One Fact About Somalia

FROM SOMALIA: Dhaqane Yarrow’s story
My father was one of the richest men in Fanweyn. Growing up, I enjoyed a good life. As a young boy, I reared goats and camels for my father. My first shock came in 1991 at the outbreak of civil war. Militia came and raided my home where they escaped with all my camels numbering between 50 and 55. Even after this raid, I at least had my goats and sheep which were enough for my family. I hoped that one day I would be able to raise camels again and be as wealthy as my father. Then the second shock came knocking! The 2011 drought in Somalia was even more merciless than the militia. I lost my entire livestock including two donkeys I used to fetch water. Read more

IOM Somalia has secured internships for 75 young people – 29 women and 46 men – selected in consultation with universities, hiring organizations and government agencies. The aim of the project is to combat high unemployment among university graduates, which often results in high risk irregular migration. The scheme, which is funded by the Government of Japan, was implemented in close coordination with Somaliland’s Ministry of Youth, Sports and Tourism, and the Ministry of Labour and
Social Affairs, in partnership with prospective hiring organizations in the public and private sector.

The selection was made based on academic ranking and geographical origin. Priority was given to qualified candidates from underserved communities in Gabiley, Hargeisa, Berbera, Lascanod and Erigavo.

According to a study conducted by the Somaliland National Youth Organization (SONYO), high unemployment in Somaliland contributes to irregular migration, drug addiction and conflict. The study which was carried out in December 2010 by SONYO, in conjunction with the Dutch NGO Oxfam-Novib, indicated that out of 800 young people interviewed, only 25 per cent were employed. Read more

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