

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The eruption of civil war in 1988 and the subsequent collapse of the central government in 1991 severely disrupted all public social services in Somalia. The country's education system was almost entirely destroyed. Prolonged periods of instability and intermittent conflict significantly constrained the ability of local communities and the international community to rehabilitate educational facilities and resources.

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ESTABLISHMENT

Hormuud University is a private, non-profit institution, established in 2010 by distinguished members of Hormuud Telecommunication Company (Hormuud Telecom). The university was founded with a mission to advance higher education in engineering, technology, and other academic fields, Addressing Somalia's urgent need for skilled professionals in engineering, technology, and related fields. Hormuud University is an active member of several local, regional, and international associations, fostering collaboration and academic excellence.

LEADERSHIP

The leadership of Hormuud University has been instrumental in shaping its growth, academic standards, and reputation, making it one of the leading institutions of higher education in Somalia. The first Vice-Chancellor, **Prof. Jeilani Abdullahi Osman**, served from February 2010 until October 5, 2015. During his tenure, Prof. Jeilani focused on establishing the university's foundational structures, including developing academic programs, recruiting qualified faculty, creating efficient administrative systems, and formulating policies to guide the university's operations.

He was succeeded by **Dr. Adam Shidane Guled**, who assumed office on October 6, 2015, and served until September 2025. Dr. Adam's decade-long leadership focused on consolidating the university's achievements and expanding its impact.

The current Vice-Chancellor of Hormuud University is **Professor Dr. Abdi Omar Shuriye**, supported by a new team of Deputy Vice Chancellors. Under his leadership, the University continues to pursue a clear vision focused on academic excellence, research, innovation, and international partnership

FIFTEEN YEARS OF EXCELLENCE: THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF HORMUUD UNIVERSITY GRADUATES TO SOMALIA'S GROWTH AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

Over the past 15 years, Hormuud University has played a pivotal role in shaping the intellectual and professional landscape of Somalia and beyond. Established to provide high-quality, relevant, and transformative education, the university has successfully produced thousands of graduates

who have taken up leadership, technical, entrepreneurial, and humanitarian roles across multiple sectors.

This report presents a comprehensive overview of the contributions of Hormuud University alumni, highlighting their involvement in five key sectors:

1. Public Sector (Federal & Regional Governments)
2. Private Sector
3. International Organizations (INGOs & LNGOs)
4. Entrepreneurship & Small Business Development
5. Global Diaspora Employment

I. Overview of Alumni Achievements

Since its inception, Hormuud University has graduated professionals across various faculties, including Business Administration, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Engineering, Education and Economics and MGT science. These alumni have played vital roles in Somalia's reconstruction and socio-economic development.

1. Public Sector: Serving Somalia's Governments

Hormuud University graduates have significantly contributed to strengthening governance, public service delivery, and institutional development across Somalia.

a. Federal Government of Somalia

b. Federal Member States

- Alumni serve in administrative, judicial, and legislative branches in states such as:
- Puntland
- Jubbaland
- South West State
- Galmudug
- Hirshabelle
- Some alumni have risen to the ranks of regional ministers, mayors, and public agency heads.

2. Private Sector: Driving Economic Growth

Hormuud University alumni are central to Somalia's growing private sector, particularly in:

a. Telecommunications

- Many graduates are employed at leading firms such as:
- Hormuud Telecom
- Somtel
- Golis Telecom

- Roles include network engineers, IT administrators, project managers, and customer service heads.

b. Construction & Infrastructure

- Working in:
 - Engineering design
 - Project supervision
 - Urban planning
- Contributing to post-conflict reconstruction and modernization of Somali cities.

c. ICT & Software Companies

- Alumni have become **software developers, cybersecurity analysts, and system architects.**
- Some have launched **tech startups** offering innovative services.

d. Business & Finance

- Serving in banks, trading companies, and logistics firms.
- Alumni are active as **accountants, marketing executives, managers, and business analysts.**

3. International and Local NGOs: Advocates for Development and Relief

Alumni play essential roles in **development, peacebuilding, humanitarian aid, and community engagement** through:

a. International NGOs (INGOs)

- Organizations employing alumni include:
- International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- Save the Children
- CARE International

b. Local NGOs (LNGOs)

- Alumni are founders and active in sectors like education, health, women's empowerment, environmental conservation, and youth development.

