



Summary of DFID's work in Somalia 2011-15

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Why we work in Somalia

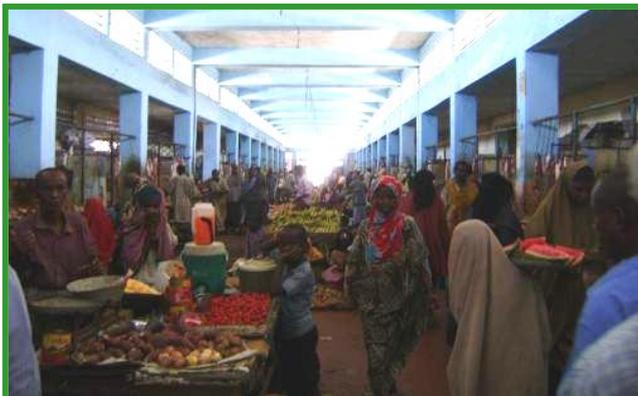
After two decades of conflict, Somalia is the world's most fragile state. Now, for the first time in a generation there is a Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) which is in a position to make genuine progress on delivering security, stability and services to its people. The challenges are great. But managed the right way, recent political and military progress can provide the platform for peace, stability and development that Somalia urgently needs. The autonomous zone of Somaliland remains more stable than the rest of the country, with a Government better able to provide for its citizens – although development needs in Somaliland also remain high. 2013 holds a lot of potential for Somalia.

The UK Government is committed to ensuring optimal international support for Somalia. Capitalising on the success of the London Conference in February 2012, a second Conference in May 2013, co-hosted by the Prime Minister with the Somali President, focused on delivering coordinated international support for the President's priorities: security, justice, public financial management and building political stability.



Re-building Mogadishu after two decades of conflict. DFID has generated over 724,000 days of direct employment from construction opportunities and cash for work activities rehabilitating productive infrastructure. Source: DFID

The political and security outlook is still uncertain. Development gains have been made but huge challenges remain. Over 1 million people are still in need of humanitarian assistance following the famine in 2011, with a further 1.7 million on the emergency threshold. Somalia is unlikely to meet any of the 2015 Millennium Development Goals. Instability in Somalia affects not just the Somali people, but the whole region, and the UK.



UK aid has supported Somalia's bustling small and medium-sized enterprise sector. Photo: AET

UK aid aims to help Somalia tackle poverty and conflict. Our programme focuses on governance and peace-building, wealth and job creation, health care, particularly for women and children, and humanitarian assistance.

What we will achieve

- An additional 90,000 female contraceptive users (aged 15 - 49 years old) supported.
- 45,000 people, including 15,000 women, helped to secure new private sector jobs after training.

- An additional 89,000 people provided with improved local government services.
- At least 61,000 children under 5 benefitted from acute malnutrition prevention programmes each year; in 2012/13 alone, UK aid helped 0.135 million children to resist malnutrition.

Who we work with

The UK government works with national, regional and local governments and authorities in Somalia to support peace-building and poverty reduction. We work with bilateral and multilateral partners, such as the UN and the World Bank, to develop a more coherent international approach to supporting the political process, security, development and humanitarian response in Somalia. The UN and its agencies are important implementing partners – in particular, the Food and Agriculture Organisation, UN Development Programme, UNICEF, UN Population Fund and the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. We also work with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Our support to Somali NGOs is largely through international NGOs such as Oxfam and ICRC.



700,000 people benefitted from emergency agricultural or livelihood assistance. A breastfeeding mother receives goats to enhance access to milk for children and livelihood support. Source: Save the Children

We leverage private sector investment through public/ private partnerships, and plan to improve methods of attracting diaspora remittances (estimated to total \$1billion annually) for investments. We have taken forward our commitment to a multi-donor Stability Fund, a new funding mechanism to support more stable areas of the country where there is relative security and the government is providing services (such as healthcare) for the people. We have also taken forward our commitment to a Somaliland Development Fund, which will enable more coherent and coordinated support from donors in Somaliland.

How we work

More than ever, in the current financial climate, we have a duty to demonstrate that we are achieving value for money in everything we do. Results, transparency and accountability are our watchwords and we are determined to get value for money for every taxpayer pound spent on development.

DFID champions transparency of the use of international aid and its results. We help partners to conform to international standards of transparency. In line with the UK Aid Transparency Guarantee, DFID Somalia publishes its programme documents online and publishes key documents in Somali.

More information

For a more detailed breakdown of Somalia's Operational Plan, please visit: www.gov.uk/government/world/somalia

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