MESSAGE FROM PUNTLAND Y-PEER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON HIV/AIDS.

Although tremendous progress has been made in Somalia in combating HIV/AIDS. The epidemic continues to grow, more than thousands people still live with HIV in this country and approximately one in twenty don’t even know they’re infected. Some thousands of people, their families, and their communities, are now living with HIV. Effectively tackling this epidemic remains one of the world’s most pressing public health challenges.

Counseling and testing are essential so that people who are infected can know their status, seek care, and using their increased knowledge, change their behaviors to prevent transmission of the virus to others. Those who are tested can also use knowledge of their status to protect themselves. However, Y-PEER has always been involved and working on HIV/AIDS Programs such as conducting awareness campaigns, advertisement of HIV/AIDS programs through the local radios, develop IEC-Materials. Conduct HIV/STI prevention trainings for youths, take leading role on the various international days such as, World Aids Day, International Youth Days. This has now brought so many of the community members to get more knowledge and information on HIV/AIDS with the help of the above methodology that was implemented by Y-PEER.
Following the outbreak of the civil war in 1991 and the ensuing collapse of governmental authority, a significant problem with piracy in the waters off of the coast of Somalia began to emerge. Piracy arose as a response by local fishermen from littoral towns such as Eyl, Kismayo and Harardhere to illegal fishing by foreign trawlers.

Puntland’s administration recently enacted a number of reforms and pre-emptive measures as a part of its officially declared anti-piracy campaign.

The latter include the arrest, trial and conviction of pirate gangs, as well as raids on suspected pirate hideouts and confiscation of weapons and equipment; ensuring the adequate coverage of the regional authority’s anti-piracy efforts by both local and international media; sponsoring a social campaign led by Islamic scholars and community activists aimed at discrediting piracy and highlighting its negative effects.

On the other hand the effects of piracy to the community differ for instance the youth of Puntland face immense challenges in every aspect of their lives especially high numbers of youth involving negative social activities like piracy thus leaves the youth idle and prone to other illegal activities like Al-Shabaab and Al Qaeda.

Other critical challenges brought by piracy and related to HIV/AIDS include:

- **Marriage:** Women in Somalia are married by pirates due to high payment of dowry which will result of infecting women with the epidemic without going for testing with the aim of knowing their HIV status.

- **Rape:** Women became victims of rape. Raping of women has had negative impact to their lives which resulted HIV/AIDS transmission.

- **Divorce:** Most of the women divorced by pirates are normally married by other men as a result will lead the plague to transmit easily.

- **Kidnapping:** hostages taken especially women are forced and raped without their consent hence, will contribute to the spread of the disease.

- **Prostitution:** Sex workers are the most at risk and they can easily transmit the endemic of HIV/AIDS after having unprotected sex with the pirates. The sex workers are from the borders.

- **Drug abuse:** intoxicant drugs such as khats, cocaine, wine, cannabis etc. will contribute to infection of disease due to lack of emotional control and consequently can lead to the spread of HIV/AIDS.

An extensive meeting regarding prevention and fight against piracy was held today at the Bossaso Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting had wide participation from various prominent persons such as representatives from the government who were the Minister of Finance, Hon. Faarah Ali Shire, the State Minister of Commerce Hon. Mohamud Faarah Beeldaahe and the Deputy Minister of Security Hon. Abdijamal Mohamed Osman. Also in the meeting was the Mayor of Bari region, Mr. Abdisamed Mohamed Galan.

In addition, present in the meeting were members from the Puntland business community, Peace activists, intellectuals, and valuable guests from various spheres.

It was during the end of the meeting the puntland business persons presented information they alluded to newspapers that pirates are becoming a stumbling block against smooth-running of their businesses and business of the entire world, in general. They also informed that in this year alone, pirates held to ransom nine ships with Somali business persons on board. These ships were destined to carry goods to and/or out of Bossaso port.

The business people also mentioned that the community and government should come to the same platform in countering problems brought by their savage handiwork. This will only made possible through cooperation and use of other relevant avenues in order to fight pirates both in land and sea.

Moreover, the business people unanimously informed that pirates have had negative impact on the economy of Puntland with bottlenecks faced especially in the season of Hajj which used to be a pick season of livestock export. This forced ships which used to carry products either refrain sailing in Somali waters or charge double the usual prices.

They also mentioned that it is clearly seen that pirates and acts of piracy has brought more harm to the country which were not present before the genesis of piracy.

Therefore, we give sincere advice to the youth who are linked directly or indirectly to the act of piracy to desist from such as vicious act that ruins the reputation of Somali people and destroy glimmer of hope in the future of the Somali youth. Hundreds of youth have been killed while they were engaging in the act of piracy, similar number or more have been held in captivity in different corners of the world not knowing what fate has in store for them.