4. Entrepreneurship: Fostering Innovation and Job Creation

A growing number of Hormuud University graduates have become self-employed innovators, start-up founders, and local investors, contributing to Somalia's entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Examples of Alumni-Led Ventures:

- Retail and e-commerce businesses
- Educational and training centers
- ICT service firms
- Transportation and logistics

These entrepreneurs are not only creating jobs but also serving as role models for young aspiring business owners.

5. Global Employment: Somali Talent Abroad

In recent years, many alumni have migrated for further education and employment opportunities.

These individuals are making valuable contributions internationally, including:

a. Europe and North America

- Working in:
- Education
- Tech and engineering sectors
- International diplomacy and advocacy

b. Middle East and Asia

- Employed as:
- IT professionals
- Business consultants
- Many serve as cultural ambassadors and links between Somalia and host countries.

Hormuud University's alumni have become vital contributors to the national development of Somalia and the global Somali diaspora. Their involvement across sectors reflects the university's commitment to academic excellence and societal transformation.

As the university celebrates 15 years of impactful service, it looks ahead to deepening alumni engagement, expanding its academic reach, and continuing its mission to prepare future leaders

and professionals for Somalia and the world.

15-YEARS LEGACY OF INTERNATIONAL POSTGRADUATE ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT

Over the past 15 years, Hormuud University has proudly witnessed a significant milestone in the academic and professional growth of its graduate students. A considerable number of its alumni have successfully ventured beyond national borders to pursue advanced postgraduate studies in various prestigious international institutions. This trend underscores the university's commitment to academic excellence and global engagement.

Hormuud University's graduates have been accepted into a diverse array of developed and developing countries, each offering unique opportunities for academic enrichment, research innovation, and cultural exchange. These countries include:

- **United Kingdom (UK)**
- **China**
- **South Korea**
- **India**
- **Turkey**
- **Malaysia**
- **Russia**
- **Algeria**
- **Sudan**
- **Kenya**

This extensive geographical spread reflects the university's broad academic reach and the adaptability of its graduates in a global context. The continuous flow of graduates to these nations highlights Hormuud University's role in fostering internationally competent professionals equipped with the skills, knowledge, and cultural awareness to contribute meaningfully to their home country and the wider world.

The university's proactive partnerships, alumni networks, and support systems have played an essential role in facilitating these opportunities, ensuring students are well-prepared to meet the academic and cultural challenges of studying abroad.

UNIVERSITY PARTNERS

We recognize that collaborative partnerships provide unique opportunities for students to benefit from higher education, and learn the knowledge and skills required to equip them for the workplace.

Hormuud University is a member of the following international associations

- Association Of African Universities (AAU) Ghana
- Association of Arab Universities (AARU) Jordan
- International Union of universities (IUU) Turkey
- International Association of Universities (IAU) France
- Global University Network for Innovations (GUNi) Spain

- Hormuud University has signed MoU's with a number of international institutions to collaborate on research and academic exchange. These include the following:
- University of Malaya, Malaysia
- Lincoln University College, Malaysia
- IUBAT, Bangladesh
- Khartoum University, Sudan
- Kto Karatay University, Turkey
- Konya Food and Agriculture University, Turkey
- Ankara University, Turkey
- Uludag University, Turkey
- Sharda University, India
- Lovely Professional University (LPU) India.
- Shenyang Aerospace University, China
- Dhurakij Pundit University, Thailand.
- Professional Evaluation Certification Board (PECB)

Hormuud University has 'has collaborated with a number of local association institutions to collaborate on research and academic exchange. These include the following:

- a. Somali Research & Education Network - SomaliREN
- b. Association of Somali Universities - ASU

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Over the past 15 years, Hormuud University has established itself as one of Somalia's leading institutions of higher learning, recognized for its commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and quality education. Since its establishment, the university has continually strived to provide an environment that fosters intellectual growth, research, and practical learning experiences that prepare students to become competent professionals and leaders in their respective fields.

