



Focusing on reproductive health in Somalia for the past couple of years, I am now looking forward to improving access to opportunities for my community through capitalizing on our assets. Along the way, I hope to gain valuable leadership skills.

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Somali youth mentorship is an intergenerational Somali male mentorship program aimed at youth between the ages of 16 and 26 in the Ottawa area. With one-on-one and group mentorship models, the program aims to build tangible skills, foster lasting bonds and create opportunities for all. My aim is to work on improving and expanding the project across the city of Ottawa in multiple ways.

I am a member of the Ottawa Somali community and have played an active role over the years in different capacities, beginning with attending programming to now actively engaging in their facilitation. Additionally, as an insider to the community, I am deeply invested in our success and in how to reach our full potential - starting with our promised youth.

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