BRIEFING NOTE

# Somalia Programme Country Briefing Note 2020



#### **Somalia Context**

UN-Habitat has been active in the Somalia urban sector for more than 30 years to promote sustainable and participatory urban development. Responding to the implementation of Somalia National Development Plan 9 and Somaliland National Development Plan II, UN-Habitat interventions in Somalia focuses on durable solutions for IDP's, strengthening urban planning and municipal finance to address urbanization challenges and at the same time enhance service delivery capacity; and to improve infrastructure and livelihood to consolidate peace gains and stimulate economic growth.

> Our thematic areas of intervention are: Infrastructure | Durable Solutions | Urban Planning Governance | Youth and Livelihoods



#### Country programme profile

Total Population (2018):

15.172 Million



Urban Population (2018):

6.287 Million



**Urban Growth Rate** (2015-2020):

No. of Projects (2018-2020):

Total value of projects (2020):

\$84,750,267

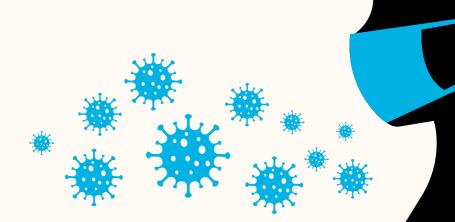
## **UN Habitat COVID-19 Response Plan**



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 Midnimo (Unity) Project I and II



**Donor: Midnimo I:** United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security

Midnimo II: United Nations Peacebuilding Fund



**Duration: Midnimo I:** January 2019-30 June 2020

Midnimo II: January 2019 - June 2020/ December 2020 (extension)



Project value: Midnimo I: USD 2 M Midnimo II: USD 2.7 M



**Location:** Midnimo I: Jubaland Midnimo II: Urban centers in Hirshabelle and Galmudug States,



Other UN Partners: IOM, UNDP

The Midnimo project aims at fostering durable solutions for displaced and hosting communities in urban centers by supporting community driven and government led initiatives to resolve conflicts, improve livelihoods and living conditions in informal settlements and enhance social cohesion that contributes to peace building.

#### **EU-Reinteg programme**



**Donor:** European Union



Duration: March 2017- March 2021



Project Value: €13.3 Million



**Location:** Mogadishu



Other Partners: UNHCR, UNDP, CESVI, SWDC, SIDO

The project facilitates the gradual resolution of the protracted displacement of IDPs, in Mogadishu, by enhancing local integration capacity, implementing innovative, replicable and scalable solutions for basic and protective service delivery and employment.

# 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,



**Duration:** June 2018-June 2023



Project value: USD 17.5 M



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



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

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

#### Hargeisa Urban Water Supply Upgrading Project (HUWSUP)



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



Duration: March 2014- April 2021



Project Value: USD 25M



Location: Somaliland



Other Partners:

This project 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 or Hora Haadley and Laas Duur and the Geed Deeble wellfield collector has been extended by 7KM to connect the three new water sources.

#### Sustainable Durable Solutions for Kismayo

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Donor: Embassy of Japan



Duration: March 2020- March 2021



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 and 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.

#### **Joint Programme on Youth Political Empowerment:**



**Donor:** United Nations Peacebuilding Fund



**Duration:** Nov 2017-Feb 2020



Project Value: USD 2M



Location: South West and Jubbaland State



Other Partners: UNFPA

This project is intended to enhance the capacities of youth to meaningfully engage in peacebuilding and governance activities by establishing safe spaces for youth to raise their voices and create tangible mechanisms for their direct participation in the development of policies and programmes at the local level. Furthermore, the project will increase the capacities of local authorities to effectively address youth issues.

#### **Vocational Skills Training for Economic Growth in urban areas in** South Central Somalia:



**Donor:** Italian Agency for Development Cooperation



Duration: Feb 2016- Nov 2020



Project value: USD 1.1 M



Location: Jubaland



Other UN Partners: UNIDO

This project aims at the creation of short and long-term jobs through the revitalization of key economic infrastructure; the improvement of livelihoods and food security for urban women; and strengthening the quality of, and access to, vocational training opportunities.

It has a strong focus on local level ownership of project activities - both at the governmental and community level - and the building of local capacities to ensure the sustainability of project initiatives.

#### **EU Stabilization:**



**Donor:** European Union



Duration: June 2018- March 2020



Project Value: €8 Million



Location: Jubaland, South West States, Hirshabelle State and Galmudua



Other Partners: IOM

This project focuses on providing rapid stabilization and early recovery support in fragile areas of Somalia. The programme is aligned with and built on existing government priorities, planning frameworks and strategies for both catalysing stability gains in the country, restoring state authority in recovered areas and finding lasting solutions to displacement

#### **Dhulka Nabaada (The Land of Peace):**



**Donor:** United Nations Peacebuilding Fund



**Duration:** Dec 2018- Dec 2020



Project value: USD 2,573,090.23



Location: Baidoa, Kismayo



Other UN Partners: UNDP, UNHCR,

IOM

This project supports four Federal Member States with land reforms initiatives and integration of land dispute resolution mechanisms through high level capacity building and policy development. This project hopes to address the pressing land issues across Somalia and develop state and community led initiatives for peaceful conflict transformation and right protection.

#### **Berbera Urban Development Project**



**Donor:** European Union



**Duration:** Jan 2020 - June 2023



**Project Value:** €7.5 Million



Location: Berbera



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

This project was launched in February 2020 and will work towards achieving an inclusive local governance, contribute to urban waste management and promote livelihoods and entrepreneurship.

#### **Upcoming Projects**

- An Embassy of Sweden funded project addressing challenges of urbanization and displacement as well as youth employment and empowerment.
- Saameynta A Swiss funded project that will be implemented jointly by UN-Habitat, IOM and UNDP seeking to scale up solutions to displacement in Somalia.



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