

**“KNOWLEDGE IS POWER”**

UNHCR Sub-Office Melkadida initiated an innovative pilot project, **the IDEAS BOX**, a multi-media library, for Somali refugee children and youth. The project is implemented by Save the Children and Libraries without Borders, in coordination with UNHCR Innovation Unit at HQs. It is facilitated by ARRA in Bokolmanyo and Melkadida camps. This novel project is the first in the East and Horn of Africa region where the project is replicated.

The Ideas Box contains books, ICT devices (tablets, laptops and e-readers), including audio and cinema components. It is a versatile tool to empower refugees through promoting access to information, culture, education and skills building. This will contribute to enhance the protection and development of children and the youth of both genders. Specialized trainers, from Libraries without Borders, have started a training program for 20 participants from the refugee youth and teachers from the educational partners, in both camps, on how to use the ICT devices, manage the components of the Ideas Box and design the activities grid.



Presentation of Tablets



Refugee girls using tablets



Teachers using e-readers