



MS. NIMO MOHAMED ALI

Founder/ Executive Director- Candle of Hope Foundation
Kenya/ Somaliland

Academic Qualifications:

Masters of Arts: (Distinction) -
International Social & Community
Development - University of East London,
UK (2008-2009),
PQCCA; Post Graduate Cert: Advanced
Child development/protection Award -
Brunel University (2006),
Higher Education Diploma in Social Work-
University of North London (2004).

Areas of Interest:

- Awareness against GBV (Violence against Women & Girls)
- Training on child protection, child participation, School related gender-based violence, positive discipline/ teenage pregnancies issues in schools.
- Peace building initiatives at grassroots communities and role of women & girls, child protection assessments
- Programs in addressing issues of human- trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation, and Social Behaviour, Change and Communication (SBCC) programs.

BIOGRAPHY NOTE:

Nimo Mohamed Ali has over 15 years progressive experience having been an active and passionate advocate for gender equality, child rights and protection and a specialty in tackling violence against women and girls (VAWG) and a keen interest in enabling and empowering communities to take action for change. She has worked with non-profit organizations, government authorities and networks around the world to help them develop their capacity to make social change and to create dynamic, effective programming. She has firsthand experience in contributing to policy development, and advocacy where she has contributed to the United Kingdom legislation particularly on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and the framework and discourse within which the local authorities engage with the minority ethnic communities in relation to responding to cultural/religious needs, conflicts and barriers in areas of child protection mechanisms.

Her work has invariably been focused on implementing humanitarian and development Initiatives through community-initiated programs that enhance empowerment, sustainability and resilience and peace building. Her other areas of work entails child protection and programmatic work to develop solutions that address the underlying causes that lead to women/ children inequalities, exclusion and violence against women and children.

She has contributed and raised funds for poor/-marginalized communities of Somalia and Kenya by participating in campaigns and international forums. Issues, such as internal conflicts and protracted displacements and their ramifications on vulnerable communities particularly women and the youth are of great concern to her. Specifically, Nimo has a great passion and drive in wanting to tackle protection issues surrounding, human trafficking, and gender-based violence among internally displaced people in Somalia and Kenyan refugee camps. She is also keen and interested in how mobility as access impacts on women and girls in the on-going insecurity and conflict in the Horn of African communities.