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UNIVERSITY MEMBERS TAKE TO THE STREETS FOR SOMALIA

Cambridge Friends of Somalia, an international group of students and senior members from all over the University, will be organizing a day-long street collection for the suffering millions of Somalia on Wednesday, 16th September, with the support of the Africa in Crisis Appeal Fund.

The fund collection will take place from 9 am to 6 pm in various part of the city, including the Market Place, the Railway station, Drummer Street Bus Station and the Grafton Centre. The collectors will easily be recognizable as they will be collecting under the auspices of Oxfam, one of the seven charities involved in the Africa in Crisis Appeal Fund. Some 40 volunteers have already agreed to participate in the fund-raising activity.

This group at the University was formed as a spontaneous response to the Somalian crisis and represents numerous nationalities. Dr. Abhijit Guha, Fellow of Gonville & Caius College and a fervent supporter of the action, said "When half of a nation faces starvation and one-third is displaced by the civil war, everyone in the secure world has his/her own part to play to help them out of the crisis". The support and the enthusiasm that the group has already received from people of all walks of life is quite overwhelming.

Other than the street collection on the 16th September, Cambridge Friends of Somalia will also raise funds by selling T-shirts designed for the campaign and by organizing a multi-cultural concert on the 18th October at the West Road Music Hall. Tickets for this event will shortly be available from the organizers.

Cambridge Friends of Somalia hopes to meet (and surpass) its target of £5000 and welcomes independent donations (payable to Cambridge Friends of Somalia).