

BRIEFING NOTE

Somalia Programme Country Briefing Note 2020



Somalia Context

UN-Habitat has been active in the Somalia urban sector for more than 30 years to promote sustainable and participatory urban development. Responding to the implementation of Somalia National Development Plan 9 and Somaliland National Development Plan II, UN-Habitat interventions in Somalia focuses on durable solutions for IDP's, strengthening urban planning and municipal finance to address urbanization challenges and at the same time enhance service delivery capacity; and to improve infrastructure and livelihood to consolidate peace gains and stimulate economic growth.

Our thematic areas of intervention are:

Infrastructure | Durable Solutions | Urban Planning
Governance | Youth and Livelihoods



Country programme profile

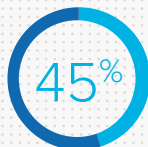
Total Population (2018):

15.172
Million



Urban Population (2018):

6.287
Million



Urban Growth Rate
(2015-2020):

4.23%

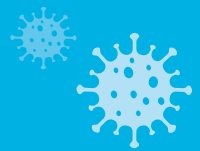
No. of Projects
(2018-2020):

10

Total value of projects (2020):

\$84,750,267

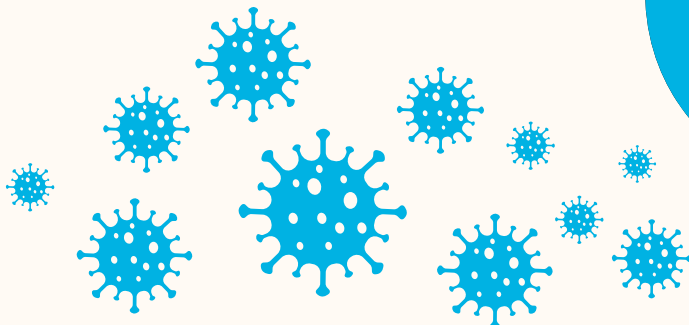
UN Habitat COVID-19 Response Plan



The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) , in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis, is uniquely placed to **engage the displaced and urban poor and more importantly harness the collective capacity into collective action in slums and informal settlements.**

The COVID-19 preparedness and action plan for Somalia seeks to maximize the potential of re-orienting or scaling existing programmes and projects for direct and tangible impact. Aligned with the UN-Habitat global strategy for COVID-19 and working across Somalia in coordination with other UN agencies, local governments and key partners, UN-Habitat's programmatic entry points are as set out below:

1. **Adapting response approaches to urban areas**
2. **Mapping, use of smart technologies for urban monitoring to support informed coordination and decision-making**
3. **Promoting integrated community-driven responses in informal settlements and slums**
4. **Mitigating economic impact and initiating recovery as early as possible**
5. **Promoting active learning on policy measures and practices**
6. **Further thematic entry points in urban areas, informal settlements and slums**
 - Mitigating the impact on access to adequate housing and promoting alternative solutions where needed (sustainable basic income)
 - Prioritizing Water and Sanitation (WASH) interventions
 - Keeping urban mobility safe and reliable



UN-HABITAT'S WORK IN THE COUNTRY

The Midnimo (Unity) Project I and II



Donor: Midnimo I: United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security

Midnimo II: United Nations Peacebuilding Fund



Duration: Midnimo I: January 2019-30 June 2020

Midnimo II: January 2019 - June 2020/ December 2020 (extension)



Project value: Midnimo I: USD 2 M
Midnimo II: USD 2.7 M



Location: Midnimo I: Jubaland
Midnimo II: Urban centers in Hirshabelle and Galmudug States,



Other UN Partners: IOM, UNDP

The Midnimo project aims at fostering durable solutions for displaced and hosting communities in urban centers by supporting community driven and government led initiatives to resolve conflicts, improve livelihoods and living conditions in informal settlements and enhance social cohesion that contributes to peace building.

EU-Reinteg programme



Donor: European Union



Duration: March 2017- March 2021



Project Value: €13.3 Million



Location: Mogadishu



Other Partners: UNHCR, UNDP, CESVI, SWDC, SIDO

The project facilitates the gradual resolution of the protracted displacement of IDPs, in Mogadishu, by enhancing local integration capacity, implementing innovative, replicable and scalable solutions for basic and protective service delivery and employment.

The Joint Programme on Local Governance and Decentralised Service Delivery.



Donor: (MPTF) Danida, UK Aid, European Union, Norwegian Ministry of foreign affairs, Swiss, USAID, PBF, SIDA



Duration: June 2018-June 2023



Project value: USD 17.5 M



Location: Somaliland, Puntland, Jubaland, Mogadishu, South West State, Hirshabelle and Galmudug



Other UN Partners: UNICEF, UNDP, ILO, UNCDF

This project has resulted in developing the necessary policies and legal frameworks, strengthening capacity through systems and procedures and contributing to increased service delivery in Somaliland and Puntland

Hargeisa Urban Water Supply Upgrading Project (HUWSUP)



Donor: European Union, Somaliland Development Fund



Duration: March 2014- April 2021



Project Value: USD 25M








Location: Somaliland



Other Partners:






This project replaced over 23 KM of pipeline from the main wellfield of Geed Deeble, with a new, high-capacity transmission main to bring more water to Hargeisa. Four additional boreholes have been drilled in the new well field areas or Hora Haadley and Laas Duur and the Geed Deeble wellfield collector has been extended by 7KM to connect the three new water sources.

