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Organization: Asxaabta Walaalaha Buulaay (AWB)

Country: Somalia

Registration: Registered with the Federal Government of Somalia

BACKGROUND

Buulo Burte, a small and historically vibrant town in central Somalia, has faced prolonged hardship. For over a decade, its population has suffered from isolation, extreme poverty, and limited access to essential services. The town is currently under the administration of national forces, with significant support from Djiboutian troops and the legitimate Hirshabelle regional government. The security situation has since stabilized and remains relatively calm. However, the public services are scarce, and the few existing community services are neither accessible to vulnerable families nor sufficient in quality.

In response to these challenges, Asxaabta Walaalaha Buulaay (AWB) was established in 2019 by a dedicated group of men and women from Buulo Burte. The organization's core mission is to provide vital, lifesaving support to the most vulnerable members of the community—particularly orphans and children from low-income backgrounds—by enhancing access to basic education, community services, and sustainable livelihoods.

OBJECTIVES

AWB is a nonprofit, federally registered organization headquartered in Buulo Burte, Somalia. It is committed to strengthening unity, advancing social development, and encouraging the active participation of both Buulo Burte residents and the broader Somali diaspora. The primary mission of AWB is to restore the trust, dignity, and solidarity of the people of Buulo Burte, while also transforming lives by supporting, empowering, and uplifting the most vulnerable—including the poor and orphaned—within the district. The organization operates under the following key objectives:

- Rebuild trust, unity, and solidarity among the people of Buulo Burte
- Foster meaningful connections between local communities and the Somali diaspora
- Address socio-economic deterioration by implementing community-based projects that improve living standards and build resilience

Following its legal registration, AWB's immediate strategic focus is to establish an effective governance system that drives its mission with transparency, inclusivity, and measurable impact.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR AWB

AWB's governance framework is structured around three key components:

- **Founding Members Assembly (FMA):** Consisting of 35 members, the FMA serves as the primary decision-making body. Within it, a nine-member Executive Committee is elected to oversee daily operations and program implementation.
- **Advisory Board:** Comprising seven members, this body provides strategic advice and high-level guidance to the organization.
- **Diaspora Representatives:** Designated individuals representing Somali communities in various countries abroad, who support AWB's mission by strengthening global outreach, fostering partnerships, and advocating for resource mobilization.

These governance bodies ensure institutional leadership, define strategic direction, oversee resource management, and guide the effective execution of programs (*refer to the governance structure for further details*).

GOVERNANCE OBJECTIVES

- Promote good governance and organizational accountability
- Develop data-driven strategies and measurable action plans
- Strengthen fundraising capacity and mobilize resource networks
- Advocate for community priorities and member interests
- Uphold institutional integrity and operational excellence
- Represent AWB at national and international levels

FOUNDING MEMBERS ASSEMBLY (FMA)

The Founding Members Assembly (FMA), composed of 35 members, serves as the organization's primary governing body. It is responsible for strategic oversight, program design, policy formulation, and financial management. Within the assembly, a nine-member Executive Committee is elected to oversee daily operations and program implementation.

Executive Committee

A group of nine members elected from within the FMA to manage daily operations and implementation

Executive roles

1. Chairperson

2. Vice Chairperson
3. Secretary General
4. Treasurer
5. Director of Programs
6. Director of Communications and Outreach
7. Director of Projects
8. Director of Fundraising
9. Director of Monitoring

Core responsibilities

- Develop and supervise strategic plans and operational policies
- Lead and manage program implementation and service delivery
- Approve and monitor budgets, reports, and annual work plans
- Ensure compliance with legal, ethical, and financial standards
- Represent AWB in domestic and international forums
- Monitoring financial plans
- Tracking programs and services
- Supervising the budget and reports
- Fund raising

ADVISORY BOARD

The advisory board consists of esteemed community leaders, technical experts, and elders who offer strategic guidance and specialized insight.

Key functions:

- Provide strategic and policy advisory support
- Champion organizational initiatives and policy advocacy
- Advance AWB's mission through professional and community networks
- Mediate conflict resolution and promote community harmony

DIASPORA REPRESENTATIVES

Designated individuals representing Somali communities in various countries abroad, contributing to the advancement of AWB's mission.

Key functions

- Promote AWB’s vision and activities within diaspora communities and international forums
- Facilitate partnerships with organizations, institutions, and donors in their respective countries
- Support fundraising efforts through diaspora engagement and coordinated campaigns
- Act as cultural and community ambassadors, strengthening ties between the diaspora and local beneficiaries
- Provide input on transnational issues, strategic opportunities, and policy developments relevant to AWB’s mandate
- Contribute to advocacy initiatives that raise awareness of Buulo Burte’s humanitarian needs

Box1: *The Governance Structure for AWB*

