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Somalia: Treatment of children of mixed ethnicity (mother Issaq and father Tumal), when child is brought up by Issaq family members (December 2005)  
Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa

In 29 December 2005 correspondence sent to the Research Directorate, the director of the Concern Worldwide-Somalia Programme stated that

[i]t doesn't matter where the mother comes from; as long as the child is from Tumal, he/she will have a rough treatment and discrimination by children from dominant clans. Even if the child is brought up by his Isaaq mother, he/she will not be accepted by the relatives of his mother, and can never dream to marry one from Isaaq clan.

Additional and/or corroborating information on this subject could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

#### Reference

Director of Concern Worldwide - Somalia Programme. 29 December 2006.  
Correspondence from the Director.

#### Sources Consulted

**Oral sources:** The editor of *Somaliland Times*, the executive director of the Toronto-based Midaynta Community Services and a representative of Amnesty International Africa Programme did not respond to information requests within time constraints.

Unsuccessful attempts to contact the Somali Child Protection and Development agency were made.

**Websites, including:** AllAfrica, Amnesty International, Child Rights Information

Network (CRIN), Factiva, IDP Reports of the Norwegian Refugee Council, IRIN, UNHCR, UNICEF, United States Department of State.

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