



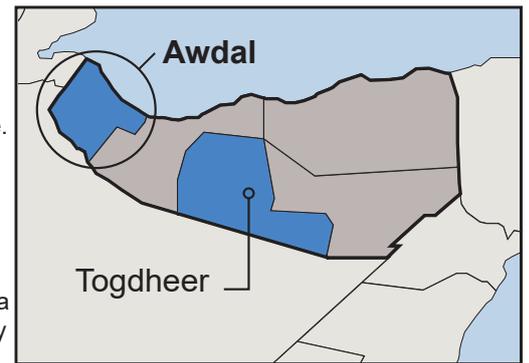
# SHINE Supply Factsheet: Awdal Region

## What is SHINE Supply?

SHINE Supply (2018-2021) is part of the UK aid-funded Somali Health and Nutrition (SHINE) programme. SHINE aims to reduce mother and child deaths in Somalia and Somaliland by improving health and nutrition services. The SHINE Supply component focuses on delivery of an Essential Package of Health Services (EPHS) and health systems strengthening (HSS), under the stewardship of the Somali Health Authorities. In Somaliland, SHINE Supply works in two regions - Awdal and Togdheer. SHINE Supply is led by Mott MacDonald and is implemented along with four consortium partners and three groups of NGO implementing partners. Together, the programme team has established a robust mechanism for accountably channelling resources and life-saving services to over 2.3 million of the poorest Somalis.

## SHINE Supply in Awdal Region

Awdal Region has an estimated population of 673,263<sup>2</sup> and an economy that centres on pastoralism, agriculture, fishing and trade. SHINE Supply's principal implementing partner in Awdal Region is Health Poverty Action (HPA). It operates in two of Awdal's four districts, namely Borama and Zeila. HPA works closely with Regional and District Health Teams to support EPHS delivery in 2 Hospitals, 17 Primary Health Units (PHUs) and 18 Health Centres (HCs). It also supports nutrition, outreach and emergency referral services, as well as health systems strengthening at regional and district levels.



## What we've achieved so far (to 31st December 2019)

### Supporting health facilities

# 37

health facilities supported

to provide EPHS services in Borama and Zeila Districts

### Antenatal care (ANC)

# 40K+

ANC services

provided by target facilities in 2019, with 5,477 women attending for ANC  $\geq 4$  times

### Facility-based deliveries

# 12.7K

facility-based deliveries

provided by target facilities in 2019 (of which 580 were complicated or Caesarean deliveries)

### Sexual & reproductive health

# 664

modern contraceptive methods

administered by target facilities in 2019 (with quarterly totals increasing seven-fold since baseline)

### Vaccinations

# 15.6K

Penta-3 vaccinations

administered to children by target facilities in 2019 (exceeding annual targets by over 90%)

### Curative services

# 90K

curative consultations

provided by target facilities in 2019, of which 58% were female and 46% were children under 5 years

# Challenges and solutions

By applying adaptive management principles, the SHINE Supply team has continued to find practical solutions to key health sector challenges in Awdal Region.

## Challenges

Outbreaks of the mosquito-borne Chikungunya virus and COVID-19	🔒
Frequent drug stock outs, including emergency obstetric drugs	🔒
Weak health management information systems (HMIS)	🔒
High staff turnover at health facilities	🔒

## Solutions

🔑	Rapid reprogramming of resources and training to prioritise prevention, detection and control, including distribution of protective equipment, community mobilisation and humanitarian relief efforts.
🔑	Increased collaboration with partners, such as UNICEF, to improve procurement and supply chains.
🔑	Increased supportive supervision and mentorship for the Regional HMIS Officer and improved data quality control at health facilities.
🔑	Increased supportive supervision, counselling and training at facilities to maintain morale. Also, support for timely salary payments, improved accommodation and working environments.

## What next in Awdal Region?

We will continue to support the health sector response to the serious threat posed by COVID-19. In addition, we will build on lessons learnt in Awdal Region to build a resilient health system, and strive for universal health coverage, with no one left behind.

### Key lessons

- The importance of disease surveillance and a reliable HMIS for early outbreak detection and evidence-based decision-making
- The importance of human resource capacity and robust supply chain management for a resilient health system
- The value of engaging local communities to support health facilities, especially for health education and communication

## Priority tasks

- Scale-up of COVID-19 prevention, detection, control and mitigation
- Building a resilient health system and supply chain, with further investments in capacity development across the health workforce
- Continuation of lifesaving maternal and child health services
- Working with community workers and community / religious leaders to share information, and build a culture of inclusive partnership and mutual accountability

**“I care for everyone equally, I put myself in their shoes so I can understand what they are going through. We need more women to be empowered to decide what is best for their health... In my district a lot still needs to be done in women’s health, but I see improvement and that’s the hope.”**

Hibo, Midwife and Team Leader, Zeila District



**For more information:** visit <https://shinesupply.org/>

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<sup>1</sup> SHINE Supply’s consortium partners include: International Procurement Agency (IPA); Mott MacDonald’s International Health Group; Charlie Goldsmith Associates (CGA); and Tropical Health and Education Trust (THET). Our implementing partners are: Action Against Hunger (AAH); Mercy USA; and Health Poverty Action (HPA).

<sup>2</sup> Population Estimation Survey (2014). Extrapolated data. Available at: <https://somalia.unfpa.org>

