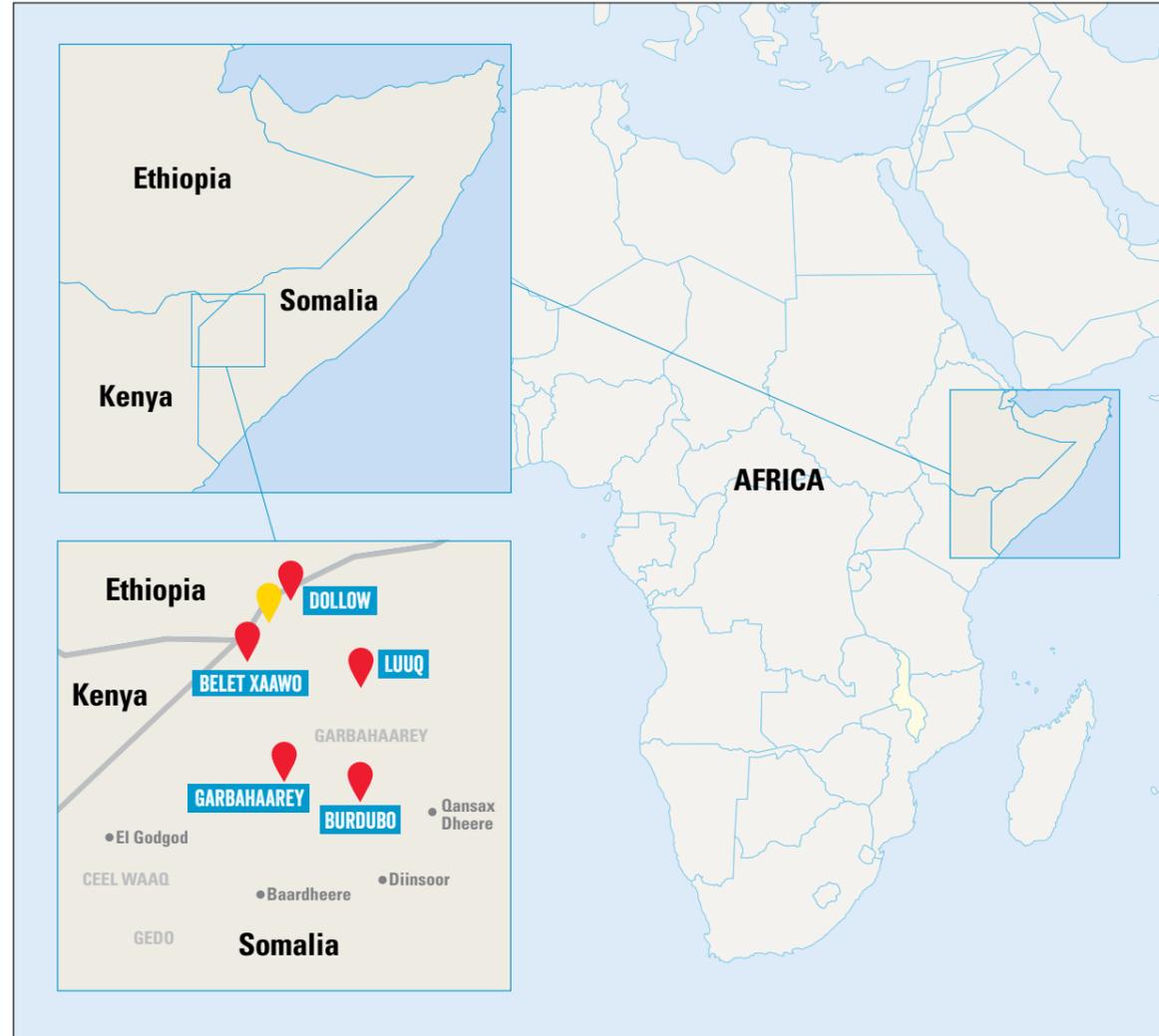
**Annually, 94,400 additional people will have access to Trócaire services in Somalia.**

# PHASE 3: PROPOSED LOCATION

The new hospital will be located south west of Dollow, Somalia.

**Project scope: Build and equip a new 60 bed hospital complete with trained nurses and midwives.**

This will treat vulnerable populations in Qansaxley and Kabasa and many displaced families living in Dollow camp. There are many thousands suffering from malnutrition, cholera and other viral outbreaks as a result of ongoing conflict and extreme challenges in the area.



 Existing Trócaire health facilities.

 Proposed new Trócaire 60 bed hospital.

