



# SCHOOL ADDS UP!

**NEW!** See how an 18:1 Grant helps you send a child to school in famine-threatened Somalia!



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# GREAT NEWS! NEW 18:1 GRANT!

**Finally, there is good news for the children of Somalia!**

As they face the threat of famine, and danger from conflict, you can bring healing and hope with a new 18:1 Matching Grant! Your kindness today can support children to go to school. You will provide:

- daily School Meal
- school uniform
- school desk
- renovated classrooms
- facilities and assistive devices for children with special needs
- training for teachers
- Dignity Kits for girls



**The great news is a new 18:1 Grant for ALWS increases your impact on children's lives 18 TIMES!**



**Total value when matched with 18:1 Grant  
from ALWS partners**

You directly help children among the most vulnerable in Somalia, and in danger of being forgotten by the world.



**Working through our ALWS partner LWF, our aim is to support 8,080 children in school for the next three years. Your 18:1 support is vital.**

**See how**



**Don't forget those who are suffering,  
but imagine you are there with them.**

Hebrews 13:3b



## Girls first – at last!

**In Somalia, girls suffer worst. Nearly all suffer genital mutilation, and 45% are married off before age 18.**

Education is critical to changing this for girls like 15 year old Hani:

“I missed my chance for education because my parents couldn’t afford the school fees. This had disappointed me a lot. In fact, it was very painful.

When you get discouraged, your future remains in the dark, but I always wished that better chances would arrive.”

Your work through ALWS has a special focus on girls, including the distribution of Dignity Kits with sanitary essentials, and the building of gender-segregated toilets. Hani now says:

**“I never had such opportunities before, and now here is great difference. I am very happy. Thanks for giving me such a wonderful support.”**

*Hani*

**FACT:**  
**In Somalia, 99% of girls and women aged 15 - 49 have suffered the horror of Female Genital Mutilation.**

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## Food fortifies thought

Through the 18:1 Matching Grant, you provide a daily school meal for each child. The meal is a fortified porridge, typically made of:

- cereal - corn / rice / wheat
- pulse - soya beans / lentils / peas
- dried skim milk
- vegetable oil
- sugar - if available, for taste and energy

**FACT:**  
Half a million  
Somali children  
face hunger  
in world's  
worst famine  
this century.

Reuters

Five successive years of drought threaten famine. The School Meal you supply may be the child's best (and sometimes only) meal of the day. It encourages parents to send their children to school, including girls, rather than keeping them home, or sending them out to do child labour.

**Healthy food helps children concentrate at school, and so achieve their best.**

**“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”**

Nelson Mandela



## EARC spells excellence!

This EARC (Education Assessment Resource Centre) plays a critical role in helping make sure children with disabilities don't miss out on school.

Parents bring their children here so their special needs can be assessed, and their support needs identified, so that they can go to school.

You also support transport of children from the EARC to school and to home.

The 18:1 Matching Grant plan you support aims to bring solar power to this EARC!

**"I am more than a happy mother because my baby boy can now walk independently, and has physiotherapy services for free, with support to and from the EARC Centre twice a week. That's more than I could ask for!"**

*Fadumo Bashir*

### FACT:

**42% of people with disabilities in Somalia received no care or support for their disability in the last year.**





## Geniuses of tomorrow!

**The Jubaland Teachers Training College, set up by LWF, has special expertise in training teachers to cater for children with special needs - who, too often, are forgotten.**

Abdinasir Mohamed is one of the 500 teachers who have already graduated:

**FACT:**  
**The Jubaland Teachers Training College set up by LWF is the first, and only, teacher training institution in Jubaland.**

“Being a Special Education teacher is not easy - but it’s so rewarding to see the growth in my students each day. The variety of the work and the challenge to help my students learn and be successful in life is what I enjoy the most.

**“Helping shape the minds of the future, and nurture the geniuses of tomorrow, makes me feel I am doing the greatest task of all.”**

*Abdinasir Mohamed*





## Education a dream come true

**Too often, girls in Somalia miss out on school.**

That's why the 18:1 Grant supports 5,300 girls out of the total 8,080 Learners.

Fawzia, from a displaced family, explains why your support is precious:

“Life in the camp was unbearable. We did not have food or shelter. The children were sleeping under sacks without any blanket. My parents had difficult time to get daily bread.

As a result of this burden, I was left to care for the children, and help parents with domestic work. Sometimes, I was even forced into child labour, as a maid in far distant places. This brought risks such as abduction.

Through LWF, I was able to receive education. I was able to benefit from free school uniform, teaching and learning materials, clean water, sanitary-pads and adequate sanitation facilities placed for safety.

**“I am delighted to LWF/ALWS for making my dream come true and fulfilling my wishes in education.”**

*Fawzia*

### **FACT:**

**In Somalia,  
75% of women  
aged 15 - 49  
have received no  
education. Only 3%  
have completed  
Primary School.**

## Abducted... or doctor?



### FACT:

In 2017, Somalia recorded 931 children killed at war, along with 2,127 children used in conflict.

### Abdirahim is 12 years old.

His family were forced from their village outside of Kismayo because of frequent attacks from militia groups seeking to abduct boys Abdirahim's age to be child soldiers.

The family now live in a Displaced Person's Camp, where Abdirahim was supported through ALWS to go to a school built and funded by our partner LWF. He says:

"I never had a chance for education - now I am very glad and happy, thanks to LWF for giving me a second chance."

Abdirahim was part of an Accelerated Learning Program, supported by the Australian Government. He received free education, exercise books, pencils, uniform and School Meals Program. Abdirahim now says:

"I was given free education, and my hope in the future is to become a doctor, so that I will equally help my community by treating them for free!

**Thank you for lighting up my hopes."**

Abdirahim

Australian  
Aid 

### FACT:

Your new ALWS 18:1 Grant aims to renovate or build classrooms in 17 schools in Luglow, and renovate facilities in 22 schools in Dhooble and Kismayo to be disability-friendly.





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## See your smiles of school success!

Your 18:1 support for children in Somalia to go to school is urgent and vital.

**Sadly, it seems the world has forgotten these children.**

Despite famine looming, the media is not reporting the threat. The horrors faced by girls make no headlines. Children with disabilities are left behind.

Thank you for your commitment to caring for others through ALWS, and humbly helping wherever you can. Please, don't miss out on using the 18:1 Matching Grant to help the children in Somalia who have suffered so much.

**Donate 18:1 now to bring healing and restore hope!**

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