

Interview Transcript

Interview with Barwaaqee, 19, Somaliland

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Start Time	End Time	Text
00:00:00:00	00:00:07:15	My name is Barwaaqee Ali Ismail. I live in this IDP camp.
00:00:07:15	00:00:18:07	I'm a student in secondary grade, form three. I live with my mother and father.
00:00:21:07	00:00:25:07	We are nine children, I'm the second child.
00:00:25:07	00:00:31:07	My school is in Burco. It takes one and a half hour to go there and the same to come back.
00:00:31:07	00:00:41:17	To me, school means I have a chance to reach my life goals.
00:00:41:17	00:00:59:03	If I succeed in my education, I will be able to help my parents who helped to educate me.
00:00:59:03	00:01:13:03	When I finish school, I want to be a doctor, I want so specialise in female medicine and midwifery.
00:01:14:04	00:01:30:04	My dream is to work in the health sector. I want to use the skills I have learned to help my community.
00:01:31:20	00:01:38:02	I want to assist women and young girls who face a lot of health problems.
00:01:38:02	00:01:40:11	That is one of the reasons why I study health.
00:01:40:22	00:01:48:08	The health challenges that women face includes FGM, which the majority of girls undergo.
00:01:48:08	00:01:50:16	It has a lot of negative impacts on girls.
00:01:50:16	00:02:01:17	Besides FGM, repeated droughts cause illness and malnutrition because people cannot get nutrient food.
00:02:01:17	00:02:07:16	Also, the infections that might happen to girls.
00:02:08:14	00:02:13:17	I'm one of the FGM survivals.

00:02:13:17	00:02:24:15	Like many other girls, I faced a lot of challenges such as bleeding and trauma from the FGM.
00:02:24:15	00:02:34:13	You will never forget that moment, it will always be on your mind.
00:02:35:13	00:02:44:13	And the irregular periods, you will always get sick when you have your period.
00:02:44:20	00:02:56:15	What I remember from that day is a lot of fear. I was running and crying. I will never forget it.
00:02:56:15	00:03:01:15	I was nine years old when I underwent FGM.
00:03:01:15	00:03:09:00	I had no idea what was going to happen to me. I didn't know anything about FGM.
00:03:09:16	00:03:18:07	My mother was with me when they did it. I was terrified and felt pain.
00:03:18:07	00:03:24:07	When I think about it today, I feel they were causing me harm.
00:03:24:07	00:03:33:02	If I'm blessed with daughters in the future, I would never do FGM to them...
00:03:33:02	00:03:40:07	because I've undergone it and I know the consequences. I'm fully aware of it so I will not do it.
00:03:41:08	00:03:47:18	When they did it to us my mom was not aware of the challenges that girls will face after FGM.
00:03:47:18	00:03:53:08	However, now she is aware and she didn't do it to our young sisters.
00:03:56:03	00:04:09:03	I would like to say to people: Stop cutting girls, stop the tradition of FGM!