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Asha Abdi Isse hails from a family of 6 siblings and her father is a broker at Beledhawa livestock market where he sources livelihood for the family. Asha is among the female girls from Beledhawa who participated in IDF's Rasmi activities that focused on youth capacity developments on CPMR and CVE to increase their understandings on radicalization and enhance their participations in the managements of border security and CVE . One morning, her family was informed that her brother who went missing few months ago is confirmed to have joined AS. This was received with shock and the family could not withstand with the loss. " the report was shocking as it came in at a time when our father was ill and is grappling to regain his health from a long sickness. My mother, who is busy working hard to feed the family and given the fact that she has been forced to takeover the role of bread-earner since our dad is sick, felt disappointed and heartbroken. Upon realizing this befalling difficult situation affecting my family, i reached out to my fellow members of a youth network we formed during youth forums organized by IDF, remarked Asha. The network named "Young People against Radicalization and Violent Extremism" was created to provide the youth with a platform where they engage each other to share experiences on consequence of violent extremism and carry out voluntary peer-to-peer campaigns to counter radicalization. After few months of conversations through social media platforms by the network members and other fellow youth from Gedo Region, the team managed to access his facebook account and when Asha exchanged several chats to persuade him come back home, he told her that his is willing to exit the terror group and come back but he is worried about how the community will treat him once he is back. Delighted by this positive perception of her brother, Asha told him that the network will organize for his safe reunion since it has good relationship with the elders and the local authority while giving him the reassurance that he will not be victimized for his past decision.

Finally, with this encouragement, Asha and her team recovered him. "My brother was recovered from the terrorist organization on 22 September 2019. He is now happily living with the family and with this success I intend to continue using the network to campaign against radicalization and violent extremism". Remarked Asha