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**SUMMER
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**GIVING
TUESDAY**

EVERY ACT OF GENEROSITY COUNTS THIS **GIVING TUESDAY**

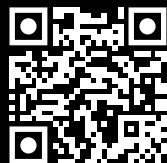
As we prepare for **Giving Tuesday**, let us take a moment to consider the striking difference between *wants* and *needs*. Consider those fortunate enough to have all the luxuries they require, compared to those who lack access to even the basic necessities. This contrast has never been clearer than the dire situation facing our Somali siblings in Christ. Millions have been forced to flee their homes in search of food, water and humanitarian assistance due to the ongoing drought.

Drought is not a new issue in Somalia, which is ranked the second most vulnerable country to climate change in the world. Recurring dry spells, interspersed with flooding, have devastated communities for years, leaving little time for recovery before the next disaster strikes.

Nomadic pastoralists and farming communities have been amongst those hit hardest by drought. Many lost their entire livelihoods due to lack of water, leaving them unable to feed their family, including Isaack Hassan. "I lost 40 cows and 30 goats," said the 82-year-old man from Diinsoor town in Somalia's southwestern Bay region. "Both our crops and livestock were decimated. The animals died of hunger and the farms dried up due to lack of water."

The situation is especially dire for vulnerable groups, including women and the elderly, who are in desperate need of protection and assistance. Yusuf Abdirahman, the Humanitarian Coordinator with Kaalmo Relief and Development (KRD), has been on the ground in Dolow, where KRD has been providing life-saving humanitarian assistance but says, "We have limited resources to provide large-scale support to all affected communities."

More support is urgently needed to help save lives, to help people adapt to the climate crisis and to help people recover their livelihoods over the long term. Giving Tuesday provides a unique opportunity to focus our generous efforts in unison. Your gifts through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog can provide food, water, and shelter to those who have lost nearly everything except hope. Let us come together as a community to show our love and support for our Somali siblings in Christ.



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