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APPENDICES

APPENDIX (A)

COVER LETTER AND QUESTIONNAIRES FOR PARENTS (ENGLISH VERSION)

Dear parents,

I am a postgraduate student at Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia. My name is Mohamed Abdullahi Gure. I am conducting a study on parental involvement. I would like to request your help for completing this questionnaire which consists of two sections. Section (A) is about the personal information of the respondents. Section (B) is about your child’s school practices for parental involvement. (C) assesses your level of involvement in your child’s education.

Please be assured that all the responses that you provide will be kept confidential. Only grouped data will be reported, and not individual answers. All of the responses will be destroyed immediately after the data are documented. Your answers are essential to the success of this study.

Thanks for your time and assistance.

Please tick (√) in the relevant box.

Sections A: demography information

1) Gender: □ male □ female

2) Age: □ less than 35 □ 35-45 □ more than 45

3) Number of children: □ 1 child □ 2-4 children □ more than 4 children

4) Highest academic qualification: □ less than high school □ high school □ bachelor’s degree □ Master’s degree □ Ph.D.
Section B: Please respond to each of the following statements using the scale provided.

Please choose only one answer.

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APPENDIX (B)

COVER LETTER AND QUESTIONNAIRES PARENTS (SOMALI VERSION)

CODSI IYO SU’AALO KU SOCDO WAALIDIINTA

Walidiinta sharafta leh,
Waxaan ahay arday diyaarinaaya shadada diktoornimada ama PhD kana diyaarinaaya Jamacada cilmiga islaamka ee ku taal dalka Malaysia. Waxaa cilmibaaris ku sameynayaa kaalinta waalidiinta ku leeyihin waxbarashada ilmahooda. Waxaan kaa cosdanayaa in aad ka jawaabitu su’aalaho hoos ku qoran. Qeebta (A) waa macluumaad ku saabsan qofka kajawaabaayyo su’aalaho. Qeebta (b) waa su’aalo laxariiro qaabka iskuulka iskaashi ula sameeyo waalidiinta ardayda.

Qeebta (A): Macluumaadka kugu saabsan adiga

Fadlan sax (√) saar sanduuq kasta ee kaa khuseeya

1) Jinsiga: □ Lab □ Dhadig

2) Da’da: □ Kayar 35 sano □ 35-45 sano □ Kabadan 45 sano
3) Meeqa caruura ayaad masuul kathay: □ I caruur □ 2-4 □ In kabadan 4

4) Heerka waxbarashada ka gaartay □ ma dhameen iskuul sare □ iskuul sare □ shahaadada koowaad ee jamacad □ shahaadada masterka □ shahaadada diktoornimada.

Qeebta (B): qeebtaan waxay ku saabsantahay qaabka iskuulka caruurtaada dhigato ula dhaqmo waalidiinta.

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U abaabulaa barnaamijyo looga faahfaahinayo kaalmada ka imaanayso xagga waalidka?

**Waalidnim:** side iskuulkaan uu

Ugu xiraa waalidiinta barnaamijyada iyo ilaha ay kaheliikaraan caawinaad iyo adeeg kale ee bulshada dhexdeeda?

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**QEEBTA (T):** Qeetbaan waxay ku saabsantahay heer ku luglaashaha waalidiinta waxbarashada caruurtooda.

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APPENDIX (C)

FAMILY INTERVIEW QUESTIONS (ENGLISH VERSION)

1- How do you define parental involvement?

2- In what ways do you involve in the education of your child?

3- How does the school provide information to parents about your children’s progress and other school activities? How satisfied are you with the information provided to you?

4- How does the school involve parents in decision making? How satisfied are you with your current participation in decision making?

5- How does the school promote your participation in the education of your child at school? How satisfied are you with the current school practices in promoting your involvement in the education of your child at school?

6- How does the school promote your participation in the education of your child at home? How satisfied are you with the current school practices in promoting your involvement in the education of your child at home?

7- How does the school use community resources to support families and student learning
APPENDIX (D)

FAMILY INTERVIEW QUESTIONS (SOMALI VERSION)

WAREYSIGA WAALIDIINTA

1- Maxaa ku qeexi laheed ama ku tacriifi laheed waxa loo yaqaan “kaqeebqaadashada waalidiinta waxbarashada ilmahooda”?

