



COUNTRY FACTS

1998

DRC has been present in Somalia since 1998 currently implementing projects in Somaliland, Puntland, HirShabelle, Jubbaland, Southwest state and Banadir.

TOTAL POPULATION

15 M

DISPLACED POPULATION

35,672

refugees and asylum seekers

2,648,600

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

PEOPLE SERVED

446,084

In 2019

FACTS

23%

of non-displaced and 35% of IDPs do not have access to a health care facility

363

Operational partners in Somalia

What Caused the Crisis?

Somalia remains in a protection crisis where armed conflict, insecurity and natural disasters trigger the displacement of thousands. In 2019, conflict triggered 188,000 new displacements, mostly in al-Shabaab's south-east stronghold.

Somalia is vulnerable to extreme weather patterns. The 2019 failed Gu'raains , for a country yet to recover from the impact of the prolonged 2016/17 drought. This exacerbates humanitarian needs & undermines the resilience of displacement affected communities. Over 2.2 million people are believed to be in acute food insecurity currently. Floods affected 547,000 people including 370,000 who were displaced to urban areas, adding pressure on the already over crowded settlements across the country.

Displacement Challenges

IDPs residing in settlements continue to face serious risks, including forced evictions and gender-based violence. Forced evictions is one of the main triggers of secondary displacement in the country and over 264,000 evictions were recorded in 2019. Forced evictions are linked to widespread tenure insecurity, disputes over land ownership and the reclaiming of state property, particularly in urban areas. They usually occur without notice, and often involve violence and the destruction of housing.

Six million Somalis were in need of humanitarian assistance and protection in December 2019 – a 36% increase compared to late 2018.



How Does DRC Somalia Help?



Protection

Due to conflict, people have limited access to resources to ensure their own safety and well-being. In Somalia, we continue to advocate for the rights of the displaced and work to protect the most vulnerable among them. Our protection services include mixed migration and return/repatriation. We seek to prevent sexual & gender-based violence. We provide direct assistance to IDPs & refugees. We raise awareness on access to basic protection services. Protection monitoring.



Food Security

When people are displaced, they often lose both their existing assets and their ability to earn a living. In this context, both food production and an individual's access to food may be put at risk. That's why DRC provides cash transfers during emergencies for families to purchase food & household goods—food assistance—to save lives, but also to reestablish local food and market systems. We develop livelihood initiatives designed to strengthen opportunities for self-reliance among refugees and internally displaced people. At the same time, we work to stimulate local agriculture through training and capacity-building programming for farmers, and by providing grants and the necessary tools and seeds.



Income-generating activities

Displacement represents an acute threat to the economic well-being of the displaced. That's why DRC provides cash assistance as part of our emergency response, enabling displaced people to feed themselves and their families until long-term economic recovery begins. DRC helps rebuild livelihoods through a variety of means, including business and entrepreneurship training, small business grants, life-skills training, literacy and numeracy training, vocational training, micro-credit loans, savings groups, and group enterprise development. All of our initiatives are developed with a strong focus on resilience and sustainability.



Shelter and non-food items

DRC provides comprehensive shelter and settlement solutions in both emergency situations and during cases of protracted displacement. We engage in everything from the provision of temporary tents to rebuilding homes and repairing damaged dwellings. These initiatives enable vulnerable displaced populations to live in dignity and security. We also offer cash grants, hygiene kits and distribute non-food items, such as emergency bedding, kitchenware, solar lamps and other critical supplies.



Community infrastructure and services

DRC helps build and maintain physical infrastructure like roads, bridges, community centres, irrigation systems, and other critical structures in displaced communities. We work towards forming and training local infrastructure management groups and facilitate and/or fund their community development plans.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

DRC works to improve the living conditions and protection of IDPs in sites and ensure equitable access to services and assistance to all persons in need, with a clear focus on moving toward attaining durable solutions with full participation of all stakeholders.

DRC in Somalia strengthens the predictability and effectiveness of multi-sectorial interventions at site level and/or areas of concentration of sites. We improve community engagement, participation, living conditions and safe access to services in selected sites. We strengthen community self-engagement to promote durable solutions for displaced people



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

We provide access to sanitary facilities for refugees and Internally Displaced People (IDPs) who would otherwise lack access to these critical resources. This may include the provision of emergency water supplies, sanitary latrines, hygiene items, water points, wells, and water storage and purification facilities. We conduct information campaigns promoting good hygiene to prevent the spread of infection and disease.



Humanitarian mine action

We survey and reclaim land rendered unusable by Explosive Remnants of War (ERWs) through manual and mechanical clearance of contaminated areas. We seek to educate affected communities, particularly children, about how to recognize and avoid harm from mines and Unexploded Ordnance (UXOs).



Armed violence reduction (AVR)

We educate people in the safe storage and handling of small arms and light weapons (SALW). We help local security and civil society institutions build capacity as part of our mission to manage or mitigate conflicts at the community level.

DRC in Somalia



DRC in SOMALIA
has a budget of
27
million USD



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Main Offices



345

National Staff



22

Field Offices



25

International Staff

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