It is equally important for every Muslim to have deep belief that his/her provision has been written down in a protected scribe while we were only four months old in our mother’s womb. Searching for wealth through wrong channels can lead an individual into unexpected problems. Imagine a scenario where you are caught by a soldiers you have knowledge of, of different religion, share no cultural similarities and at the same time, happen to put you into a pit you never have a hope of getting anytime soon. WHAT WILL YOU DO? YOU RIP NOTHING BUT PROBLEMS AND SEVERE TORMENT.

Dear brothers, led detach ourselves from acts of piracy and re-trace back to the teaching of Islam, repent for our wrongdoings and devote to worship of our lord the Almighty.

OUR LORD THE ALMIGHTY IS ALL MERCIFUL AND FULL OF FORGIVENESS.

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International Youth Day is the best time to commemorate the power and strength of the youth all around the globe. International Youth Day is celebrating every year on 12th August since 1999. United Nations defined an event for highlighted awareness on the requirements of young people in the middle of 10 to 24 years. On the other hand, the youth send some affectionate mails to extend this day with their darling, friends, esteemed ones on this day.

Now let us put down, in this article, events that took place on 12th of August 2011 in commemoration of this special occasion in Puntland and generally in the greater Somalia.

High class celebration was hosted at the conference of the Ministry of Labor, Youth, and Sports of Puntland government. This special occasion was participated by multitudes of people composed of high-level authority from Puntland government, youth organizations, the religious leaders, women, journalists, groups of musicians and poets, international organizations and guest of honors.

Consequently, on the night of the 12th of August, a similar event was held at the Puntland Development and Research Centre (PDRC) in respect of this special day. It was emphasized that importance of democratization and ways to developing youth in matters regarding peace.

Mr. Abdinasir Buraale, in charge of youth section in PDRC launched film touching on survey conducted in selected regions of Puntland conducted by PDRC in collaboration with youth representatives. Results from the survey showed that majority of the youth believe in democracy and unanimously agreed that Puntland needs multi-party system of governance and shifting from tribalism in order to have governance of quality.

Among the speakers in the occasion was the Minister of Labor, Youth and Sports, Hon. Abdiweli Hirsi Abdule (Indhogudhan). While speaking of youth the minister mentioned that government throughout the world is built upon the situation of youth. He gave an example that if youth are mainly involved in piracy then likewise the government will be established upon piracy, it they involve in war then the government will take similar trend.

It is clear that government is built upon the situation of its youth. The fact of the matter being that over 70% of the Puntland population is youth.

The minister also informed that the next occasion will be Puntland Youth Day where the ministry will launch Puntland Youth Policy which has been currently forwarded to the parliament for ratification.

In his final speech, the Vice President informed that youth are strongest pillar in every society who cannot be avoided in any case. Based on this, the government has plans on issues relating to youth development in their dreams to take leadership role in the State.

The ceremony came to finale with all participants in high spirits how well it was.
Hadaynu qeeqno nadaafada, nadaafada waxaa lagu qeeqeyaa In qofku nadiifiyi jidhkaa deegaanka uu ku noolayadh dhakhisiga.

Diinteen waxay ka hadashay in badan nadaafda iyo in qofku ahaado mid nadiif ah nabigeenu Naxarsiis Iyo Nabad geliiyoo Korkiiisa ahateet xowuuquu xay nabaafta iimaanka waa ka badh taas oo macneheeday yahay hadii qofka laga weydiyo nadaafad wu xuu lumiilay qayb ka mid ah ii maan kisa. Ilaalay quraan ka shaarafta badawan u xeexiyo I noogoo sheegad in ilaalay jeceladahay kuwa isdaaheeriyi oo toobaday lahaydaa ku sidoo kale waxaan diinta kabaarnay sida la isu daahiriyaha nabigeenu NXNK wuxuu yiri umadadayaa waxaan amrilaraahay cadagyaa markastaa oo ay salaada tukanaynaa laakiin waxaan kabaqayyaa in ay ku noqoto waajib sidoo kale nabigu wuxuu isaga oo ilaa lionayaa nadaafada yahay in ay maanta dhexgala islamarkaaya uu ku qabto wakfti ee salaada ah shanta salaaadood hadii uu qofku tukado shanta wakhti ee salaadaha faralka ah wax denbi ah ku hadhimayaa.

Xadiiskan marka ay fasirayaan culumad waxay ku tilmaamo in laga fay daysanayo nadaafada iyo in iska daahiriyiso uskaga ruuxada iyo jidhka.