2- Maxaa sameesaa si aad uga qeebqaadato waxbarashada caruurtaada?

3- Side iskuulka kuula socodsiyayaa waxyaabaha ka dhacaaya iskuulka iyo Hurumarka caruurtaada? Side ugu qanacsantahay warbixinta iskuulka kula soo socodsiyo?

4- Maxaa tilaaboyin ah oo iskulka qaadaa si uu kuugu suurtagaliyo inaad caawiso waxbarashada caruurtaada markay joogaan guriga? Sidee ugu qanacsantahay tilaabooyinkaas?

5- Maxaa tilaaboyin ah oo iskuulka qaadaa si uu kuugu suurtagaliyo inaad caawiso waxbarashada caruurtaada markay joogaan iskuulka? Sidee ugu qanacsantahay tilaabooyinkaas?

6- Sidee iskuulka kaaga qeebgaliyaa go,aan qaadashada saameynessoo caruurtaada? Sidee ugu qanacsantahay kaqeeb galintaas?

7- Sidee iskuulka u isticmaalaa taageerada bulshada si loo taageero qoysaska iyo waxbarashada ardayda?
Dear teachers,

I am a postgraduate student at Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia. My name is Mohamed Abdullahi Gure. I am conducting a study on parental involvement. I would like to request your help for completing this questionnaire which consists of two sections. Section (A) is about the personal information of the respondents. Section (B) is about your school’s practices for parental involvement.

Please be assured that all the responses that you provide will be kept confidential. Only grouped data will be reported, and not individual answers. All of the responses will be destroyed immediately after the data are documented. Your answers are essential to the success of this study. And it will help to contribute to your own working field.

Thanks for your time and assistance.

Please tick (√) in the relevant box.

Sections A: demography information

5) Gender:  □ male       □ female

6) Age:     □ less than 35   □ 35-45     □ more than 45

7) Years of teaching: □ 1-5 years □ 6-10 years □ more than 10 years

8) Highest academic qualification: □ less than high school □ high school □ bachelor’s degree □ Master’s degree □ Ph.D.

Section B: Please respond to each of the following statements using the scale provided.
Please choose only one answer.

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APPENDIX (F)

COVER LETTER AND QUESTIONNAIRE FOR TEACHERS (SOMALI VERSION)

CODSI IYO SU’AALO KU SOCDO MACALIMIINTA

Macalimiinta sharafta leh,

Waxaan ahay arday diyaarinaaya shadada diktoornimada ama PhD kana diyaarinaaya Jamacada cilmiga islaamka ee ku taal dalka Malaysia. Waxaa cilmibaaris ku sameynayaa kaalinta waalidiinta ku leeyihin waxbarashada ilmahooda. Waxaanta kaa cosdanayaa in aad ka jawaabtid su’aalaha hoos ku qoran. Qeebta (A) waa macluumaad ku saabsan qofka kajawaabaayo su’aalaha. Qeebta (b) waa su’aalo laxariiro qaabka iskuulka iskaashi ula sameeyo waalidiinta ardayda.


Qeebta (A): Macluumaadka kugu saabsan adiga

Fadlan sax (√) saar sanduuq kasta ee kaa khuseeya

1) Jinsiga: □ Lab □ Dhadiig

2) Da’dha: □ Kayar 35 sano □ 35-45 sano □ Kabadan 45 sano
3) Sanadaha khibradda:  □ 1-5 sano  □ 6-10 sano  □ In kabadan 10 sano

4) Heerka waxbarashada ka gaartay □ ma dhameen iskuul sare □ iskuul sare  □ shahaadada koowaad ee jamacad □ shahaadada masterka □ shahaadada diktoornimada.

**Qeebta (B):** qeebtaan waxay ku saabsantahay qabka iskuulka ula dhaqmo waalidiinta.

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APPENDIX (G)

TEACHER INTERVIEW QUESTIONS (ENGLISH VERSION)

1- How do you define parental involvement?

2- In what ways do parents at this school involve in the education of their children? How satisfied are you with their level of involvement in the education of their children?

