

1. General background:

After out breaks of the civil wars in Somalia and the successive factional conflicts in Somaliland, which affected a complete breakdown of the economy and political structures of the former Somali State

After seen these difficulties and obstacles, a group of women intellectual with different backgrounds established their efforts brain and knowledge and they founded Tawakal-LNGO in Hargeisa city of Somaliland.

- Tawakal Women and Children Organization (TAWAKAL-LNGO) is a local women TAWAKAL-LNGO that was established and registered in Somaliland early in 1996, by a group of a self motivated women professionals in respond to community needs towards economic development programs initiations and interventions at community grass root levels in Somaliland.
- Since 1996 Tawakal-LNGO was functioning and operating in the republic of Somaliland and was therefore involved in field of development and has obtained a good practical technical skills, knowledge and experience of implementing donor funded projects while empowering the target community groups the capacity to maintain, mange and attain sustainable economic activities developed at their localities in the long run.
- Indeed the organization has gradually experienced and studied community entry processes, identification and assessments community prioritized needs and demands in a participatory approach and community decision making processes among all community key members, existing social structures, women, venerable community groups and community key informers. Further more the TAWAKAL-LNGO is talented to empower the target projects beneficiaries towards the ownership of the projects in decision making processes, participation and involvement in project designs, formulation, development and implementation of project activities during all the project cycle periods.
- In addition to that TAWAKAL-LNGO has strengthened it's own internal and external working performance systems given that TAWAKAL-LNGO received and participated different capacity buildings, meetings and conference sponsored by a partnership international organizations and INGOs that included NOVEL, UNHCR, CARE, ICD, IRC, Swiss group and UNDOPS etc.
- The Tawakal Women and Children Organization (TAWAKAL-LNGO) finally became one of the best reliable strongest organization involving in development programs in Somaliland and is the most potential that can at least meet the requirement standards for the implementation of sectoral economic development programs/projects (Education, income generation activities or Micro-credit revolving programs, livestock and environment, Advocacy for human rights). In efficient and effective manners.

2. NGO- Vision statement:

Tawakal would like to see where women and children's rights in Somali land are fully respected, protected and enjoying their fundamental rights and freedoms

3.TAWAKAL-LNGO – Mission statement:

TAWAKAL women's organization is registered L/NGO dedicated in promotion, protection and development of rights and livelihood of women and children in Somali land through advocacy, awareness raising, community mobilization and broad development activities by providing them social services, skills training, income generation and advocacy initiative

4.Organizational Objectives

1. To support to orphan children and other vulnerable street children in Somaliland.
2. Empowering women socially, economically and politically in Somaliland.
3. To advocate promotion of rights for the vulnerable people including women, children, disabled people and minorities socially, economically and politically in Somaliland.
4. To Rehabilitate and reconstruct the social services and productive sectors for Somaliland community following civil war.

5.NGO-CORE VALUES (Rice):

- *The NGO Core values is **RICE** and is intended to build the team work performance as below detailed:*

R.....Respect.

I..... Integrity

C..... Commitment.

E.....Excellency performance for its constituencies.

6.Management Information of the NGO

- *The structure of TAWAKAL-LNGO Association is composed as per the attached Organizational structures chart.*
- *TAWAKAL-LNGO works collaboratively, transparency and honesty with the target communities, and beneficiaries, partners and stakeholders by encouraging them active involvement and participation in planning and implementation as well as the sustainability of the projects.*
- *The NGO has a board of directors that is an independent functioning body by law and oversees the NGO operations and management procedures while looking strengthen/weaknesses of the NGO and seeks for fundraising, improvement in the areas of weaknesses.*
- *The organization has developed a functional organizational policies and procedures available in written documents. The Ngo updates its existing constitutions to be fit for the organizational new reforms and the working conditions. The NGO has a sense of belongings, shared purpose/aims, ground rules, altitudes, behavior and sharing of experience and responsibilities.*
- *The NGO play the following roles that includes:*
 - *Accomplishment of tasks and good relationship among the members*
 - *Analyzing the problems under participatory discussions and making creative suggestions to solve problems, while having a clear process for making each decision.*

