

Truth in Testimony Disclosure Form

In accordance with Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)* of the *Rules of the House of Representatives*, witnesses are asked to disclose the following information. Please complete this form electronically by filling in the provided blanks.

Committee: Foreign Affairs

Subcommittee: Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights

Hearing Date: 02/08/2022

Hearing Title :

Improving Access to Quality Public Education in Africa

Witness Name: Robert Kaufman

Position/Title: Executive Director

Witness Type: Governmental Non-governmental

Are you representing yourself or an organization? Self Organization

If you are representing an organization, please list what entity or entities you are representing:

Abaarso Network, also referred to as the Horn of Africa Education Development Fund.

The Abaarso Network consists of four related entities, a 501c3 registered in the United States with an overseas branch in Nairobi, Kenya, and three institutions based in Somaliland, Barwaaqo University, Kaabe Schools and Abaarso School of Science and Technology.

FOR WITNESSES APPEARING IN A NON-GOVERNMENTAL CAPACITY

Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.

Are you a fiduciary—including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent—of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing? If so, please list the name of the organization(s) or entities.

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Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the hearing's subject matter that you or the organization(s) you represent have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract.

HED/Abaarso Network USGI Awards
AID-ASHA-A-14-00002 291,560 Complete Abaarso School – Various, eg. auditorium, courtyard, water reservoir
AID-ASHA-A-15-00002 879,225 Complete Abaarso School – Various, eg. bathrooms, science labs, two septic tanks
AID-ASHA-A-16-00005 999,000 Complete Barwaaqo - Original Construction and essential commodities; ended 2018
AID-ASHA-A-17-00014 500,000 Active Barwaaqo – Current, teacher housing and two classrooms
72ASHA18CA00005 1,728,106 Active Barwaaqo – New campus, library yet to begin (1.3m construction)
TOTAL - 4,397,891
72ASHA21RFA00001 - 2021 1,970,000 - Application submitted – Focus on growth and sustainability

Please list any contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government and related to the hearing's subject that you or the organization(s) you represent have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

The Government of Somaliland has pledged to provide annual contributions to support teacher salaries of approximately \$10k/year. These contributions have been inconsistent and reduced due to COVID-19.

Are you an active registrant under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA)?

Yes No

Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.

- I have attached a written statement of proposed testimony.
- I have attached my curriculum vitae or biography.

* Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5), of the U.S. House of Representatives provides:

(5)(A) Each committee shall, to the greatest extent practicable, require witnesses who appear before it to submit in advance written statements of proposed testimony and to limit their initial presentations to the committee to brief summaries thereof.

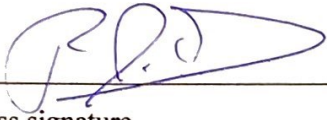
(B) In the case of a witness appearing in a non-governmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include— (i) a curriculum vitae; (ii) a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the past 36 months by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (iii) a disclosure of whether the witness is a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.

(C) The disclosure referred to in subdivision (B)(ii) shall include— (i) the amount and source of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (ii) the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government.

(D) Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form 24 hours before the witness appears to the extent practicable, but not later than one day after the witness appears.

False Statements Certification

Knowingly providing material false information to this committee/subcommittee, or knowingly concealing material information from this committee/subcommittee, is a crime (18 U.S.C. § 1001). This form will be made part of the hearing record.



Witness signature

Feb 2, 2022

Date