3- How does the school provide families information about their children’s progress and other school activities?

4- How does the school involve families in decision making?

5- How does the school promote family participation in the education of their children at school?

6- How does the school promote family participation in the education of their children at home?

7- How does the school use community resources to support families and student learning?
APPENDIX (H)

TEACHER INTERVIEW QUESTIONS (SOMALI VERSION)

WAREYSIGA MACALIMIINTA

1- Maxaa ku qeexi laheed ama ku tacriifi laheed waxa loo yaaqaan “kaqeebqaadashada waalidiinta waxbarashada caruurtooda”? 

2- Qaabkee beey walidiinta iskuulkaada u caawiyaa waxbarashada caruurtaada? Sidee ugu qanacsantahay caawinaadooda? 

3- Side iskuulka ula socodsiiyaa waalidiinta: waxyaabaha ka dhacaaya iskuulka iyo Hurumarka caruurtooda? 

4- Qaabkee iskuulka uga qeebgaliyaa waalidiinta go’aanqaadashada saameynaayo caruurtooda? 

5- Maxaa tilaaboyin ah oo iskulka qaadaa si uu ugu suurtagaliyo waalidiinta inay caawiyaan waxbarashada caruurtooda markay joogaan guriga? 

6- Maxaa tilaaboyin ah oo iskulka qaadaa si uu ugu suurtagaliyo waalidiinta inay caawiyaan waxbarashada caruurtooda markay joogaan iskuulka? 

7- Sidee iskuulka u isticmaalaa taageerada bulshada si loo taageero qoysaska iyo waxbarashada ardayda?
How do you define parental involvement?

**Parent:** for parents to involve in their children’s education, firstly, parent need to know continuously the progress of their children. Secondly, children’s behavior thirdly, how he treat others including his teachers. All these help parents. When your child is going to school you have to convince him that the teacher is the second parent and you have to convince him to listen the teacher.

In what ways do you involve in the education of your child?

**Parent:** whenever he comes back home I ask him how was your day, what difficulties you have, show me your books and homework; I ask all these questions. So if I can help I help and if I cannot help; because I am not one of those who can speak English so I ask him to tell me in Somali language and I answer in Somali then I tell him to search in the internet.

How does the school provide you information about your child’s progress and other school activities?

**Parent:** parents are often called to come to school. For instance, they called the other day and asked me to come to school and I said is there a problem? They said no there is no problem just come. When I met them they told me that my child is perfect in his studies but he comes late and asked me what time I send him from home. I told them that I send my child early time and I assure them that he will come on time.

How satisfied are you with the information provided to you?
**Parent:** I am satisfied because if you are provided all the information about your child you become satisfied.

How does the school involve you in decision making?

**Parent:** No, I do not participate in decision making.

How satisfied are you with your current participation in decision making?

**Parent:** I don’t have a problem if teachers make the decisions.

How does the school promote your participation in the education of your child at school?

**Parent:** parents don’t have role to play at school.

How satisfied are you with the current school practices in promoting your involvement in the education of your child at school?

**Parent:** I am satisfied.

How does the school promote your participation in the education of your child at home?

**Parent:** they instruct us that your child must study three to four hours per day and monitor his reading.

How satisfied are you with the current school practices in promoting your involvement in the education of your child at home?

**Parent:** I am satisfied because if you are told to monitor your child and be aware of his studies and please know that the school alone can do nothing I am satisfied.

How does the school use community resources to support families and student learning?

**Parent:** In fact the school provide support to families and students. For instance, in Ramadan they give things to families and sometimes they provide learning materials to students.

**TRANSCRIPT2**

How do define parental involvement?
**Parent:** Parents can be involved in their children’s education by communicating the school to know their children’s learning and behavior. They also support their children at home. For example, parents can check daily their children’s books when they come back from school and see whether children have taken lessons by checking the date. It is also important that parents take care of children’s health by providing healthy food and make sure children go to bed early and prepare their clothes and books and pens.

In what ways do you involve in the education of your child?

**Parent:** I ask my children what they have studied and instruct them to do the homework, but unfortunately I have a problem with the lessons.

What is the problem?

