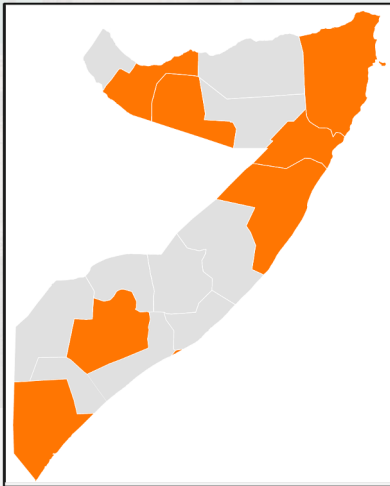


SOMALIA AREAS OF OPERATION: DURABLE SOLUTIONS



CONTEXT

In Somalia, internal displacement remains to be one of the most protracted crises globally, driven by conflict, climate shocks, and recurrent disasters.

- Displacement is large-scale, protracted, and concentrated in urban and semi-urban areas for years.
- Internally displaced persons (IDPs) are among the most vulnerable populations, facing high levels of poverty and limited access to basic services.
- Approximately 3.5 million people are internally displaced, while around 46,000 - 47,000 refugees and asylum seekers remain in the country (UNHCR, 2025).

OUTCOMES/IMPACT

In 2025, NRC supported 128, 809 people through durable solutions programmes, including:

- People assisted to secure land tenure.
- Individuals relocated via government-led processes to integrated settlements equipped with basic services, and livelihoods support.
- Individuals supported with improved basic services and housing.
- Community action plans established to address displacement-related vulnerabilities.

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HOW WE SUPPORT: DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Durable solutions are realized when displacement-affected communities can live safely, access services, and sustain their livelihoods without ongoing displacement-related support. We actively contribute to programmes and processes across Somalia to make this a reality.

NRC's durable solutions approach

The pursuit of durable solutions for Somalia's displaced populations remains a major challenge, demanding a comprehensive and coordinated, multi-sectoral response supported by strategic investments that address both immediate needs and long-term stability.

We focus on three core pathways: enabling safe and dignified returns, supporting (re)integration, and facilitating local integration.

Our multi-year programmes aim to reduce displacement-related vulnerabilities through a holistic approach that enables communities to rebuild their lives and access their rights without discrimination.

Central to this strategy is strengthening government capacity to lead durable solutions, implementing area-based approaches to improve land access, housing, and tenure security, expanding sustainable service delivery, promoting economic opportunities, and investing in preparedness to mitigate future displacement risks.

Who we support

In Somalia, we support internally displaced persons, returnees, refugees, and vulnerable host communities, and have implemented durable solutions programmes in urban areas in Mogadishu, Kismayo, Baidoa, Garowe, Bossaso, Galkayo, Hargeisa and Burao.

How NRC's efforts change lives

Through our durable solutions support for displaced communities in Somalia, we employ a range of approaches including:

Securing land tenure: Land access is crucial for durable solutions, particularly for displaced persons deciding whether to return home. NRC supports local authorities in ensuring land tenure security for displaced communities.

- **Sustainable services through area-based programming:** NRC integrates humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding efforts with government and private sector actors to improve access to housing, water, sanitation, education, and livelihoods.
- **Enhanced monitoring and data systems:** NRC implemented [forced evictions](#), and [displacement and protection risks](#), tracking helps prevent housing, land and property rights violations and protection incidents. Additionally, NRC contributes to development of innovative tools to measure complex processes, including sustainable (re)integration.
- **Shelter Solutions:** We enhance living conditions through settlement planning, providing transitional or permanent shelters, and installing linked infrastructure like solar street lighting as part of urban regeneration.
- **Advancing a common vision:** In 2019, the Federal Government of Somalia endorsed national principles for durable solutions. NRC helps operationalize these by ensuring they are government-led, area-based, collective, participatory, rights-focused, and inclusive of gender, age, disability, and marginalization concerns.
- **Community action plans:** We support local authorities in aligning responses with community priorities through participatory planning. In Baidoa and Kismayo, NRC helped consolidate these into integrated district-level plans.
- **Legal protection:** NRC collaborates on policy and legislative efforts to strengthen the legal rights of displacement-affected communities. Somalia has made notable progress in adopting displacement-related policies and laws.

While challenges persist, Somalia has made achievements in durable solutions, including a national strategy, stronger coordination, a more protective environment for displaced populations, successful government-led resettlements, and long-term innovative solutions—offering hope to millions affected by displacement.



IQRA'S FAMILY FINDS STABILITY AFTER 8 YEARS IN TEMPORARY SHELTER

"After eight years in a makeshift shelter, I finally have a real home for my children," says Iqra Mohamed, a mother of seven living in Dollow, Somalia.

For years, her family endured harsh conditions, uncertainty, and limited protection, struggling to create a sense of normalcy in displacement.

Thanks to the #XalfoonProject funded by the European Union (EU) families like Iqra's are rebuilding their lives with dignity. With access to safer housing, they now have greater stability, protection, and hope for the future, creating a foundation for children to grow, learn, and thrive.

Beyond providing permanent house, the project is helping communities move toward long-term recovery. Improved living conditions, access to basic services, and a stronger sense of security are enabling families to rebuild their livelihoods and plan for the future with confidence.

For Iqra, a home is no longer just a place to stay—it is a step toward a more stable and hopeful life for her children.



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