Nadaafadu waxay muhiim u tahay caafimaadka qofka taas oo hadii qofku wayyo nadood u nadiiffaad u caafimaadkuu halisku jiro sida diinteena suubani inno sheegay waaq xofka loogabaahan yahay in cudiyisay jaro taas oo macnehedu yahay in cudiyaha ay ku qaybtaana nadaafad xumida qofka wayyo waaq xofka ku duuntoo jeer misiysada halista ku ah caafimaadka qofka sidoo kale waaq xofka looga baahan yahay qofku markuuffu siicmaalmo suuliga in uu gacmihiisa ku dhaq saabuun, danbas, caid, iyo waxiibami ah iyana waxaa aad muhiim u ah qofku in nadiifayo timihiisa wayyo nadiifadar darada timaha waaq xofka dhaxsh cayayyaa waxyeelka caafimaadka qofka.

Nadaafadu waxay qayb libaadyle ka qaata weelka oo si fican loo nadiifyo lagana ilaaliyadda dhexgalo islamarkaana uu kaga tago jeermarka cola ka ah bini aadanka Nebigeenu NXK wuxuu yiri weelka haka seeqandaa isaga oo afbanaa oo dabbu, xadisii kaasi wuxu ina tu sinayaa In aynu ilaaliyada nadaafada weel keenaa.

Waxaa sidoo kale loo baahanyahay in la nadiifyo guriga si joogta ahna loo iilaayoo nadaafadiisay waayo guri gu waa meesha keli aha eed wa ah qofka noo shiido hadii nadaafadiisay xumaansa waxa xumaaana dhammaan caafimaadka qofka iyada ahaan bulshada ku hareeraysan agagaarka guriga. Waa in lagu gurana qaaskhinta lana astuurka hadhaaga cuntada lana fogueeynta biyaha waxasakha ah addigoo ilaaliyada deriskaagaha waxaay oo dhexgala dhibaato ahna waayo waxa dhib kugu ah deriskaagaana waxaay karto tahay dhib.

Weligaa ogsoo now in uu xaq fagu leeyahay deriskaagudu, hadii aad xaqdhawriwyadina aad gelaysi danbi culus taasina waxay hagar daamo ku tahay naftada iyo jidhkaaga.

Gabagababidda qomeedena waxaa soo ogaanay nadaafada iyo mu hubimaay ahaa u leedahay noolosha qofka iyo cibaaadaadida. Marka waxaa loga baahnahay ah ahaan yahay qofku ku bararaasunaada ilaaliinta nadaafada isaga oo ku ku dhaab ah naxbada diintiisa ayaa ku dariidhaan waaq xofka uu nadiiffaad ee diinta ahaan ku saajidaan xumida nadiifadu jidka ah.”

Hadaba waa maxay HIV?
Hivgu waa cudur dhaliye loo yaqaan farrus waana keena cudurka Aidska.
H= waxay utaagantahay (Human) oo macne-heeduyahay bini aadan
l= waxay utaagantahay (Immunodeficiency) waadaaciifid ama yaraansho difaacyayaasha jidhka qofka taas oo keenaysa in uu qofku unuglaado curda soo weerara jidhksiisa iskana difaackariwaa waayo jidhekunu wuxuu leeyahay difaacsana wabaan ah oo ilaaahay inagu manaystay
V= waxay utaagan tahay(virus ) oo ah faryur fayrsaa hortaga ah kaas oo ah cudur dhliye.

Waamaxay AIDS?
A= wuxuu utaagan yahay Acquired I= wuxuu utaagan yahay immune D= wuxuu utaaganyahay deficiency dhamaan erayadan waxay la macnayihiin qaaddida xanuun calamada badan oo isu tagay leh oo yareeya difaaca jidhka Aidsku waa cudurka uu keeno fayruska. Hadii qofka jidhksiisa uu ku jiro fayruska HIV taas macneheedu maaha in uu qofku qabo cudurka Aids laakiin wuxuu unugulyahay in uuqadaa Aids qabida cudurka Aids waxaa sheegi kara qof yaqaanka caafi-maaka ama dhakhtah ah.

Hadaba waxaa lagama maarmaan ah in la ogaado inta HIV gu isu bedelo AIDS, qiyaysa ahaan waxay xaqadatay 6ilaa11sano iyo kabadanba waxayse tani ku xidhantahay caafimaadka guud ee qofka iyo hab dhaqankiisa.