**Parent:** my problem is that I cannot read the lessons to my children and they are better educated than me because I was not educated so that is the only problem I have. But I encourage them to do the homework and make sure that children go to school on time.

How does the school provide you information about your child’s progress and other school activities?

**Parent:** The school organize three meetings with parents every year. In these meetings the school share with us the results and compare with the previous results to see the subjects they improved and the subjects they have still problems. Sometimes the school call us when child is absent for two days.

How satisfied are you with the information provided to you?

**Parent:** I feel that there is a connection between the school and parents and I am satisfied.

How does the school involve you in decision making?
**Parent:** no, I don’t participate decision making and the school does not invite us to participate.

How satisfied are you with your current participation in decision making?

**Parent:** but when they decide the class for my child I meet them if I am not satisfied with that class and I ask them to change. They make the decision but if I am not satisfied they listen my concerns so in this sense we participate the decisions that affect our children.

How does the school promote your participation in the education of your child at school?

**Parent:** No, I just send my child to the school and it is the responsibility of the teachers to teach but I don’t involve.

How satisfied are you with the current school practices in promoting your involvement in the education of your child at school?

**Parent:** I feel that teachers are doing good job.

How does the school promote your participation in the education of your child at home?

**Parent:** the first thing we discuss in every meeting is related how we can help our children at home. They copy for us the chapters of each subject so we can help our children.

How satisfied are you with the current school practices in promoting your involvement in the education of your child at home?

**Parent:** I am very satisfied.

How does the school use community resources to support families and student learning?

**Parent:** Generally, the school receive support from NGOs but I don’t have more information about it and how the school use it.

**TRANSCRIPT3**

How do define parental involvement?
Parent: Is the contacts that parents make with the school and teachers of their children to know their children’s behavior and learning progress and his scores.

In what ways do you involve in the education of your child?
Parent: I support my child at home and hire tutor to teach them at home.

How does the school provide you information about your child’s progress and other school activities?
Parent: they call us by telephone mostly to inform us exam dates and time. And they share with us the results

How satisfied are you with the information provided to you?
Parent: I am not satisfied because I want to get regular information about my childs’ progress, but the school call us in exam time.

How does the school involve you in decision making?
Parent: they don’t let us to participate in decision making or ask our ideas. They decide what they want.

How satisfied are you with your current participation in decision making?
Parent: I am not satisfied because we have many good ideas but they don’t give us chance to involve in decision making.

How does the school promote your participation in the education of your child at school?
Parent: I don’t offer any service or assistant at school but I go there occasionally to check the progress of my child.

How satisfied are you with the current school practices in promoting your involvement in the education of your child at school?
Parent: I am satisfied I believe that teachers are capable to do their job.
How does the school promote your participation in the education of your child at home?

**Parent:** in exam time, the school call us and they tell us the exam dates for all subjects and request us to help children revise and make them ready for the exam.

How satisfied are you with the current school practices in promoting your involvement in the education of your child at home?

**Parent:** Parents should support even if the school does not request so because they are their children but the reminder from the school helps many parents and it is good.

How does the school use community resources to support families and student learning?

**Parent:** As far I know the school does not receive any support from any organization and depend on the fees that charge on students. But sometimes they call us to help orphans and when there is floods to offer service and we participate.

**TRANSCRIPT4**

How do define parental involvement?

**Parent:** I don’t know much about this but I can tell my opinion. The responsibility of parents is to teach children at home the Huruf (the Arabic alphabets) and basic Quran before they are sent to school so he can have some understanding because he will be part in a group of students. Parents have to be selective when choosing school for their children. You have to know what they teach, teachers and the behavior of students and the location of the school. After that you start to follow up what your children learn every day.

In what ways do you involve in the education of your child?

**Parent:** If I tell you the truth, I don’t help them at all. I choose for them the best school and I depend on the school for the education of my children. This is because I usually travel and I don’t stay with them.
How does the school provide you information about your child’s progress and other school activities?

**Parent:** the school must contact parents if there is a problem. For instance if the child is not performing well or coming late but schools in this city don’t practice such communication.

How satisfied are you with the information provided to you?

**Parent:** I am not satisfied.

How does the school involve you in decision making?

