

NRC's operations in Somalia

Humanitarian overview

Nearly half of the population, 5.9 million people, require lifesaving services in Somalia, a six per cent increase compared to last year. Among this group, 3.1 million Somalis are now in acute need, close to 30 per cent increase in one year. This has been driven by climate shocks, conflict, disease outbreaks, desert locust infestations, as well as the health and socio-economic impacts of Covid-19. A fifth of the population, up to 2.8 million people, are now projected to face high levels of acute food insecurity and hunger. One million children are acutely or severely malnourished. Concerns remain of another surge of desert locusts, particularly in northern parts of the country, due to favourable conditions following the Gu' rains in the area. This year, more than 463,000 people were forced to flee their homes, 85 per cent due to insecurity and close to 207,000 people in Mogadishu due to the elections-related violence.

The funding forecast for 2021 is the worst in six years. Consequently, partners are barely meeting the basic needs of communities, with critical lifesaving aid scaled down due to funding shortages.

NRC's operation

The drought situation in Somalia has deteriorated rapidly and intensified much earlier than seen over the last decade. Life-saving assistance is urgently needed to halt further internal displacement.

Our emergency teams are on the ground responding to the ever-increasing needs. We target those who have been forced to flee with our activities, from building shelters to tackling agricultural challenges, and enabling them to acquire new skills that can increase their resilience to shocks in the future.

NRC Somalia

Established	2004
International staff	18
National staff	244



NRC Somalia

Country office

Mogadishu

Areas of operation

Kismayu, Dollow, Dhoble, Baidoa, Hargeisa, Erigavo, Bossaso, Galkayo, Garowe, Mogadishu and Burao



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Camp management

We work to strengthen existing settlements. Our teams:

- map settlements and plan training to improve settlement layout
- conduct Capacity Building Training for settlement leaders to improve access to information and accountability to people affected by displacement
- map existing resources and infrastructure in settlements to identify gaps
- construct community centres for community meetings

Education

We want all displaced Somali children and youth, as well as those in the communities that host them, to go to school. Our education teams:

- provide classes for children who have missed out on education to catch up with their peers, to ensure their transition into the formal school system
- engage with young people through our youth education programme, which helps young adults

find opportunities to create their own businesses and cooperatives

- train teachers
- construct and rehabilitate classrooms, in coordination with our shelter teams

Information, counselling and legal assistance (ICLA)

Many displaced people in Somalia are denied basic rights like land and tenure. Our teams:

- help Somali refugees to return safely
- raise awareness about the rights of displaced people among local authorities and communities
- provide information and legal counselling on housing, land and property rights to displaced Somalis and Somali refugees who have returned to the country
- run an emergency hotline and call centre to provide immediate legal advice
- assist displaced Somalis to secure land tenure

Livelihoods and food security

Violent conflict, poverty and drought have increased food insecurity in Somalia. Our teams:

- make cash transfers to families so they can purchase food and household goods
- raise awareness of and give training on good nutrition practices
- support communities' environmental conservation activities, like providing solar energy for irrigation
- provide livelihood training to empower farmers and other community members with new skills (for instance, farmers are trained to tackle diseases that can damage their crops)

Shelter and settlements

We provide temporary, transitional and permanent shelters to internally displaced people in Somalia. Our teams:

- construct and rehabilitate temporary, transitional and permanent shelters through cash and in-kind approaches

- distribute non-food items (NFIs) through cash and in-kind approaches
- prepare site/settlement plans and conduct training on site/settlement planning
- construct and rehabilitate feeder roads

Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion (WASH)

Our WASH teams:

- build household and community latrines
- install and rehabilitate water systems for drinking water
- promote sanitation and hygiene awareness
- train communities in how to use and maintain hygiene facilities and waste management

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