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Story of Change: AS AN ORGANIZATION (IDF) FOR SWERC PROJECT

- It is the first time that we had a consortium of local Somali NGOs coming together on issues related to mental health with component of violent extremism for youth that was undertaking in Gedo region thus local NGOs working together as a consortium on mental health issues in Somalia is a step in the right direction and GCERF has acted as an eye opener on mental health issues in the area.
- Mental health issues were stigma to discuss in Somalia but with intensive capacity building for the youth change in behavior and acceptance at the family and community level has been noted.
- Online training programs on mental health as part of digital training is a new concept and thus improved capacity building on online training programs. This will sharpen and improve our knowledge on digital training.
- Interaction, cohesion and coordination and team building become part of the youth who received the training hence part of healing and peace building process within the youth in the area.
- The mental health facilitator also benefited much from the online training as well as contents on the course offered thus improved knowledge and more sharpened skills in provision of the mental health unit in Somalia.
- The local community appreciated the effort of engaging youth on mental health issues and the idea of involving youth in the process of the program from the onset of the project.
- IDF will be able to undertake mental health program due to exposure by GCERF and thus provide training of trainees program for the local community in Belethawa district in Gedo region
- IDF has also benefited from mental health documents used for the training and thus create an archive for future reflection in the program unit.
- IDF has also adapted the human resource principle of engagement, consultation and dialogue when overcoming conflict and thus with win situation for all. Special applaud and appreciation for HAPEN in their moderation in the program.