7. NGO Strategic Directives and Plans

- *The Ngo has a written strategic directive and plans, functional by law which is intended to help to achieve the desired NGO goals, identify priorities needs and calls for constant monitoring /evaluation mechanism.*
- *TAWAKAL-LNGO Association is dynamic that believes in frequent review of the past performance and making new strategies that take these reviews in to account.*
- *The NGO has a strategic thinking and planning such as:*
 - *Prepare to plan strategic issues.*
 - *Analyze internal environment (SWOT Analysis).*
 - *Examine external environment.*
 - *Identify strategic issues and directives of NGO: **where the Ngo is and where the NGO is moving to (situation Analysis)** in order to ensure whether the NGO progresses and working performance are prospectively and strategically in the same track in manner to achieve the intended goals.*

- *Fund seeking*
- *Submit project proposals and plans to the fund-raising agencies*
- *To have target people and make prioritization*

8. NGO Co-operation and Networking:

- TAWAKAL-LNGO works with government institutions and line ministries and has the capacity to create with good productive linkages and collaborations which included the ministry of national planning, Education, commerce, local government and regional civil, target communities and all the projects and programs stakeholders through carrying out the following key activities:
 - Conduct needs assessments in target communities to sensitize and identify areas of critical needs for intervention.
 - Mobilize community to get commitments on community contributions, participation and involvement of the project designs, developments and implementation of the project activities in a participatory approach and decision-making processes.
 - Develop participatory monitoring and evaluation tools with the respective stakeholders and conduct periodical joint monitoring and evaluation field trips.
 - Build the capability of the target communities to project ownership and to manage and sustain the projects activities after the end of the project period

- TAWAKAL-LNGO NGO is one of the leading founders of Nagaad umbrella and still remains a member of the Nagaad umbrella The TAWAKAL-LNGO is also a member of Human Rights, Education, Income/Employment Generation and Environment networking groups and has good relations with respective groups and good team buildings networking.
- The TAWAKAL-LNGO has created a partnership environment and relations towards international organizations and INGO which includes: Novib, CARE, UNICEF, WFP, UNHCR, IRC, ICD, Swiss Group. UNDP.

9. Areas of Interventions

Human Rights Activities

We involved in human rights activities such:

- HIV Awareness through multi media addressing Playgrounds and Schools.
- Women rights activities
- Child rights
- Disabled peoples rights
- Minority Groups

Education

Tawakal-LNGO is actively involved in the education sector as follows:

- Provision of literacy and Numeracy education of Somaliland community
- Promotion of child and women education by establishing education centers for orphan and street children and women.
- Rehabilitation of the schools and expansion.

Environmental Protection and Sanitation

Tawakal-LNGO is actively involved in the environmental protection and sanitation as follows:

- Promotion of the environmental well-being and sanitation through:
 - Awareness Raising of the community.
 - Construction of hygiene and sanitation facilities
 - Water hygiene and sanitation activities

Income/Employment Generation

Tawakal-LNGO is actively involved in the Income/Employment Generation as follows:

- Establishing skills training centers
- Promoting small business to upgrade their lively hood
- Encouraging income generation activities by community participation

However, the activities of the organization are growing day after day as the organization grows.

11. OPERATIONS

Major activities under taken so far are as follows: -

- Novib/Candle light literacy and numeric program for women and girls.
- Non-formal education program for women and girls supported by AET.
- Alternative basic education program for children supported by Novib/Candlelight
- SCF/US supported an Assessment on living situation of women and children in prisons were conducted.

- Participated in a trauma counseling training conducted by NOVIB.

- UNDP supported four workshop projects concerned women and children rights in Hargeisa and other regions based on CHILD RIGHTS CONVENTION (CRC) and (CEDAW).
- SC/Denmark Women and child access to justice and trail advocacy

- UNCHR supported yearly collected information on violence against women in all regions of Somaliland

- Counseling and financial support was given to certain, cases of rape, child abuse and domestic violence.

- Continuous awareness raising programme on FGM

- **WFP** assisted feeding Program for the Orphanage Children. Tawakal NGO and its on going implemented this activity
- Revolving fund loans assisted by **IRC/USA**. This activity was implemented by Tawakal-LNGO.
- **SCF/USA** was supported primary schools rehabilitation projects. These activities implemented by Tawakal NGO.
- **NOVIB** supports pottery making project (income generation) through Nagaad Umbrella Tawakal NGO implemented this activity.
- **SCF/USA** supported Child and Women Rights civil education programmes. This activity implemented by Tawakal.