



Somalia Fact Sheet



USAID is supporting sports activities, promoting peaceful coexistence among diverse ethnic groups and backgrounds.

2012 Funding

Fostering Good Governance and Economic Recovery
\$ 37.96 million

Department of State/Peace Keeping Operations
\$187.8 million

USAID/Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance
\$57.2 million

USAID Food for Peace Assistance:
\$161.9 million

Total FY 2012 U.S. Government resources to Somalia:
\$444.86 million

Partners:

USAID/Somalia works through a variety of partners including United Nations organizations, international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other international NGOs.

Geographic Location:

Country-wide including Somaliland and Puntland

Program Overview

The U.S. Government (USG) engages with Somalis across the nation, both at the federal level and with credible regional and local administrations that strive to provide services to the people.

USAID's goal in Somalia is to **increase stability through targeted interventions that foster good governance, improve economic recovery, and reduce the appeal of extremism.** Following the transition to a new government last September, improvements in security in Mogadishu and other areas, and USG recognition of the Government of Somalia in early 2013, the United States plans to continue to expand its stabilization assistance in accordance with New Deal principles of building peaceful states.

Peace and Security

USAID's programs are designed to mitigate conflict, promote stability and community cohesion, and strengthen citizens' relationships with their government officials.

Through over 450 quick-impact activities worth over \$38 million, USAID is helping Somalis demonstrate the benefits of political reconciliation. USAID programs involve civil society organizations, local stakeholders, and communities in all phases of project planning and implementation.

Under peace and security programming, USAID is working with dozens of Somali governance institutions (national and regional) to improve service delivery and increase relations with the community. USAID has also facilitated community consensus planning sessions, which bring together government, civil society, and private sector representatives to prioritize community needs, select stabilizing activities, and implement them in their communities with USAID support.

Promoting Democracy and Good Governance

As part of support to the transition process, USAID worked with the constituent assembly, and provided civic education about the constitution and stable governance after the transition. Currently USAID is working with the new Somali Government on parliamentary rules and



USAID programs have improved secondary education for 50,000 Somali youth.



USAID's Partnership for Economic Growth supports Somali smallholder farmers by investing in the local economy to strengthen the livestock, farming, and energy sectors.

procedures, as well as political party and election development in Somaliland and Puntland.

Improving Education

Youth are the future leaders, workers and citizens of their nation, yet in Somalia, they lack basic education, employment opportunities, and connectedness to civil society. The goal of the five year program is to build a future generation of Somali leaders by increasing opportunities in education, economic growth, and civic participation for 160,000 Somali youth and promote stability by:

- Improving secondary education services for 50,000 Somali youth, community members, and education officials.
 - Improving access to, and quality of, technical and vocational education and training and supporting a select number of business start-ups for 10,000 youth.
 - Empowering 100,000 youth to participate in and contribute positively and productively to society.
- USAID also recently launched a program to provide secondary education and/or vocational training to 60,000 youth, as well as civic engagement opportunities for 100,000 young people.

Supporting Economic Growth

USAID launched the "Partnership Fund," which co-funds Somali businesses, nonprofits, and other institutions—sharing the risk in new private sector ventures. Awards range from \$10,000 to \$100,000.

USAID is also working with livestock and farming enterprises to improve quality and profits.

As part of creating a business-friendly environment and increasing investment, USAID is working with the Somaliland Ministry of Mining, Energy, and Water as well as the Somaliland Ministry of Commerce on policy and regulation. USAID is also piloting renewable energy projects, particularly wind, to trim energy costs for consumers and businesses.