

Neighbors for Nations Update

UCare is a corporate sponsor of the Neighbors for Nations collaborative formed this year to support the local Somali community and provide humanitarian relief in Somalia. Worsening famine conditions are severely testing Somalia's resources and resolve. International relief efforts are expanding to help. Daniel Wordsworth, President and CEO of the American Refugee Committee (ARC), sent UCare President and CEO Nancy Feldman this update on Neighbors for Nations.

Dear Nancy and the team at UCare,

I wanted to drop you a quick update on what we are doing at Neighbors for Nations to support famine relief to Somalia. There's been some great momentum building. People are really stepping up in response to the famine.

Thanks to Quintan Wiktorowicz at the NSC (White House) and our own Todd Jones for introducing us to Bono and the ONE campaign. We were able to introduce three of our most powerful young advocates. It was great to reconnect with K'Naan, too. We've been doing daily meetings with his team since Saturday.

As you might expect, the Somali community is really stepping forward to lead this effort. Mosques have been holding fundraisers – raising \$25,000 - \$50,000 in a single evening. Ramadan starts next Monday – the chief month for fundraising. Their quick response has allowed us to get our staff on the ground and helping in Mogadishu. You'd be amazed at the energy of the young Somali advocates. I've attached some photos so you can see what they've been up to. They are working around the clock and have been raising around \$3,000 per day (that's a lot of cars and cakes).

As you know, Neighbors for Nations is about expanding the Somali story in the U.S. We're getting traction there. Here's a link to an AP article in today's Washington Post: <http://t.co/Om7Tms4> . Outlets around the country have picked up this story. NPR is running a similar story tomorrow morning. And Al-Jazeera spent 3 days with us last week and will be posting a story soon. Today, calls have been flooding our office in response to the AP article. People seem anxious to get behind the Diaspora's efforts.

I want to say a special thanks to you and the whole UCare team. We couldn't be doing this without your support!

Best,

-Daniel

Daniel Wordsworth | President & CEO
American Refugee Committee



On Saturday night, Neighbors for Nations advocates Mohamed Samatar, Shukri Abdinur and Ruqia Mohamed were thrilled to talk with U2 and K'Naan.



A carwash at Karmel Somali Mall.



1,000,000 Voices Petition



Neighbors for Nations soccer tournament.





Contestants at the Sambusa Cook-Off raised \$30,000 for Somalia.