

Terms of Reference

Dignity kits with essential hygiene and personal care items to vulnerable women and girls in IDP camps-Beledweyn

Organization	ActionAid International Somalia
Location	Beledweyne, Hiiraan, Somalia
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1. Background

Displacements caused by conflict, insecurity, and recurrent climatic shocks continue to expose vulnerable communities in Beledweyne to significant humanitarian and protection risks. Women and girls living in Internally Displaced Places (IDP) camps are particularly affected by limited access to basic hygiene and personal care materials, inadequate household resources, and challenges in maintaining their dignity and privacy.

For women and adolescent girls, the lack of essential hygiene and personal care items can have direct consequences on their health, dignity, confidence, mobility, and participation in community and livelihood activities. These challenges may become more severe for female-headed households, adolescent girls, women with disabilities, pregnant and lactating women, and other individuals experiencing heightened vulnerability.

In response to these needs, ActionAid International Somalia (**AAIS**) will provide dignity kits containing essential hygiene and personal care items to selected vulnerable women and girls living in targeted IDP camps in Beledweyne. The intervention will complement ongoing protection, GBV prevention, awareness-raising, and community engagement activities. In addition to addressing immediate material needs, distribution will provide an opportunity to strengthen awareness on personal hygiene, protection, GBV prevention, available referral pathways, and available support services.

2. Purpose of the activity

The purpose of the dignity kit distribution is to support vulnerable women and girls in targeted IDP camps in Beledweyne to meet their essential hygiene and personal care needs while promoting dignity, protection, and well-being. This activity aims to ensure that women and girls who have limited financial capacity can access basic items necessary for maintaining personal hygiene and dignity in the challenging conditions of displacement.

3. Overall objective

To improve the dignity, hygiene, protection, and well-being of vulnerable women and girls living in four IDP camps in Beledweyne through the provision of essential hygiene and personal care items.

3.1. Specific objectives

- To provide essential hygiene and personal care items to vulnerable women and girls living in four IDP camps.
- To support women and girls to maintain personal hygiene and dignity despite the challenges associated with displacement.
- To reduce the negative effects of limited access to hygiene and personal care materials on women's and girls' health, dignity, mobility, and participation.
- To strengthen awareness among beneficiaries on hygiene, sanitation, GBV prevention, women's and children's protection, and available support and referral services.
- To ensure that the distribution is conducted in a safe, inclusive, accountable, and protection-sensitive manner.
- To strengthen linkages between vulnerable women and girls and existing protection, GBV, psychosocial, health, and other referral services where required.

4. Target beneficiaries

The primary beneficiaries will be vulnerable women and adolescent girls living in four IDP camps in Beledweyne. Priority will be given to individuals and households experiencing heightened vulnerability, including:

- Female-headed households
- Adolescent girls
- Women and girls affected by displacement and conflict
- Women and girls with limited access to income or basic household resources
- Women and girls with disabilities
- Pregnant and lactating women
- Women and girls facing heightened protection risks and
- Other vulnerable women and girls identified through transparent and agreed vulnerability criteria.

Target number of beneficiaries: 200 women and girls live in 4 IDPs (50 by each).

5. Proposed dignity kit and essential hygienic items

The dignity kits have been determined based on the needs of the targeted women and girls, the local context, and available project resources. Indicative items may include:

No	Item	Proposed Quantity
1	Reusable sanitary pad	200 boxes (per box 6 pcs)
2	Underwear (normal size and long size)	200 boxes (per box 6 pcs)
3	Bathing soap (Dove)	200 boxes (per box 6 pcs)
4	Laundry soap (Omar)	1,200 pcs (6 pcs per HH)
5	Toothbrush	200 pcs
6	Toothpaste (Colgate)	200 pcs
7	Shampoo (Dove)	200 pcs
8	Body lotion (Papaya cream)	200 pcs
9	Hair comb	200 pcs

10	Coconut oil (CBC)	200 pcs
11	Hand washing powder- (Oomo ama Taydh) = Hillaac	200 boxes (Kiish)
12	Somali dress (dirac) normal one (3.5 yaardi)	400 pcs
13	Somali dress (googorad)	400 pcs
14	Somali dress (garbasaar) middle one (3 yaardi)	400 pcs

6. Duration

The dignity kit and hygienic items will be distributed after the supplier has been awarded.

7. Implementation approach

The distribution will be implemented using a **protection-centered, inclusive, and accountable approach**. Prior to distribution, the protection team with the support of the project team will coordinate with relevant camp leaders, case workers and nurses to ensure that the activity responds to identified needs and does not create additional protection risks. Beneficiary selection will follow clearly defined and transparent vulnerability criteria. The process will seek to minimize exclusion, discrimination, duplication, and community tensions.

8. Distribution Process

The activity will generally follow the following steps:

- **Step 1 – Needs and vulnerability identification:** Identify priority beneficiaries based on agreed vulnerability criteria.
- **Step 2 – Coordination and preparation:** Coordinate with relevant stakeholders and prepare the distribution site, beneficiary lists, kits, awareness materials, and feedback mechanisms.
- **Step 3 – Beneficiary communication:** Inform selected beneficiaries about the date, location, purpose, and process of the distribution.
- **Step 4 – Awareness session:** Conduct a brief hygiene, protection, and GBV awareness session.
- **Step 5 – Dignity kit distribution:** Distribute kits in a safe, orderly, inclusive, and confidential manner.
- **Step 6 – Feedback and referral:** Provide beneficiaries with information on feedback mechanisms and available referral services.
- **Step 7 – Post-distribution monitoring:** Conduct appropriate follow-up to assess whether the assistance was received, relevant, useful, and safely accessed.

9. Expected Outputs

The activity is expected to achieve the following outputs:

- **200** vulnerable women and girls receive dignity kits containing essential hygiene and personal care items.
- Targeted women and girls have improved access to essential hygiene and personal care materials.

- Beneficiaries demonstrate increased awareness of personal hygiene and menstrual hygiene management.
- Beneficiaries receive information on GBV prevention, women's and children's protection, and available referral services.
- Vulnerable women and girls relate to relevant protection, health, GBV, and psychosocial support services where necessary.
- Feedback from beneficiaries is collected and documented to strengthen accountability and future programming.

10. Expected Outcomes

The intervention is expected to contribute to:

- Improved dignity and well-being among vulnerable women and girls
- Improved access to essential hygiene and personal care items
- Improved knowledge and practices related to hygiene and sanitation
- Increased awareness of GBV prevention and protection services
- Reduced barriers to maintaining personal hygiene during displacement, and
- Strengthened resilience and confidence among vulnerable women and girls living in IDP settings.

Submission of Applications

We invite interested supplier to submit their **quotations** not later than **5th November 2026** via: admin.somalia@actionaid.org **Subject:** Dignity kits and hygiene items. **Only shortlisted suppliers will be contacted.**