



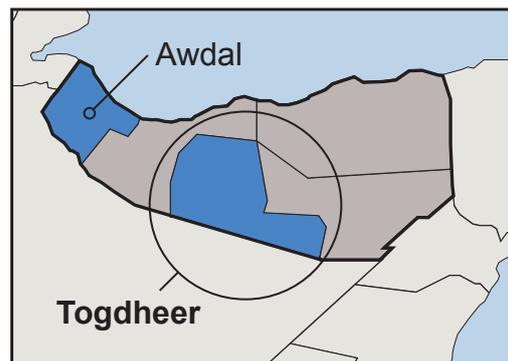
SHINE Supply Factsheet: Togdheer Region

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 Togdheer Region

Togdheer Region has an estimated population of 721,363² and most inhabitants are nomadic pastoralists. SHINE Supply's principal implementing partner in Togdheer Region is Health Poverty Action (HPA). HPA operates in two of Togdheer's three districts, namely Burao and Odwayne. HPA works closely with Regional and District Health Teams to support EPHS delivery in 2 hospitals, 20 Primary Health Units and 27 Health Centres. It also supports mobile clinics, nutrition and outreach services, ambulance services, and wider health systems strengthening.



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

Supporting health facilities

49

health facilities supported

supported to provide EPHS services in Burao and Odwayne Districts

Antenatal care (ANC)

64.8K

ANC services

provided by target facilities in 2019, with 4,580 women attending for ANC ≥ 4 times

Facility-based deliveries

16.8K

facility-based deliveries

provided by target facilities in 2019 (of which 1,070 were complicated/ Caesarean deliveries)

Sexual & reproductive health

247

modern contraceptive methods

administered by target facilities in 2019 (compared to zero at baseline)

Vaccinations

17.7K

Penta-3 vaccinations

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

Curative services

138K

curative consultations

provided by target facilities in 2019, of which 60% were female and 45% 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 Togdheer Region.

Challenges		Solutions	
Outbreak of COVID-19		>	 Rapid reprogramming of resources and training to prioritise prevention, detection and control, including distribution of protective equipment, community mobilisation and humanitarian relief efforts.
Weak infrastructure maintenance and supply chains for health facilities		>	 Increased resource allocations for health facility refurbishment, infrastructure repairs, interim payment of utility bills, and top-up supplies (e.g. cleaning materials and stationary).
High staff turnover at health facilities due to remoteness and lack of staff housing		>	 Intensified partnership working and collaboration to streamline implementation of the government's incentive-based health workforce retention scheme.
High cost of ambulance maintenance in the rugged terrain		>	 Increased budget allocations for routine ambulance maintenance and urgent repairs.

What next in Togdheer 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 Togdheer 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 outbreak detection and evidence-based decision-making
- The need to support full implementation the government's incentive-based health workforce retention scheme
- The value of mobile clinics, good communication and robust ambulances for serving nomadic communities
- The need to consider additional investments in infrastructure refurbishment and maintenance to improve quality of care

Priority tasks

- Scale-up of COVID-19 prevention, detection, control and mitigation
- Intensified coordination with government and partners to build health system resilience – with a focus on health worker retention
- Further support for mobile clinics and health facility refurbishments – especially improved solar power, water, sanitation and communications installations
- Continuation of lifesaving maternal and child health services
- Intensified community engagement, including use of local media for targeted health messaging



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Implementing Partner

¹ 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).
² Population Estimation Survey (2014). Extrapolated data. Available at: <https://somalia.unfpa.org>