**Parent:** our school has parent association. I remember one time they called me and they were demanding something that the school cannot afford. Parents influence the decision making in the school. Nowadays learning institutions are considered commercial and if parents are not happy with the service they might take their children to other schools.

How satisfied are you with your current participation in decision making?

**Parent:** I am very satisfied.

How does the school promote your participation in the education of your child at school?

**Parent:** the school always call parents to help the school. Before two months, the school was renovating some classes of the school and all parents were invited to participate. But I could not go that day because I was sick.

How satisfied are you with the current school practices in promoting your involvement in the education of your child at school?

**Parent:** I am satisfied.

How does the school promote your participation in the education of your child at home?

**Parent:** As far as I know the school does nothing about this.
How satisfied are you with the current school practices in promoting your involvement in the education of your child at home?

**Parent:** I am satisfied because if want to help my child I just help and I don’t need a reminder.

How does the school use community resources to support families and student learning?

**Parent:** Families help each other but not through school. If the parent cannot help their children in education they go to their neighbor or friends to get assistant.

**TRANSCRIPT5**

How do define parental involvement?

**Parent:** Parent have to encourage their children to go to school, have to know how they learn, pay school fees and buy learning materials for children.

In what ways do you involve in the education of your child?

**Parent:** I help my children to go early to school, read for them and help them when they face difficulties and correct them when they make mistake. I buy for them text books and all other learning materials they need.

How does the school provide you information about your child’s progress and other school activities?

**Parent:** I have the contact numbers of teachers and I always call them to get information about my children but they don’t contact me. And sometimes I go directly to the school to meet the teachers.

How satisfied are you with the information provided to you?

**Parent:** I am very satisfied because they always provide useful information and I have to do whatever they ask me to do.
How does the school involve you in decision making?

**Parent**: They make the decision without consulting with parents.

How satisfied are you with your current participation in decision making?

**Parent**: It would be a good idea if parents are allowed to participate in decision making but schools don’t give parents a chance to participate.

How does the school promote your participation in the education of your child at school?

**Parent**: I visit the school sometimes when I want to know information about my child and teachers help me to get these information.

How satisfied are you with the current school practices in promoting your involvement in the education of your child at school?

**Parent**: I am satisfied. Teachers well come me when I meet them at the school and

How does the school promote your participation in the education of your child at home?

**Parent**: It is up to the parent and how they make efforts and educate their children. But the school doesn’t help in this regard. The school help children only at school.

How satisfied are you with the current school practices in promoting your involvement in the education of your child at home?

**Parent**: Parents would be happy if teachers can afford to conduct workshops that increase the skills and the knowledge of parents of how to help their children.

How does the school use community resources to support families and student learning?

**Parent**: I have no idea if the school uses community resources.

**TRANSCRIPT6**

How do you define parental involvement?
**Teacher:** Parents ask their children questions; what you have studied, parents read to their children and make the lessons easy for their children. All these activities are parental involvement in education but only educated parents can do these activities.

In what ways do parents at this school involve in the education of their children?

**Teacher:** parents call teachers to find out how their child behave, about his attendance and his punctuality; they seek all these information to support their children’s education.

How satisfied are you with their level of involvement in the education of their children?

**Teacher:** I am very satisfied.

How does the school provide families information about their children’s progress and other school activities?

**Teacher:** teachers communicate parents when their children fight, create problem, keep coming late or be absent for several days. Teachers also call parents if the child fails on one subject or more subjects before it gets worse and hope parents to take action.

How does the school involve families in decision making?

**Teacher:** Parents are invited individually or as groups depending on the situation. If the issue is a common problem, then it requires to call parents for a meeting and discuss the issue and after discussion parents and teachers reach an agreement. And sometimes parents have complaints about the performance of some teachers and demand replacement and in many cases if the complaints are valid the school change the teacher.

How does the school promote family participation in the education of their children at school?

**Teacher:** the school invites parents to participate school activities and extra curriculum activities.
How does the school promote family participation in the education of their children at home?

**Teacher:** Teachers advise parents to monitor their children particularly if the student is not performing well. Parents are advised to limit watching television and hire tutor if the situation requires. And if the child is performing well, parents are advised to encourage the child so that the child will continue to perform well.

