

Health, Islam, and Alternative Capitalism: Three Possible Key Factors in Developing Somaliland

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Looking at the different realities composing contemporary Somalia, we can observe multiple possibilities of political and economic features of whether a nation could exist or not. Considering the world systematic evolution toward a global economy and its constraints, Least Developed Countries are trying to create their separate way looking for growth and socio-political improvement. This is done using both conventional and unconventional tools mixed with new economic perspectives not rarely rooted on the Islamic Religious Community.

This is the case of the private no-profit health sector in Somaliland, the Former British Protectorate. Health Policy is one of the leading catalysts of funds and resources from private investors and governmental institutions. The booming of the informal economy and the religious charitable cooperation, native or foreign as it could be, gives a strong incentive to a steadily thriving entrepreneurial activity.

Through this perspective we will analyze a concrete sample of private enterprise which combines health, Islamic Charity and economic sustainability through wide fundraising and humanitarian assistance. Thus, we will have the opportunity to face the mechanisms which rule the parallel economic way out newly adapted and performed by Somali people in extremely harsh contexts.