



Arrayambo is on the main road 27km west of Hargeisa. Anti-tank mines were laid both sides of the road by the SNA (Somaliland National Army) 20 years ago to protect the movement of the SNM (Somaliland National Movement) troops and supply lines.

HALO first came across Abdi Rashido in 2003 when his tractor had just been blown up by an anti-tank mine. HALO began by surveying the area and found evidence of more mines and accidents. HALO then spent one year clearing 32,000 m² both mechanically and manually. During the clearance process, three Anti Tank mines were located and destroyed.



Since HALO completed the immediate area, Abdi and his family have helped to create a prosperous community, with the new school funded by UNICEF completed last year (they have been promised an extension if they can encourage more girls to come to school!), a new community well and a mosque is currently being built next to the village tea shop on the side of the busy main tarmac road to Hargeisa.





With HALO completing clearance during the last year, the village well has been repaired and now allows 33 families, who belong to a community within a 5 km radius each consisting of approximately 6-7 members, four gallons of water per day for household use plus water for their animals. The well is fenced to stop animals and children falling in and is under 24 hour guard.



Arrayambo is a fertile area where they are now successfully growing maize, sorghum, papaya, lemons and other crops. The elders each herd large flocks of around 50-60 goats and sheep.



The 2009 HALO baseline survey has identified a mines threat on the northern side of the road and will deploy teams as soon as possible to clear a suspect hazardous area with a threat of anti tank mines, thus enabling the enthusiastic but worried community to cultivate the remainder of their traditional farm land.