

**Using fodder production to educate her children: the story of Amina Sheikh Mohamed
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Amina Sheikh Mohamed is a resident of Luuq town, Gedo Somalia. She is married and has five children. After training in fodder production by VSF-Suisse under the ELMT project in her community in 2008, Amina started growing a type of fodder known as the Sudan grass, which has helped generate income for her family.

“Before I got myself involved in this grass growing business, my two sons worked as cattle herders for other people. But after I started growing livestock fodder my sons are now in school and I no longer have to fear low milk yields since I can feed my livestock” explains Amina



Amina receiving technical advice from a VSF Suisse staff member

Amina now produces more than 3 acres *“I have realized the benefit of fodder production and anyone who denies the essence of planting livestock grass should ask my husband. He hardly goes away with the animals to graze in the open fields”* Amina says *“ for the whole of this year (2009) when other men moved away with their livestock in search of pasture, my husband remained at home. He only has to take the animals to the river to drink water, or at times he brings the water to the homestead with donkey carts.*