Sidee lagu kala qaadaa HIV/AIDS?
Waxaa lagu kalaqaadaa qodobadan soo socda:
1- Galmada oo lala sameeysiga qof qaba Aids
2- Lyado oo lagu shubo dhiiq qof aad qabka HIV qof aan qabin HIV oo labaadhinii higiisa
3- Hooyada hadii ay qabto Fayruska HIV waxay qaad siin kartaa ilma heeda xiliga ururka markay umulayso iyo xiliga ay nuujinaysa
4- Waxaad kale oo aad ku qaadi kartaa hadii aad isticmaasho ama la gugu isticmaalo qalab aan nadiif ahayn sida wadaagidda irbadaha la iskku duro.
5- Hadii aad la isticmaashid cadayga qof qofku Hiv/AIDS
6- Maqas ama sakiin(maksiinad) loo isticmaalay qof qofka Hiv/AIDS

Hiv lagama qaado
- Saxarada
- Ilmada
- Dhididka
- Taabashada, salaanta, waxa isla cunida, - Kaneecada iyo xasharaadka

Side le isaga ilaaliyaa HIV/AIDS?
Wuxuu qofku iskaga ilaalin karaa cudurkan dilagaagacyahay ah(HIV/AIDS) siyaabahan oo socda:

- In qofku(Rag iyo Haween) dharsoonada iskana ilaaliyo galmada xaaraanta ahinta uu guursanayo oo aad ku ekaato xasa kaaga ama saygaaga
- In qofku iska ilaaliyo qalab aan nadiif ahayn sida makiinadaahaa mindiyaha maqasyada iyo waxa alaal waa xibii leh af wax jara ama sara qalabkan oo dhan hadada isticmaalaysid waa in uu noqdaa micusub ama sifican loo karkaryay loona nadiifyay(stereile)
- In aadan isku shubin dhiig aan dhakhtar baadhin kana hubin dhamaan cudurada ukala gudba bini aadan ka uu horeeyo HIV/AIDS
- Hooya kasta oo uur leh waa in ay la xidhiidho xarumaha hooyada iyo dhalaanka si loo yareeyo khatarta in uu cudurkan ugu dhaban ilamaha ururka ku jira guud ahaana loo siyoo talooyin
- Shaqaalaha caafimaadkii iyo dadka ku shaqaysat farsama dhacay ugu dhaba dhaqameedku waa in ay iska jiraan, ilaaliyaan halista cudurkani leeyahay waa in ay isticmaalaa qalab nadiif ah
- Laba kasta oo jecel in ay wadaan noolosha waa in ay ibaadhan ka hor guuur kooda

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Burcaddu waxay caqabad ku noqdeen isu gudubka ganacsiga dunida waxaax mar qura cabsi weyn muujiyey maraakiibti u kala gooshi jirtay bada cas iyo india iyagoo socdaalkoodu ku wajahan yahay Africa, Asia, Europe iyo bariga fog kuwaaso siday shixinado kala duwan, tan iyo intii ay ka bilaabmeen burcaddu afdububka u geysataan shaqaalha hay'ada samafalka ah, iyo maraakiibta ganacsiga, Sidoo kale waxaax kor u kacday maceyshadii soomaaliay loo soo dhoofin jiray sababtoo ah safarad badan ee soomaaliya loo soo aadayo ayaa noqday kuwo Qatar ah oo aan lagu dhirran Karin. Taasi waxay dhashalsiisay umada Puntland iyo somalaiba in ay ku adkaadto iibka maceyshada.

Dhalinyaro farabadan ayaa ku weyday naftood-iyo mustaqqalkoodii iyagoo ku buuxa xabsiya-da dalka iyo dibada laheyna rajo mustaqaab kuwa aad u fara badna waxay dhaxalsiisay burcadbadeednimadu in ay bartaan muqaadaraad ka dhex saaray bulshadii kana dhigay kuwa geysta danbiyo fara badan oo ay kamid yiihin dilal ay aygu is dilaan kufsi iyo dhaqan xumo fara badan oo aan la soo koobi Karin. Burcad bidadeeda ayaa sidoo kale waxay wadan soo galiyeen lacag aad u fara badan oo duleysay bulshada inteeda badan ha u sii dannaadeen jiilka da'ayartaa oo ah mustqabalkii wadan Soomaaliya.

Ayaddoo ay jirto dhibaatadaas burcadbadeedu ku heyso gayiga soomaliya ayaa waxaajira dadaalo loogu jiro yareyn taarida qatar taarida burcadbadeeda oo ay wado dowlada Puntland iyo ururo samafal ayaa la xakmeeyn la ahay dhibataas waayo waxay helaan lacag aad u fara badan oo madax furashaa kana helaan shirkadaha leh maraakiibta ay af doubtaa taas oo awood u siineysa si jiritaan burcadbadeednimada gayigeena soomaaliya. Qofwalba oo soomaaliya waa in uu ku dadaalo sidii u uga qeyb qaadan lahaa yareyn bura burcadbadeednimada si loo gaaro mustaqaab iftiimaya.