

BRIEFING NOTE

# Somalia Programme Country Briefing Note 2022



## Somalia Context

UN-Habitat has been active in the Somalia urban sector for more than 30 years promoting sustainable and participatory urban development while responding to the implementation of Somalia National Development Plan 9 and Somaliland National Development Plan II. UN-Habitat's interventions in Somalia focus on local governance, durable solutions initiatives, shelter and protection in the context of urbanization, improved livelihoods, infrastructure and return and integration linked to durable solutions.

### Our thematic areas of intervention are:

Good Governance | Infrastructure development | Sustainable and Durable holistic solutions | Youth and livelihoods development | Sustainable Urban planning | Waste management



## Country programme profile

Total Population (2020):

15.69  
Million



Urban Population (2020):

7.3  
Million



Urban Growth Rate  
(2019-2020):

4.24%

No. of Projects  
(2022):

8

Total value of projects (2022):  
USD 65.02 Million

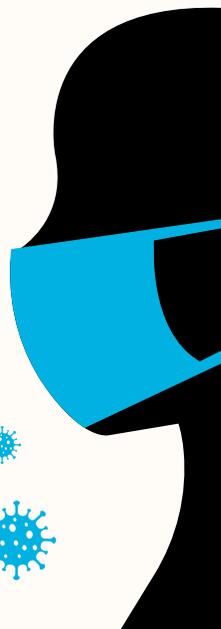
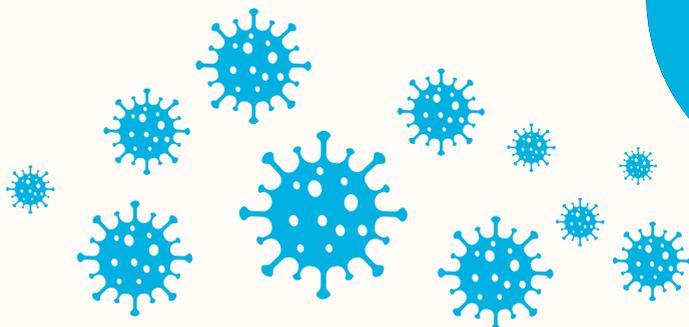
# UN Habitat COVID-19 Response Plan



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 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 Million



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



**Other UN Partners:** UNICEF, UNDP, ILO, UNCDF

This is a joint UN Project on local governance which improves the way government is run at the city and state levels in all five Member States in order to boost economic development and make communities stronger in the face of conflict, climate disaster and other challenges.

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

## Youth and Urban Regeneration Somalia (YOURS)



**Donor:** Embassy of Sweden



**Duration:** May 2020- May 2023



**Project Value:** USD 4.6 Million



**Location:** Baidoa, Kismayo, Mogadishu

The aim of this project is to contribute to sustainable urban development, build resilient communities and provide urban services and livelihood opportunities for residents and marginalised groups.

## Berbera Urban Development Project



**Donor:** European Union



**Duration:** Jan 2020 - June 2023



**Project value:** EUR 7.5 Million



**Location:** Berbera, Somaliland



**Other UN Partners:** Somaliland Ministry of Planning and National Development, Municipality of Berbera

This project works towards achieving an inclusive local governance, contributing to urban waste management and promoting livelihoods and entrepreneurship.

The project will result in the development of the Batalaale Beachfront in Berbera, closure of the existing dumpsite and construction of a landfill, as well as the development of a Strategic Spatial Plan and Berbera Urban Profile.

## Hargeisa Urban Water Supply Upgrading Project (HUWSUP)



**Donor:** European Union, Somaliland Development Fund



**Duration:** March 2014 to June 2022



**Project Value:** USD 25 Million



**Location:** Somaliland



**Other Partners:** Hargeisa Water Agency

This project lays a foundation for ensuring increased water supply to the people of Hargeisa. It has 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 of Hora Haadley and Laas Duur and the Geed Deeble wellfield collector has been extended by 7KM to connect the three new water sources.

## SAAMYENTA – Scaling-up Solutions to Displacement in Somalia



**Donor:** Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC), Embassy of the Netherlands / Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO), Italian Cooperation Agency (AICS)



**Duration:** Dec 2021 to Dec 2025



**Project Value:** USD 3.02 Million



**Location:** Baidoa in South West State, Beledweyne in Hirshabelle State, Bosaso in Puntland State

**Other Partners:** IOM (lead), UNDP, UN Habitat, Integrated Office of the UN DSRSG/RC/HC and Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Republic of Somalia.

Saamyenta (impact in Somali) seeks to encourage and identify major investments from private, government, multilateral sources in mixed-use land development packages and urban public works, primarily for basic services, and link these with durable solutions at scale through the resulting land value increments.

The programme aims at harnessing the latter to build the infrastructure benefitting IDPs and other vulnerable DAC members to create more sustainable and inclusive cities. That includes investments in functioning land administration and application of acknowledged tools to improve tenure security and other areas of sustainable land governance.

## EU Response to Health and Socio-Economic Impact of COVID-19 in Mogadishu.



**Donor:** European Union



**Duration:** May 2020 to Sept 2022



**Project value:** EUR 5.28 Million



**Location:** All districts in Mogadishu with a special focus on Dayniile, Kaxda, Dharkaynley, Hodan, Shangani and Abdiiazis



**Other UN Partners:** BRA, SAVE THE CHILDREN, DRC

The aim of this project is to mitigate the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 crisis among IDPs and people living in vulnerable situations in Mogadishu and achieve early stabilization and recovery from effects of the pandemic.

This will be done by enhancing the capacity of Banadir Regional Administration to respond to the COVID-19 crisis, improving access to WASH services and reducing the negative socio-economic impact of the most vulnerable, through the provision of cash-transfers.

## Sustainable Durable Solutions for Kismayo

-  **Donor:** Embassy of Japan
-  **Duration:** March 2020 to March 2022
-  **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, 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.

## Land and Property Tax Revenues for Service Delivery, Reconstruction, Citizenship Building and Sustaining Peace in Fragile States.

-  **Donor:** Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)
-  **Duration:** January 2020 to December 2022
-  **Project Value:** USD 635,740
-  **Location:** Somaliland (Borama and Burao) and Puntland (Bosaso and Qardho)
-  **Other Partners:** Land Housing and Shelter section of UN-Habitat's Urban Practice branch.

The purpose of this project is to ensure good practices in land and property taxation in fragile states are consolidated, scaled up and institutionalized, as a contribution to local service delivery, reconstruction, citizenship building, security of tenure and sustaining peace.



# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF UN-HABITAT'S PRESENCE IN SOMALIA



Since the onset of the Pandemic, UN-Habitat has reached **over 44,660** beneficiaries with unconditional cash transfers, conducted COVID-19 community awareness campaigns, supplied Personal Protective Equipment -PPE kits to medical centers, front-line workers as well as IDPs and the most vulnerable. UN-Habitat also provided hand washing stations and soap in IDP camps as well as constructed the same in public offices.



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

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