



SEMINAR EVENT REPORT

Empowering Women Through Education and Skills for a Better Future in Somalia

Date: 24 August 2026

Time: 2:00 PM

Venue: Jaamacadda Jobkey, Hodan District, Mogadishu

Organizer: EmpowerRise Hub – Innovate Beyond Limits

1. Background and Overview

EmpowerRise Hub organized a seminar entitled “**Empowering Women Through Education and Skills for a Better Future in Somalia**” on 24 August 2026 at Jaamacadda Jobkey in Hodan District, Mogadishu.

The seminar brought together women, young people, students, and community members to discuss the importance of education, skills development, leadership, economic opportunities, and meaningful participation of women and girls in Somalia’s development.

The event highlighted that women’s empowerment is essential to building stronger families, resilient communities, and an inclusive Somali economy. Discussions emphasized that women and girls need not only access to education and skills, but also opportunities to apply those skills through employment, entrepreneurship, leadership, and community engagement.

The seminar also provided a space for participants to exchange perspectives, reflect on existing opportunities, and encourage greater investment in women’s capacities and future.

2. Objectives

The seminar aimed to:

- Promote the importance of education for women and girls.
- Encourage women and girls to develop practical and relevant skills.
- Increase awareness of opportunities for education, employment, and entrepreneurship.
- Promote women’s confidence, leadership, and participation in community development.
- Encourage stakeholders to invest in sustainable opportunities for women and girls.

3. Key Discussions and Messages

The discussions focused on **education, skills development, economic empowerment, leadership, and opportunities for young women.**

Participants highlighted education as a foundation for women’s confidence, independence, and participation in society. Skills development was also recognized as an important pathway toward employment and entrepreneurship, particularly in areas such as digital skills, vocational training, financial literacy, and business development.



The seminar emphasized that women should be recognized not only as beneficiaries of development programs but also as **leaders, entrepreneurs, innovators, decision-makers, and agents of change**.

A key message from the event was that empowerment initiatives should move beyond short-term awareness and training activities and create practical pathways through which women can access opportunities, resources, mentorship, financing, and leadership spaces.

4. Participation and Outcomes

The seminar recorded **57 participants**. Participants actively engaged in discussions and reflections around the role of women and girls in Somalia's future.

The event contributed to:

- Increased awareness of the importance of women's education and skills development.
- Greater recognition of the need for practical economic opportunities for women.
- Encouragement of women and young people to pursue leadership, entrepreneurship, and professional development.
- Increased dialogue around the responsibility of institutions and development actors to create enabling environments for women and girls.
- Identification of priority areas for continued investment in women's empowerment.

5. Recommendations

Based on the discussions, EmpowerRise Hub recommends that government institutions, donors, UN agencies, NGOs, development partners, educational institutions, and the private sector:

1. **Increase investment in girls' and women's education**, particularly for those facing barriers to accessing and completing education.
2. **Expand market-relevant skills training** in areas including digital skills, entrepreneurship, vocational skills, financial literacy, and emerging sectors.
3. **Connect training with real opportunities** by providing pathways to employment, internships, apprenticeships, entrepreneurship, financing, and market access.
4. **Increase access to financing for women entrepreneurs** through grants, affordable financial services, business support, and investment opportunities.
5. **Strengthen women's digital inclusion** by expanding access to technology, digital skills, online entrepreneurship, and digital safety.
6. **Create more leadership opportunities for women and young women** in communities, institutions, businesses, and decision-making processes.
7. **Support women-led and youth-led organizations** through flexible funding, capacity building, mentorship, and opportunities to implement community-based solutions.
8. **Invest in mentorship and professional networks** that connect young women with experienced professionals, entrepreneurs, leaders, and role models.
9. **Ensure safe and inclusive environments** where women and girls can learn, work, participate, and lead without discrimination, harassment, or violence.



10. **Prioritize long-term investment in women’s empowerment** rather than relying only on short-term projects, ensuring sustainable opportunities and measurable outcomes.

6. Conclusion

The seminar demonstrated the importance of investing in women and girls as a critical component of Somalia’s social and economic development. Education and skills provide a strong foundation, but sustainable empowerment requires access to economic opportunities, leadership, financing, technology, mentorship, and safe and inclusive spaces.

EmpowerRise Hub remains committed to creating platforms that promote women’s voices, strengthen their capacities, and encourage meaningful participation in Somalia’s future. Continued collaboration and investment from government, development partners, civil society, and the private sector will be essential to translating these priorities into sustainable opportunities for women and girls across Somalia.











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