How does the school use community resources to support families and student learning?

**Teacher:** Community resources are used to conduct activities such as sports and field trips that can make students like the school and the study. And sometimes these resources are used to support poor families.

**TRANSCRIPT7**

How do you define parental involvement?

**Teacher:** Parental involvement is a way that benefits from the time and money invested on educating children. Schools are not the only place for learning. So parents can play their role to support their children at home and help them understand and if parents cannot teach their children they can hire tutor.

In what ways do parents at this school involve in the education of their children?

**Teacher:** Parents are not same and teachers can see the difference between parents through the performance of children. For instance, children whose parents educated do their homework, come on time and perform well because their parents are involved in their education. However, teachers face difficulties in teaching children whose parents are uneducated they don’t their homework and they are not organized.

How satisfied are you with their level of involvement in the education of their children?
**Teacher:** I am satisfied only with those parents who support their children’s education.

How does the school provide families information about their children’s progress and other school activities?

**Teacher:** teachers use different ways of communication for different purpose. Teachers use telephone calls, send emails or meet parents face-to-face to discuss important issues.

How does the school involve families in decision making?

**Teacher:** parents are invited to participate in decision making for some important issues particularly those decisions that affect directly their children.

How does the school promote family participation in the education of their children at school?

**Teacher:** we invite parents to participate school events and activities such sport activities to encourage their children.

How does the school promote family participation in the education of their children at home?

**Teacher:** In the meetings between teachers and parents, teachers give parents general guidelines of how to help their children at home. Parents also ask question of how to overcome the difficulties they are facing at home to help their children and teachers try to give solutions to these problems.

How does the school use community resources to support families and student learning?

**Teacher:** As you know the school does not receive support from the government so parents, local business men and NGOs support the school and the school uses this support to meet the needs of the school.

**TRANSCRIPT8**
How do you define parental involvement?

**Teacher**: In my opinion I would define parental involvement that parents must be aware the behavior of their children and monitor the children at home. It is not enough to send children to school but they have to have detailed information from the school how their children behave and perform.

In what ways do parents at this school involve in the education of their children?

**Teacher**: Indeed parents help differently. If I talk based on my experience there are many parents who offer support for their children. For instance, some of them when children come back from school they (parents) ask children to read at home and if children have problem they help them and make them understand the lesson and some of them hire tutor. They make efforts in that way. Some others come to school and request teachers to give special attention to their children. There are also some parents who do little efforts to help their children.

How satisfied are you with their level of involvement in the education of their children?

**Teacher**: some parents perform beyond our expectation and some don’t.

How does the school provide families information about their children’s progress and other school activities?

**Teacher**: In this school and other schools that I worked previously, the communication between teachers and parents is not regular and sometimes no communication at all. Some parents come to school and request teachers to give updates about their children’s education. Teachers communicate these parents but such parents are not many

How does the school involve families in decision making?
**Teacher**: I speak based on experience. Parents have no voice in decision making. But some school use parent committee who work with school administration and they are consulted on important decisions.

How does the school promote family participation in the education of their children at school?

**Teacher**: such practices are not existing in this country.

How does the school promote family participation in the education of their children at home?

**Teacher**: there is no formal workshops or seminars for parents that guide them how to help their children. But if parents ask assist, teachers guide them.

How does the school use community resources to support families and student learning?

**Teacher**: This is managed by humanitarian organization. They pay the salaries of teachers and provide the needs of the school. They also support orphans and students from poor families.

**TRANSCRIPT9**

How do you define parental involvement?

**Teacher**: There are many things that parents should do including to be aware if the child is coming to school, his progress in education and to make sure that the needs of the child for food and other needs are met.

In what ways do parents at this school involve in the education of their children?

**Teacher**: parents are not same. Some of them don’t give enough attention to their children’s education. And some others they help their children very well in providing
learning materials, being aware if the child is coming to school or not, visiting teachers and talking to them about their child.

How satisfied are you with their level of involvement in the education of their children?

**Teacher:** I think most of the parents are doing their duties.

How does the school provide families information about their children’s progress and other school activities?

**Teacher:** I teach in two schools. One of these schools the communication is very high. The school always inform parents issues that relate to the exams and other things so they collaborate on these issues. The other school the communication is not good comparing the first school.

