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PROJECT PARTNERS:

The MIDA FINNSOM Health project is implemented in
cooperation with:

The Finnish Medical Association

The Finnish Nurses Association

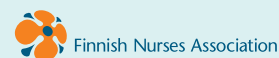
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and through the coordination of:

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IOM Hargeisa (Somaliland)

IOM Garowe (Puntland)

PROJECT DONOR

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MIDA FINNSOM

2011 – 2014

Institutionalizing Health Care Improvement
through Temporary Returns of Somali Health
Professionals from Finland (Phase 2)



MIDA  FINNSOM
Health



Through the **MIDA FINNSOM Health project**, IOM and the Finnish-Somali diaspora will continue to support the rehabilitation and development of regional health sectors in Somaliland and Puntland (Somalia) which continue to bear the consequences of years of neglect, and a debilitating lack of qualified human resources.

Up to fifty Finnish-Somali professionals will carry out temporary capacity building and mentoring assignments in local health institutions; transferring skills and experiences gained while working and studying in Finland. As a complement, Finnish health experts may on a limited basis accompany Somali colleagues in order to carry out specialized training assignments.

The **MIDA FINNSOM Health** project is demand driven and based on priority needs identified by local authorities and project partners in Somaliland and Puntland. Such needs will be matched with available human resources in Finland. Furthermore the promotion of bilateral partnerships, and networking opportunities, will serve to institutionalize the diaspora's role in the reconstruction of their homeland's health sector.

IOM places special emphasis on targeting female health professionals in the Somali Diaspora and in identifying gender-based gaps in the provision of health services in Somaliland and Puntland.

As with all MIDA-type projects, **MIDA FINNSOM Health** is based on the commitment of diaspora professionals to voluntarily contribute to the development of their homeland.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The **MIDA FINNSOM Health** will support the local health sectors in Somaliland and Puntland through:

1. Establishment of a Project Steering Committee
2. Identification of human resources gaps in Somaliland's and Puntland's health sectors in cooperation with local stakeholders.
3. Identification of relevant professional resources available in Finland.
4. Facilitation of up to 50 temporary assignments for Finnish-Somali, and Finnish, professionals to train, and work with, local colleagues in Somaliland and Puntland.
5. Organization of Lessons Learnt workshops in Finland, Somaliland, and Puntland to promote the institutionalization of diaspora participation in the rehabilitation of vital public sectors in their country of origin.

Who Can Participate?

IOM invites Somali and Finnish professionals in Finland to apply for participation in the **MIDA FINNSOM Health** project.

Health Professionals:

1. Medical doctors and Dentists
2. Mental health experts
3. Nurses and Midwives
4. Laboratory and X-ray technicians
5. Physiotherapists
6. Medical engineers
7. Other health sector professionals

Support Professionals:

8. Administrators / HR Specialists
9. IT specialists
10. Development cooperation specialists
11. Curriculum developers and policy experts

All applicants will be considered individually. The final selection will be done by a panel comprised of representatives from Finnish project partners, and host institutions.

Applications to the project may be submitted at:

<http://www.iom.fi/midafinnsom>.

Important: All participants must be Finnish citizens or permanent residents in Finland.

Benefits of Participation:

Selected professionals will have an opportunity to contribute to the rehabilitation and development of the health sectors in Somaliland and Puntland, in addition, they will have the opportunity to network with a wide range of health care professionals and local authorities.

All project participants will be provided with all travel arrangements, medical and evacuation insurance, and in-country transportation. Furthermore, participants will receive a living allowance - on behalf of their host institutions - based on their proven qualifications. This allowance is intended to cover basic living expenses and accommodation.