Somalia 2026

Message from Founder and Executive Director Dr. Ron Dieckmann:
"Our team from KidsCareEverywhere (KCE) is presently on the ground in Somalia, where we are engaged in an exciting national project to donate award-winning medical and nursing software to clinicians across the country, primarily for use on mobile phones. This initiative will influence the quality of the health care provided to millions of patients. We are conducting this project in collaboration with the Global Health Alliance, the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization. What our team has accomplished on the first days in this resource-limited country is truly inspiring. The Blog and images below reveal the enormous energy and good will generated among the clinicians in Somalia by our KCE project. Over this week, we will post daily Blogs of the team's work to share the spirit of the mission."

Report from the front lines in Somalia: Blog #4

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"Yesterday dawned hot (no surprise); the team (KCE and GHA) planned a full day of visiting several facilities in Garowe. The intent of these visits was to scope out the sites for future trainings and get a feeling for health education in Somalia.
First, we visited a favorite place - Gol-Nugal Maternity and Children's Hospital. It is essentially midwife-managed and has benefited from GHA love and largesse, including nice curtains to provide patient privacy for laboring and post-delivery mothers. They now have isolettes for newborns and simple, but life-saving equipment for vulnerable babies. Midwives have painted the walls, enhanced hand hygiene and instituted appropriate standards of care. As well, KCE trained these midwives and nurses 2 years ago and we are currently training new staff. We received such a warm greeting!







Next stop - East Africa University, where we met leadership and had a tour of the campus. Our wonderful GHA coordinator Mohamud attended East Africa. We toured the library and toured a classroom where students are taught compulsory English. The group toured teaching labs for students in health professions.

On to Garowe General (public) Hopital. The nursery lacks functioning isolettes. Again, KCE will hopefully do needed training here next time. The hospital does feature a 7-bed dialysis unit; the only nephrologist works in another city but can provide some consultation.

Last stop with our team - Puntland State University (where Yonis got his degrees). We toured the labs and training sites; the university leadership wants DM/DH training for their staff.

Many staff at these 4 institutions - doctors, nurses, midwives - received DM training either 2 years ago with KCE or over the past 2 years with Yonis and our champions. In total, more than 700 Somali health care providers have been trained!

Important note: Ikraan and Yonis are seeking sites in Garowe to create their own training center for GHA. They dream of a large site with training rooms, SIM lab, and some smaller group rooms."

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