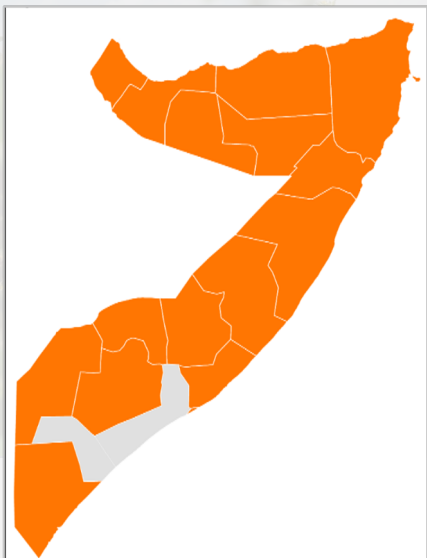


SOMALIA
AREAS OF OPERATION: LFS



CONTEXT

Somalia continues to experience severe food insecurity, limited livelihood opportunities, and gaps in nutrition and market knowledge driven by conflict, fragility, and recurring shocks such as drought and floods.

- Approximately 6.5 million people in Somalia need 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 2025, NRC supported 66, 279 people (47% 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

Everyone has the right to an adequate standard of living, including access to food and secure livelihoods. In Somalia, we uphold this right through both emergency support and long-term, sustainable solutions.

NRC's livelihoods and food security approach

Distributing unconditional cash transfers to vulnerable families, enabling them to meet basic needs while supporting local markets.

Promoting entrepreneurship among women and youth through start-up grants and vocational training to build self-reliance in urban and rural areas.

Improving agricultural productivity by training small-scale farmers and pastoralists and investing in community resilience initiatives.

Strengthening engagement with the private sector to equip job seekers with relevant skills and facilitate access to sustainable employment.

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 an immediate emergency response, we enhance access to food and basic needs through cash assistance, linked with safety-net programmes where relevant. This support enables communities to safeguard their assets and manage shocks without harmful coping mechanisms.

Our programmes include conditional and unconditional Multipurpose Cash Transfers (MPCT) alongside safety-net cash support, complemented by nutrition, food safety, and hygiene education. Cash is mainly delivered via mobile money to promote flexibility, dignity, and privacy, with other methods applied when needed.

A focus on livelihoods

Many young people in Somalia are engaged in precarious work, leading to uncertain futures, particularly for displaced populations. To respond, we promote livelihoods through sustainable skills development and vocational training, aiming to diversify and improve household incomes.

In line with Somalia's 2020–2024 National Development Plan and guided by market analysis, we equip artisans, farmers, and entrepreneurs in both urban and rural areas with assets and training, while collaborating with the private sector to facilitate pathways into employment.

Recognising Somalia's climate vulnerability, our agriculture-based livelihoods approaches are designed with sustainability and resilience to climate and other shocks at their core.

Resilience building: infrastructure, community networks

Resilience plays a critical role in achieving durable solutions and strengthening communities to cope with shocks.

NRC delivers a range of resilience-focused interventions, including livelihood support packages for displaced people willing and able to return.

We also help establish savings and loans groups, linking them to NRC services and other resilience initiatives. NRC also supports market development and promotes awareness of legal rights and access to essential services.



“SUPPORTING FARMER COOPERATIVES”

Across Baidoa, Kismayo, Luuq, Guriel, Dhusamareb, and Galkacyo, NRC is enhancing food security by supporting farmer cooperatives with climate-smart agriculture training, farming inputs, and irrigation systems, boosting productivity and resilience to climate shocks.

Through training in sustainable farming practices, farmers gain skills to improve yields while conserving natural resources.

Access to quality seeds, tools, and fertilizers enables the production of nutritious crops suited to Somalia's environment.

Irrigation systems established by NRC ensure reliable water supply, enabling year-round farming and reducing reliance on unpredictable rainfall.

Farmers are able to meet household needs while selling surplus produce to generate income. By connecting cooperatives to local markets, NRC helps them access fair prices and strengthen economic independence.

These efforts improve food security, support livelihoods, and build long-term resilience for displacement-affected communities.



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