## Nasro Abas Mohamed's Vision for Rural Women in Djibouti and Beyond

## Nasro Abas Mohamed, Cohort 53 - Djibouti

Nasro Abas Mohamed, with expertise in international relations and cultural strategy, leads a women's Solidarity Group focused on sustainable projects to support rural communities in Djibouti. She is dedicated to promoting agriculture, and entrepreneurship, enhancing professional skills, and supporting income-generating activities for rural women. She is a member of Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security, East African Chapter. Nasro actively engages in youth councils and initiatives at the national and regional levels, aiming to create a positive impact on various fronts. Her proactive involvement in development initiatives highlights her as an emblem of positive change and innovation.



Her experience at YALI RLC EA was incredibly insightful, particularly the Design Thinking class, which equipped her with both theoretical and practical skills for identifying the underlying causes of problems. This training deepened her analytical abilities and enabled her to approach situations from various perspectives. The Seven Habits courses were equally enriching, providing her with a profound understanding of herself, which was especially important as she tends to be introverted. It was a valuable opportunity for her to be understood by her fellow participants, as she values meaningful connections over quick judgments.

Nasro is highly motivated to instigate change in her country, with a particular focus on empowering young girls from vulnerable backgrounds. Her strong concern arises from the experiences of her first cousin, who tragically faced a similar situation, including traditional pressures and inadequate school facilities, resulting in self-harm many years ago. This has left a deep impact on Nasro, inspiring her to address the issues faced by school dropout girls, especially in her region. Nasro aspires to create a secure and impactful legacy for her children and the entire Djiboutian society. She envisions establishing an educational and moral support center aimed at empowering women in her region to challenge regressive traditional practices and beliefs.

She recently launched the "Empowering Young Women through English Language Education". The program is funded by the U.S. Embassy in Djibouti and is implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training.

