

Summary of DFID's work in Somalia 2011-2015

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Why we work in Somalia

After two decades of conflict, Somalia is the world's most fragile state. Security and minimal basic services, such as health and education, are provided largely through informal community institutions. The political outlook is highly uncertain. Prospects are better in the autonomous region of Somaliland, where there is a chance to consolidate stability after democratic elections in 2010.

About three million people, over 40% of the population, live in poverty; 2.4 million people are currently in need of humanitarian assistance. There is limited progress in getting all children in school or reducing maternal deaths, while progress towards gender equality and women's empowerment is poor. UKaid aims to help Somalis tackle poverty and conflict. Progress and stability in Somalia are also vital for the security of the whole region, and for the UK.



Mahsub, Ubah, Hemda and Muha, students of Al Najah School in Hargeisa, happy to be at school; UKaid helped Somalia develop recognised, certified exams that have encouraged children to pursue university education.



Secretary of State Andrew Mitchell admires a newborn baby during a visit to Hargeisa; UKaid will increase the number of babies delivered by skilled health workers

Photo by Philip Hannaford, The Sun newspaper

What we will achieve

- Functioning health facilities supported by UKaid increased from 15 to 60
- Proportion of under-five children fully vaccinated increased from 45% to 65%
- Use of contraception increased from 1% to 10%
- At least 45,000 sustainable jobs created, of which 15,000 will be for women
- £6 million in private investments mobilised, and the business environment improved through infrastructure projects
- 16 districts supported to expand access to basic services, and the number of people accessing security and justice increased by 50%
- 500,000 people a year provided with basic humanitarian assistance

Who we will work with

Together with other UK government departments, DFID will work with national, regional and local governments to support peace-building and poverty reduction.

We will also work with bilateral and multilateral partners, such as the UN and the World Bank, to develop a more coherent international approach to political, security, development and humanitarian issues in Somalia. DFID will continue to work with the UN and its agencies, taking advantage of their reach and experience of delivery. Our key UN partners will initially be the Food and Agriculture Organisation, International Labour Organisation, UN Development Programme, UN Children's Fund, UN Population Fund and the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.



Somalia has a bustling small and medium-sized enterprise sector that UKaid will support to create more jobs and wealth. *Picture - AET*

We will work with international non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to deliver humanitarian, health, peace-building and employment results. Most of our support to Somali NGOs will be through international NGOs such as Oxfam and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

We will leverage private sector investment through public/private partnerships, and establish a mechanism to attract diaspora remittances (estimated at \$1bn/year) for productive investments.

How we will work

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

UK aid allocations to help build peace and stability in Somalia could triple from £26 million in 2010/11 to £80 million per year over the next three years, depending on the results achieved by 2013/14.

Investments required for security, monitoring and travel make Somalia an expensive place to work in. We will show that UKaid makes a real difference to people's lives, at a reasonable cost.

DFID will champion transparency on the use of international aid and its results. We will help partners to conform to international standards of transparency. In line with the UK Aid Transparency Guarantee, DFID Somalia will publish its main programme documents online. We will promote access to information in Somalia by publishing key documents in Somali.

More information

For a more detailed breakdown of Somalia's Operational Plan, please visit www.dfid.gov.uk/Somalia
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