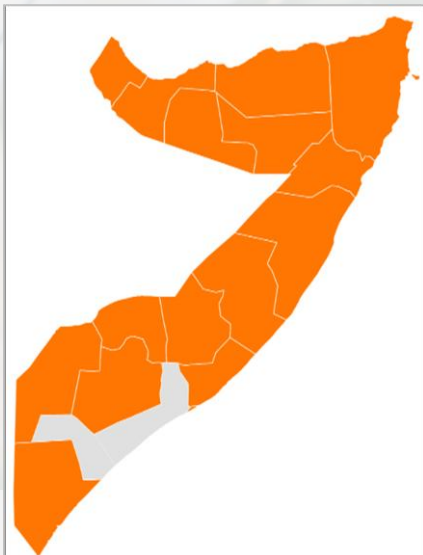


**SOMALIA**  
**AREAS OF OPERATION: LFS**



**CONTEXT**

Somalia continues to face severe food insecurity, limited livelihood opportunities, and gaps in nutrition and market knowledge due to conflict, fragility, and recurrent disasters including drought and floods.

- 5.98 million people in Somalia require food assistance.
- Exacerbated by climate change, environmental degradation and limited capacity of local authorities.
- Shocks include drought, floods, disease, locusts, and forced evictions.

**OUTCOMES/IMPACT**

In 2024, NRC supported 116, 696 people (55% female) with food security and/or access to livelihoods and income. The people are included:

- People supported with safety net cash support for diversified needs.
- People received cash for food needs.
- People received agricultural inputs.

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## HOW WE SUPPORT: LIVELIHOODS & FOOD SECURITY

Every person has the right to an adequate standard of living, including access to food and livelihood security. In Somalia, we uphold this right by providing both emergency assistance and long-term sustainable solutions.

### **NRC's livelihoods and food security approach**

Delivering unconditional cash transfers to struggling families, helping them meet basic needs while revitalizing local markets.

Supporting entrepreneurship among women and youth by providing start-up capital and vocational training, fostering self-reliance in both urban and rural areas.

Enhancing agricultural productivity by training small-scale farmers and pastoralists and investing in community-level resilience-building projects.

Strengthening links with the private sector to ensure job seekers gain relevant skills and transition into sustainable employment opportunities.

### **Who we support**

In Somalia, we focus on internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugees, returnees, and vulnerable host communities. We work across 11 of 18 regions, giving particular attention to hard-to-reach areas.

## NRC programmes and activities

### Cash-based programmes

As a short-term emergency measure we improve people's access to food (and other essential needs) through cash-based support, integrating with safety-net programmes where appropriate. These protections help communities protect their assets and overcome shocks without negative coping strategies.

Our programmes include Multipurpose Cash Transfers (MPCT) on a conditional or unconditional basis and safety-net cash transfers. Transfers are accompanied by nutrition, food safety and home hygiene education. Cash programmes largely take place via mobile money, ensuring flexibility, dignity and privacy, though other tools are used as required.

### A focus on livelihoods

Many of Somalia's young people are engaged in unstable employment, providing an uncertain future – particularly for displaced people. To help, we generate livelihoods through sustainable skills development and vocational training, aiming to diversify and improve household incomes,

Aligned with Somalia's 2020-2024 National Development Plan and guided by market analysis, we provide assets and training to the next generation of artisans, agriculturalists and entrepreneurs in urban and rural areas. In doing so, NRC works with the private-sector to transition trainees into meaningful employment.

Reflecting Somalia's climate vulnerability, agriculture-based livelihoods approaches are designed sustainably, with climate and shock resilience front of mind.

### Resilience building: infrastructure, community networks

Resilience is crucial to building durable solutions and shock-resistant communities.

NRC supports a range of resilience-building tools. We offer livelihood support packages to displaced people willing and able to return. We also help establish collective savings and loans groups, integrating them with further NRC services and other resilience-building efforts. NRC participates in market-building and awareness-raising activities related to legal rights and access to essential services.



### "EMPOWERING FARMER COOPERATIVES"

Baidoa, Kismayo, Luuq, Guriel and Dhusamareb towns are among the key areas where NRC is strengthening food security by supporting farmer cooperatives through climate-smart agriculture training, farming inputs, and irrigation systems. These initiatives enhance agricultural productivity and resilience against climate shocks.

NRC provides training on sustainable farming techniques, equipping farmers with skills to improve yields while conserving natural resources. Through access to quality seeds, tools, and fertilizers, cooperatives can cultivate nutritious crops that thrive in Somalia's challenging environment.

To ensure reliable water access, NRC has established irrigation infrastructure, enabling year-round farming and reducing dependency on unpredictable rainfall.

The farmers not only produce food for household consumption but also sell surplus crops, generating income to support their families. By linking cooperatives to local markets, NRC helps farmers secure fair prices, promoting self-reliance and economic stability.

These efforts contribute to enhanced food security, improved livelihoods, and strengthened community resilience, offering long-term solutions to displacement-affected populations.

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