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## UPDATES



TRS is engaging with and through the Somali community in the diaspora and Somali to raise awareness about COVID-19. Abwan Foosiya Ahmed, is utilizing her skills as a poet to raise awareness about COVID-19. Foosiya shared her testimony with us about losing her son to Tahriib and she has participated in TRS activities in Somalia where she shares her story with the youth. Watch Foosiya's testimony on our [website](#) and her [Poem](#)

TRS' upgraded [website](#) is live, where you can watch all our testimonies and follow our project activities. We have officially launched our four-part radio drama mini-series with Radio Hargeisa which will reach 50,000 listeners.

## ACTIVITIES

*The activities below took place before the COVID-19 outbreak in the East Horn of Africa and Europe.*

### Project Activities in Somalia and Ethiopia



TRS has had sessions with over **6,000 students and youth in Somalia**. Sessions have included regular student debates and discussions held in schools, colleges and universities. Students are not only sensitized about the dangers of tahriib, they also have the opportunity to share their views on the issue. TRS shows testimonies and the youth who have been returned from Libya also share their experiences.

**Career counseling sessions** are also included in TRS activities with students. These sessions are delivered by professional career counselors who provided information about the local labor market and advise on job search techniques, resume and cover letter writing, and job interviewing techniques.



In Ethiopia, we continue to hold **Refugees Got Talent** competition showcasing poetry recital, song, dance, and theater from refugees is showcased. The winners were awarded financial support to further utilize and enhance their talents. We have had the opportunity to have famous Somali musicians participate in the talent shows such as Mursal Muse, Yurub Geenyo, and Harir Ahmed

### Diaspora Engagements in Europe



We had the opportunity to meet with the Somali diaspora in Sweden, United Kingdom and Malta. The events brought together diaspora leaders, activists and diaspora-led organizations around the theme of irregular movement. The objective of the meetings were to share the new TRS testimonies for the diaspora's onward dissemination and find out new trends and information relating to irregular movement, among others. Find out more on our [website](#)

## UPCOMING

- **Talk Show in Egypt, Cairo:** TRS held a talk show with Somali community members in Egypt on tahriib. The shows will be available for viewing on our website and social media platforms, in the coming months.
- **Online diaspora meeting:** During this COVID-19 time, we will be taking our diaspora meetings online. Details to come soon.

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