

## **MEET HAWA JAMA**

Hawa was born on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1993 in Galkayo town situated between Hargeisa and Mogadishu in Somalia. She is the second born child in the family of Jama Abdi. Hawa was born with congenital blindness. Hawa want to pursue journalism. She was admitted to undergo rehabilitation, training in English language, English Braille, Adapted Computer and Orientation & Mobility for a period of eight months with effect from April, 2017 thanks to Dr. Abdi a professional with visual impairment from Garissa living and working in Australia for paying her tuition. She successfully graduated in December, 2017.

### **Skill Progress /Aspiration**



**Hawa displaying her proficiency certificate.**

Hawa can now communicate fluently in English language and has attained proficiency in English Braille. She is able to comfortably use computer installed with Jaws software. She has developed excellent Orientation and mobility skills.



**Hawa, independently using a white cane to move around**

She acknowledges the support she was accorded while at the Kenya Society for the Blind. She confesses that this was a turning point in her life. She wishes to advance in her English and enroll for a Psychology course, preferably in UK, USA or Australia. She hopes to work with a continental organization that will enable her work for persons with disabilities in Africa. Her motto is never give up. Keep on trying. On several occasions she was discouraged by people who were negative about her seeking where to study English Braille and computer but she never gave up. Hawa is now 24 still struggling with parents and relatives who feel she should get married. However, Hawa is passionate about her study and she is determined to complete her educational journey.



**Hawa with friends walking independently using a white cane**