



SOMALI AMERICAN
UNITED COUNCIL OF ARIZONA
Serving ALL Multiethnic Refugees

**END OF THE YEAR REPORT
ARIZONA WOMEN'S PARTNERSHIP**

The Somali-American United Council of Arizona is deeply thankful for the support received during the year of 2020. The \$2,000 received came to us in a very difficult time when the COVID-19 pandemic was starting. Little did we know that the funding was going to play a critical role in the lives of refugee women and their families during these challenging times providing the necessary materials to make masks.

The funding was utilized to teach sewing skills to a diverse group of refugee women. They were able to learn how to use a sewing machine, follow a pattern to make a dress or a shirt, quilts, and masks.

The funding provided served to purchase the following materials:

- 4 regular sewing machines
- 1 serger sewing machine
- Sewing machine parts (needles, bobbins, etc.)
- Fabric
- Thread
- Measuring tapes
- Scissors

This grant impacted women between the ages of 12 to 75 years old from 7 different countries:

Nationality	Number of Women
Somali	17
Congolese	12
Sudanese	5
Afghani	9
Irani	3
Yemeni	1
Eritrean	2

Our numbers were impacted greatly by the pandemic and the fear of refugees of getting infected with the Coronavirus.

Participant women were able to make at least one dress or shirt and they made hundreds of masks on site. We do not have a count of the many more masks that they made in their own homes for their families, friends, and neighbors.