How does the school involve families in decision making?

**Teacher:** When there is a new issue that relate to the students, the school calls parents to have their say about the issue. But anything that is not related to the students, the school doesn’t consult with parents about it.

How does the school promote family participation in the education of their children at school?

**Teacher:** teachers believe that they can do their job and no need parents to present at school. Instead, parents should help their children at home.

How does the school promote family participation in the education of their children at home?

**Teacher:** The problem is many parents don’t come and seek assistant from teachers. If they come to school and meet their children’s teachers they can get many information on how to help their children.
How does the school use community resources to support families and student learning?

**Teacher:** If there is individuals in the community are facing difficulties, the school collaborate local businesses to support these individuals.

**TRANSCRIPT**

How do you define parental involvement?

**Teacher:** parents are the first teacher for their children and the school teacher is the second teacher that children meet at the school. So parents and teachers share common responsibilities in educating children and eliminate ignorance. Parents have to control and support their children to make them successful in education.

In what ways do parents at this school involve in the education of their children?

**Teacher:** Parents are created by Allah and they are not same. Some of them they know what their children learn and some of them they don’t know. Some others know the situation but don’t give more attention. And the effects of these different behaviors can be seen on children’s performance; those children whose parents don’t follow up may fail in exams.

How satisfied are you with their level of involvement in the education of their children?

**Teacher:** I am satisfied with those parents who don’t need calls from the school in order to help their children but not satisfied with those who give attention to their children only when children have problem at the school.

How does the school provide families information about their children’s progress and other school activities?

**Teacher:** I teach mathematics and when I ask children to do exercise I want them to do as I required and those don’t do I ask them to bring their parents. When parents meet me I
inform them the progress of their children and request them to help their children at home.

How does the school involve families in decision making?

**Teacher:** Schools in Mogadishu are different and depends on the type of the school. Some schools are private and other are under NGOs and there is no public school which are under the government. So our school is one of those under NGOs and the school consult only with those educated parents in the community.

How does the school promote family participation in the education of their children at school?

**Teacher:** we invite all parents when the school organizes events and we send special invitations to those parents whose children have performed well to encourage their children.

How does the school promote family participation in the education of their children at home?

**Teacher:** whenever we meet parents we inform them that children will improve if they help and if they don’t help children cannot perform well.

How does the school use community resources to support families and student learning?

**Teacher:** our school doesn’t receive support from community but we depend on school fees and make discount for those parents who have more than one child.
APPENDIX (J)

COMMUNICATION WITH UNICEF

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From: deep gure
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 2:31 PM
To: unicef contact shantha
Subject: RE: requesting information to conduct research

Dear Shantha,

Thank you very much for your positive and immediate response.

Kind regards

Gure

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Subject: Re: requesting information to conduct research
From: shantha@unicef.org
Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2014 07:39:22 +0200
To: deep.gure@hotmail.com
CC: unicef@unicef.org

Dear Gure

Thanks for your email. I am sharing your note with my colleagues in UNICEF Somalia, who can help to connect you with education colleagues, to see how they can help.

All the best with your research.

Kind regards

Shantha

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From: deep.gure [gure333@hotmail.com]
Sent: 02/19/2014 04:43 AM GMT
To: Shantha Bloemen
Subject: requesting information to conduct research

Dear Shantha Bloemen,

I am a postgraduate student from Somalia (DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY: EDUCATION) at the Islamic Science University of Malaysia. Currently, I am writing my Doctoral Thesis about parent involvement in education. As the researcher of this study I have decided to conduct it in Somalia especially on the schools which are under the program called Go 2 School which UNICEF supports. I hereby seek your assistant to provide me some information about these schools. I would be
APPENDIX (K)

SUPPORTING LETTER FROM PPS USIM FOR DATA COLLECTION

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(Attn to : TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN)

Sir/Madam:

PERMISSION TO ALLOW STUDENT DO SURVEYING AND COLLECTING DATA ON YOUR INSTITUTIONS

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This is to certify that the above-named student has registered for and currently pursuing the programmed study as mentioned above.

Kindly afford her such assistance as she may require.

Thank you.

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