A Legacy of Quality Education

Hormuud University has consistently demonstrated excellence in academic delivery, producing thousands of qualified and skilled graduates across a wide range of disciplines. The university's rigorous academic programs, competent faculty, and well-structured curricula have ensured that graduates meet both national and international standards of higher education. Over the last 15 years, Hormuud University has become synonymous with academic integrity, quality instruction, and professional success.

Achievements in Core Disciplines

1. Faculty of Engineering

- Hormuud University stands out as one of the best universities in Somalia for engineering education.
- The Faculty of Engineering has produced a large number of graduates who are now working in key sectors of national development, including construction, energy, infrastructure, and telecommunications.
- The university's strong emphasis on practical training, laboratory work, and industry

collaboration has contributed to the development of highly competent engineers capable of solving real-world challenges.

2. Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology

- The Faculty of Computer science and IT has played a central role in advancing digital skills and technological literacy in Somalia.
- Through innovative programs in computer science, information systems, and software engineering, Hormuud University has become a hub for ICT education and innovation.
- Many graduates from the ICT department have gone on to become leading professionals, entrepreneurs, and developers in Somalia's growing tech and telecommunications industries.

3. Faculty of Economics and Management science

- The Faculty of Economics and Management has contributed to building a generation of professionals equipped with analytical, managerial, and policy-making skills essential for economic growth and good governance.
- Graduates from this faculty are now working in financial institutions, government ministries, NGOs, and private enterprises, applying the knowledge gained at the university to drive sustainable development.

4. Faculty of Agriculture

- Recognizing the vital role of agriculture in Somalia's economy, Hormuud University has made significant investments in agricultural education and research.
- The Faculty of Agriculture has produced graduates with expertise in modern farming techniques, agribusiness, and environmental management—key areas for ensuring food security and rural development.

5. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Hormuud University plays a vital role in fostering critical thinking, effective communication, and social responsibility. Through programs in International Relations, Mass Communication, and Public Relations, the faculty equips students with strong analytical and interpersonal skills essential for leadership and civic engagement. Graduates from this faculty contribute significantly to Somalia's social transformation, governance, education, and public service sectors.

6. Faculty of Geoscience and Environment

The Faculty of Geoscience and Environment is dedicated to advancing knowledge of the Earth's natural systems and addressing critical environmental challenges facing Somalia and the wider Horn of Africa. Students acquire expertise in geology, climate studies, water resource management, and environmental sustainability.

Graduates are actively contributing to environmental protection, natural resource management, and sustainable development initiatives that support national resilience and ecological balance.

7. Faculty of Sharia and Leadership

The Faculty of Sharia and Leadership integrate Islamic principles with modern governance and management practices. It prepares students to become ethical leaders, judges, administrators, and scholars who uphold justice, integrity, and social responsibility. Through research and community engagement, the faculty strengthens the understanding of Sharia law in relation to national development and contemporary social issues.

Commitment to Academic Innovation

Over the years, Hormuud University has maintained its reputation by **continuously improving its** academic programs to align with emerging global trends and market needs. The introduction of new specializations, updated curricula, and advanced teaching methodologies reflects the university's ongoing dedication to academic innovation.

Furthermore, the university has placed strong emphasis on research and community engagement, encouraging both students and faculty to conduct studies that address national challenges and contribute to knowledge creation.

IMPACT AND RECOGNITION

Hormuud University's academic excellence has had a profound impact on Somalia's educational landscape. Its graduates are highly regarded for their competence, professionalism, and ethical standards. The university's reputation as the best institution for engineering and ICT education is a testament to its vision, leadership, and the collective effort of its academic community.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SOCIAL IMPACT

Over the past 15 years, Hormuud University has made an extraordinary contribution to community development and social progress in Somalia through a wide range of scholarship programs, youth empowerment initiatives, and educational outreach efforts.

The university's commitment to social responsibility has positioned it not only as a center of academic excellence but also as a leading institution dedicated to promoting equal access to higher education and nurturing the next generation of Somali leaders.

Empowering Somali Youth through Education

Hormuud University recognizes education as the cornerstone of national development and social transformation. To ensure that capable and ambitious Somali youth regardless of their financial background—have access to quality higher education, the university has implemented several **fully funded scholarship programs**.

