

# Vulnerable populations Health Matters Most

## Case of kolbio town of Badhaadhe district Lower juba Somalia

**In the face of pandemics, people do not get access to clean water and sanitation hygiene facilities. Open defecation of children of low economic class, who can't afford toilets posts health threats. Public services and humanitarian interventions are not reaching the intended recipient. Few who were in power are self-centered and unconcerned about the unfolding health situation. Public resources that were meant for the marginalized community are diverted into the hand of few self-centered individuals. While most men run away from civil war and some tend to live in the big towns, women and children are left alone to face life without proper access to all basic rights, ranging from water, public sensation, healthcare services, protection and respect of their rights. In addition to pandemics, they also do experience gender-based violence and various gender issues. There is no equal participation and decision-making process that those decisions made without their involvement. Women in this locality are not well represented in politics. (Ayan 2021)**

**Even during the election, they have no say. Absence of the right to vote and exercise rights of electing who best fits them. According to Ayan one of the contributing factors that affecting access to health care and human rights is corruption, particularly during elections. Few selected elders were exclusively men. These teams are bribed and influenced to take some money and elect individuals who were not from the resident. The representatives were not pointed on a merit basis. After the election, they will disappear and would not advocate for the right of the residents. Whenever they were asked why they were not representing the community well they will tell you that they paid for the seat. They will only reappear when their time comes to an end. The regional government is unconcerned about the well-being of the society.**

# MY CONCLUDING REMARKS

Finally, all humanity has entitlement and various rights to enjoy. These rights are interdependent and fulfilment of one right facilitates the fulfilment of the other. The research focused on the intersectionality between health and human rights and why women in the Badhadhe district do not are locked in the junction where human rights and health intersects. Women in this locality faced various human rights issues that require the attention of the government and humanitarian attention. UNDP, Government of Somalia, Juba land regional administration, UNICEF, WHO, are urged to respond to humanitarian issues in this region.

## Challenges

- Violation of human rights and access to basic rights For the voiceless children and mothers.
- Lack of enough medical Facilities and expertise and less humanitarian intervention worsen the situation
- Poor leadership, particularly those representing the district at both regional and national levels.
- Lack of allocation of resources From the regional government as well as the central government of Somalia has taken a greater role in the complication of access to health services and other social services.
- Poor road network and ineffective transport made transportation of sick difficult For delivering mother reach Kismayo save making many died on the way.
- Most deaths before age 5 are linked to undernutrition The best interest of the child is often underestimated.
- An estimated 1000 women died in pregnancy and childbirth in 201ç and 2020 in Badhadhe district.

## Recommendations

- Address human rights as determinants of health All residents should undertake periodic human rights-based assessments of the determinants of women's, children's and adolescents' health.
- Particular attention to gender inequality, discrimination, displacement, violence, dehumanizing urbanization, environmental degradation and climate change, and develop rights-based national and subnational strategies to address these determinants.
- A human rights-based approach to health is a people-centred approach local to be included in making decisions affecting their lives.



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