Sustainable Durable Solutions for Kismayo

	Donor: Embassy of Japan
	Duration: March 2020- March 2021
	Project value: USD 427,272
	Location: Kismayo
	Other UN Partners: UNHCR, IOM, JICA, JCCP, Civic, Jubaland Regional Administration, Ministry of Education, Jubaland, Kismayo District Authorities.

The project seeks to support a sustainable, safe and durable reintegration of IDPs and refugee returnees in urban areas in Kismayo and promote durable solutions targeting vulnerable groups (i.e. youth and women) and enhance the absorption capacity of services for IDPs and refugee returnees. This project also tries to strengthen the Humanitarian Development and Peace Nexus.

Joint Programme on Youth Political Empowerment:

	Donor: United Nations Peacebuilding Fund
	Duration: Nov 2017-Feb 2020
	Project Value: USD 2M
	Location: South West and Jubbaland State
	Other Partners: UNFPA

This project is intended to enhance the capacities of youth to meaningfully engage in peacebuilding and governance activities by establishing safe spaces for youth to raise their voices and create tangible mechanisms for their direct participation in the development of policies and programmes at the local level. Furthermore, the project will increase the capacities of local authorities to effectively address youth issues.






Vocational Skills Training for Economic Growth in urban areas in South Central Somalia:

	Donor: Italian Agency for Development Cooperation
	Duration: Feb 2016- Nov 2020
	Project value: USD 1.1 M
	Location: Jubaland
	Other UN Partners: UNIDO

This project aims at the creation of short and long-term jobs through the revitalization of key economic infrastructure; the improvement of livelihoods and food security for urban women; and strengthening the quality of, and access to, vocational training opportunities.






It has a strong focus on local level ownership of project activities – both at the governmental and community level – and the building of local capacities to ensure the sustainability of project initiatives.

EU Stabilization:

	Donor: European Union
	Duration: June 2018- March 2020
	Project Value: €8 Million
	Location: Jubaland, South West States, Hirshabelle State and Galmudug
	Other Partners: IOM

This project focuses on providing rapid stabilization and early recovery support in fragile areas of Somalia. The programme is aligned with and built on existing government priorities, planning frameworks and strategies for both catalysing stability gains in the country, restoring state authority in recovered areas and finding lasting solutions to displacement

Dhulka Nabaada (The Land of Peace):

	Donor: United Nations Peacebuilding Fund
	Duration: Dec 2018- Dec 2020
	Project value: USD 2,573,090.23
	Location: Baidoa, Kismayo
	Other UN Partners: UNDP, UNHCR, IOM

This project supports four Federal Member States with land reforms initiatives and integration of land dispute resolution mechanisms through high level capacity building and policy development. This project hopes to address the pressing land issues across Somalia and develop state and community led initiatives for peaceful conflict transformation and right protection.

Berbera Urban Development Project

	Donor: European Union
	Duration: Jan 2020 - June 2023
	Project Value: €7.5 Million
	Location: Berbera
	Other Partners: Somaliland Ministry of Planning and National Development, Municipality of Berbera

This project was launched in February 2020 and will work towards achieving an inclusive local governance, contribute to urban waste management and promote livelihoods and entrepreneurship.

Upcoming Projects

- An Embassy of Sweden funded project **addressing challenges of urbanization and displacement as well as youth employment and empowerment.**
- Saameynta - A Swiss funded project that will be implemented jointly by UN-Habitat, IOM and UNDP **seeking to scale up solutions to displacement in Somalia.**



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF UN-HABITAT'S PRESENCE IN SOMALIA



Developed systems, processes and regulatory frameworks for financial management at the sub-national structures resulting in **increased local revenue generation up to 300%** (case of a town in Somaliland).



More than 3,000 long-term jobs created, skills training to more than 1,000 people and improved access to urban basic services for more than 200,000 households.



5,500 houses constructed providing shelter to 36,000 beneficiaries (since 2007).



Increased capacity for water delivery in Hargeisa town **by 150%** through installation of 23KM of main water pipeline, new pumping stations, installation of water pumps and power generators and drilling, equipping and connection of three new boreholes at Hora Hadley.



Nine urban profiles published to unlock additional resources for the implementation of Community action plans and local projects to improve lives of displacement affected communities.



10 community infrastructure projects handed over to local authorities, among them clinics, schools, market structures and access roads to informal settlements.



Promotion of the youth agenda through development of regulatory frameworks that increase the democratic participation of the youth in politics, (45% youth in SouthWest state parliament and 27% in Jubaland), amplification of youth' voices where **over 350,000 youth across Somalia** have utilized innovative technologies to achieve this and creation of One Stop Youth centers in Kismayo and Mogadishu.

Geographical coverage	We work with:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somaliland • Jubaland • Mogadishu • Puntland • South west states • Hirshabelle states • Galmadug state 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-governmental organizations NGOs • International non-governmental organizations INGOs • Government: At Federal and District level • Other UN Agencies

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