These scholarships have enabled hundreds of students to pursue university degrees and contribute meaningfully to their communities and the nation at large.

1. Entrance Examination Scholarship Program

Since its establishment, Hormuud University has offered the Entrance Exam Scholarship a flagship program designed to support high-achieving students who have recently graduated from Somali secondary schools.

- Each year, the university conducts an entrance examination to identify the most talented and deserving high school graduates.
- Students who attain top scores are awarded full scholarships, covering tuition and academic expenses until the completion of their undergraduate studies.
- This initiative has opened doors for hundreds of young people who might otherwise be unable to afford higher education, empowering them to transform their futures through learning. Through this program, Hormuud University continues to demonstrate its commitment to merit-based access and inclusive education, ensuring that talent and hard work are the primary criteria for university admission.

2. Faculty Performance Scholarship Program

In addition to the entrance scholarships, Hormuud University offers a Faculty Performance Scholarship that rewards academic excellence and encourages continuous student achievement.

- This scholarship is awarded annually to the top-performing student in each faculty based on their cumulative academic performance.
- The recipient enjoys a full one-year scholarship, covering tuition for the following academic year.
- If the student maintains their top position, they continue to receive the scholarship; however, if another student achieves higher performance, the award is passed to the new top performer.
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This initiative promotes healthy academic competition and motivates students to maintain outstanding academic standards. It also reinforces the university's culture of excellence and meritocracy across all faculties including Engineering, ICT, Economics, Geoscience and environment, arts and social science and Agriculture.

INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Over the past 15 years, Hormuud University has achieved remarkable progress in institutional growth, campus expansion, and infrastructure development. From humble beginnings, the university has evolved into a modern, well-equipped institution of higher learning that provides an excellent academic environment for students, faculty, and researchers.

The university's continuous investment in physical infrastructure, technology, and learning facilities reflects its long-term vision to provide quality education, conducive learning spaces, and state-of-the-art research resources that meet international standards.

Hormuud University currently operates three campuses, strategically located to serve its growing student population and to strengthen its academic presence in different regions. Each campus plays a distinct role in advancing the university's mission and vision.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ALUMNI SUCCESS

Over the past 15 years, Hormuud University has prioritized the holistic development of its students—academically, socially, and professionally—while building a strong network of alumni who continue to make significant contributions to the university and the nation.

Employability and Career Opportunities for Graduates

One of the university's most notable achievements over the past 15 years has been its commitment to graduate employability and career advancement. Hormuud University provides direct employment opportunities to its own graduates, reflecting confidence in the quality of its academic programs and the competence of its alumni.

- Many of the university's current administrators, faculty members, lecturers, and office staff are proud graduates of Hormuud University.
- This internal recruitment policy not only strengthens institutional loyalty but also ensures continuity of academic excellence and knowledge transfer within the university community.
- By employing its own graduates, the university also provides valuable career paths for young professionals and reinforces the idea that education can lead directly to meaningful employment and leadership roles.

ALUMNI SUCCESS AND INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Hormuud University's alumni network has grown steadily over the years, and its graduates are now serving in key positions within government, the private sector, and academia—both locally and internationally. The university's continuous engagement with its alumni has built a community of professionals who embody the institution's values of excellence, service, and integrity.

A major component of the university's alumni success strategy involves supporting postgraduate education abroad:

- Hormuud University identifies and sponsors top-performing graduates to pursue Master's and PhD programs at renowned international universities.
- These opportunities allow alumni to enhance their academic qualifications, gain global exposure, and bring back advanced knowledge and skills that contribute to national development.
- Upon completion of their postgraduate studies, many of these graduates rejoin Hormuud University as lecturers, researchers, or administrative leaders—playing a crucial role in the university's academic and institutional advancement.

CONCLUSION

Over the past 15 years, Hormuud University has transformed the educational and professional landscape of Somalia. Its graduates, partnerships, academic excellence, and community engagement reflect the university's enduring commitment to producing competent, socially responsible, and globally competitive professionals. As it looks to the future, Hormuud University continues to expand its impact, preparing the next generation of Somali leaders to drive national development and global engagement.