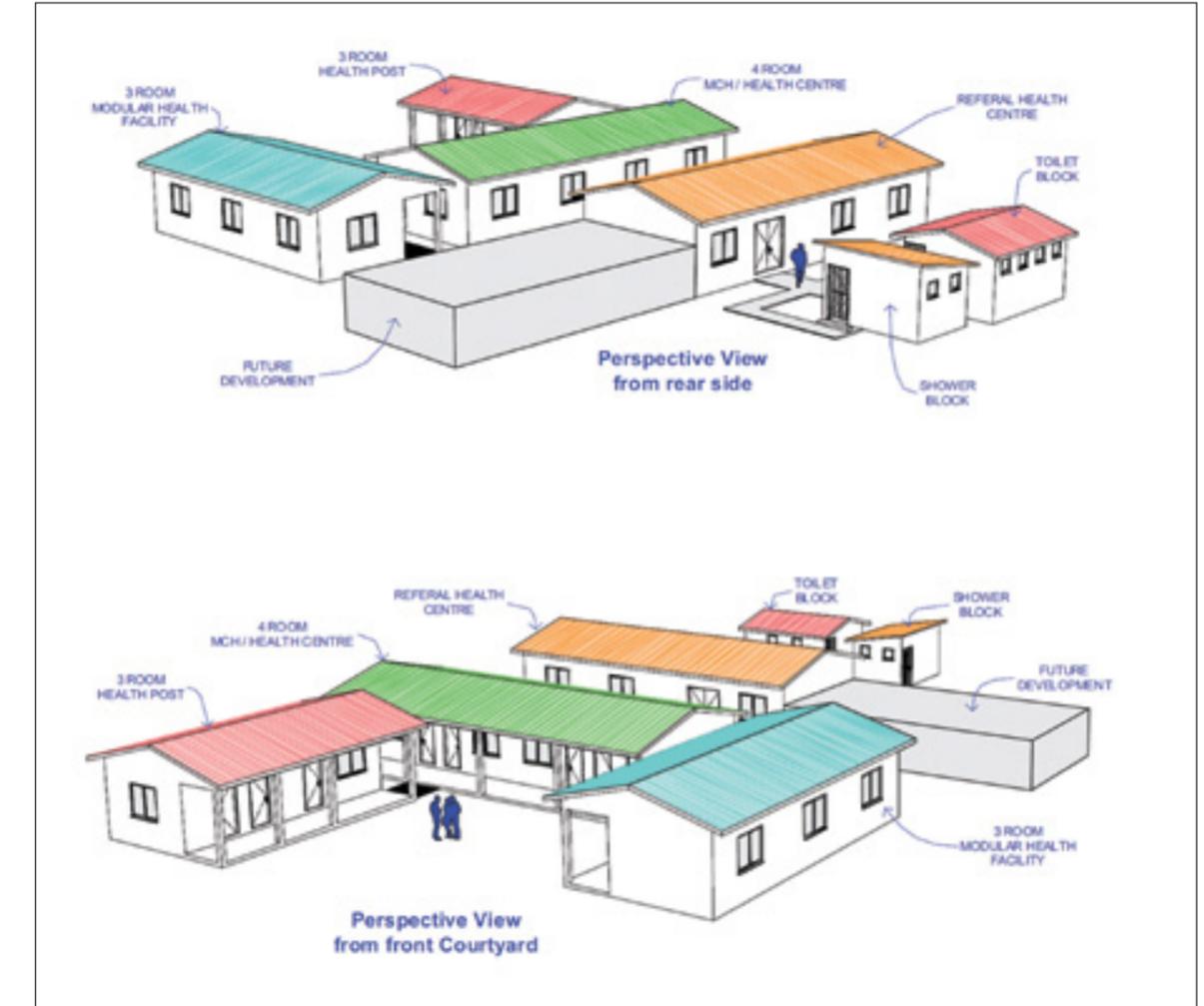
# PHASE 3: PROJECT PLANS

**Construction of a new hospital and provision of training for nurses and midwives.**

NEW HOSPITAL COST: **€300,000**  
OPERATIONAL COSTS: **€200,000 per year**

## Hospital features:

- + Located in Dollow District, Gedo Region, Jubaland State, Somalia
- + 2,500 patients treated per month (conservatively, 30,000 treated per annum)
- + 60 bed capacity (15 for maternity, 15 for paediatrics, 15 general for male and 15 general for female).
- + Hospital plans to include a surgical theatre.
- + Although the land has been donated, these plans are subject to change and are to be determined once the final land size is known and final drawings are in place.
- + The new hospital will have a maternal and child health service focus.



Proposed drawings

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT

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