



DFID in Somalia

Spring Update 2014

UK Development Results

Results for 2011-2015 thanks to UK aid from the British people. All figures from DFID's Operational Plan June 2013 or more recent sources.

In 2012-13, DFID's programme spend was £80.2 million.

GIRLS AND WOMEN

Since April 2013 4,000 women have benefitted from legal aid.

Somali women will be given more choice over when and how many children they give birth to, by the distribution of **100,000 modern contraceptive products by 2015.**

JOBS AND GROWTH

56,900 jobs have been created since May 2011 and a further **45,000 new private sector jobs** will be created by 2015.

Private sector investment will increase through public-private partnerships.

GOVERNANCE

4.1 million people will benefit from community development plans endorsed by local governments by 2015.

HUMANITARIAN

130,000 starving children benefit from humanitarian prevention programmes each year.

PEACE AND STABILITY

Over £30 million is being provided to a multi-donor Stability Fund to strengthen local governance and support security, political and development projects.



Justine Greening, Secretary of State for DFID, during visit to Ealing to meet Somali diaspora at Ealing Town Hall with Angie Bray MP on 9 January 2014. Photo: DFID.

COUNTRY CONTEXT

Population – 9.3 million.

Somalia is the world's most fragile state and is unlikely to meet any of the Millennium Development Goals.

43% of people live on less than \$1 a day.

The unemployment rate is above 60%.

1.1 million people are internally displaced as a result of conflict and famine.

Women have a 1 in 10 chance of dying during their reproductive years.

870,000 people need emergency support, a further 2.3 million are at risk.

NEWS

August 2013

£10 million provided for polio vaccinations in Somalia and Kenya.

September 2013

At the New Deal for Somalia conference in Brussels, Justine Greening pledged £50 million to boost Somalia's economy, improve health services and increase access to clean water.

October 2014

DFID minister Lynne Featherstone, made a regional visit to Bristol to talk to Somali diaspora about how best to eliminate female genital mutilation overseas.

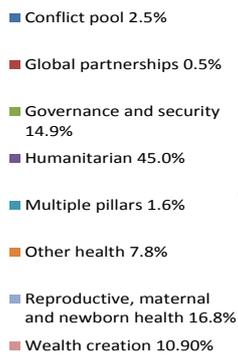
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DFID set up the Action Group on cross border remittances working with the Somali community, money service businesses, banks, and NGOs to develop a Safer Corridor Pilot to ensure remittances continue through secure, transparent and accessible channels.

WHERE UK AID MONEY GOES

Somalia programmes by sector 2012-13

Total spend £80.2 million



Following the end to the Transitional Federal Government in Somalia, the Secretary of State for International Development, Justine Greening and Foreign Office Minister for Africa, Mark Simmonds met Somalia's new President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud.

At the Somalia Conference in May 2013, Justine Greening said:

"Somalia's new federal government has a bold and ambitious plan in place. With the right support, advice and investment we can help Somalia to recover from decades of conflict."

"Tackling the root causes of poverty, crime and instability in Somalia is also firmly in Britain's national interest."

DFID's APPROACH

DFID aims to promote long-term stability and transform the lives of poor Somalis. DFID's programme focuses on governance and peace-building, wealth and job creation, health care (particularly for women and children) and humanitarian assistance. By working in these areas, we aim to reduce the impact of humanitarian crises, support delivery of basic services, promote economic growth, and support the creation of democratic, accountable government. Helping Somalia to recover from years of civil war by improving security, rebuilding the institutions of state and delivering services also reduces the space in which piracy and terrorism can operate.

As part of the UK cross-government team, we work with like-minded governments and other partners, such as NGOs, in support of a coherent international approach to political, development and humanitarian issues. We will continue to offer leadership in the international community to reshape the partnership with the Federal Government of Somalia through the implementation of the New Deal Compact.



Mark Simmonds and Justine Greening meet President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, Mogadishu, October 2012

Photo: FCO.

MORE INFORMATION

The UK coalition government believes that international development is not just the right thing to do, but the smart thing to do. It is in all our interests for countries around the world to be stable and secure, to have educated and healthy populations and to have growing economies. We're ending the need for aid by creating jobs, unlocking the potential of girls and women and leading the global effort to help save lives when humanitarian emergencies hit.

Main DFID website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development>

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Information on the work of the Action Group on Cross Border remittances can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/helping-developing-countries-economies-to-grow/supporting-pages/enabling-the-continued-flow-of-remittances>

This country brief: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfid-in-Somalia-spring-update-2014>

DFID Somalia's Operational Plan: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfid-somalia-operational-plan-2013>

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