

# DRC/DDG SOMALIA

## PROFILE



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## A TOTAL OF 600,000 PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FROM DRC PROGRAMS IN 2018

### Humanitarian context

The humanitarian situation in Somalia remains among the most complex and long-standing crises in the world. While there have been improvements in the humanitarian situation during the year 2018, needs remain substantially high with 4.2 million people requiring life-saving assistance and protection.

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In addition to humanitarian action, substantial investment in resilience building efforts and development solutions is critical to ultimately reduce humanitarian needs in Somalia.

An increase in insecurity and conflict has led to a new wave of displacement in the lower Shabelle region of southwest state over the last few months in addition to ongoing evictions in Mogadishu. According to the UNHCR- led Protection & Return Monitoring Network (PRMN) more than 34,000 people have fled Lower Shabelle since the beginning of August, joining thousands of others who fled earlier in 2018 or before due to conflict, drought and floods. The majority of the displaced are women and children. The people displaced are still facing a number of protection risks including lack of access to basic services to seek assistance, lack of shelter, food and livelihoods.

## DRC in Somalia

DRC in Somalia operates under the banner of two brands, Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and Danish Demining Group (DDG) that has a mandate on safety, armed violence reduction and peace building.

The Danish Refugee council (DRC) has been operating in Somalia since 1998; it's the largest programme in the East Africa and Great lakes region.

DRC/DDG supports refugees, migrants, internally displaced populations and other persons affected by crises in both urban and rural settings.

Our programmes are implemented through seven main offices in Somalia (Mogadishu, Bossaso, Hargeisa, Baidoa, Beletweyn, Dollow and Galkacyo) and additional eight sub offices. With a presence in more than 35 districts in Somalia, DRC/DDG is able to respond rapidly and flexibly to recurrent crises and the needs of Somalis who are affected by humanitarian disasters.

Our key areas of response includes; Protection, food security and livelihoods (FSL), resilience, WASH, Mine Action and Armed Violence Reduction (AVR), Shelter & Non Food Items (NFIs), Camp Coordination & Camp Management (CCCM), Mine Risk Education and Conflict analysis.

In **Protection**, the key programme components include Gender Based Violence (GBV) protection and response, Child protection, mixed migration, Programming and provision of assistance to IDP and refugee voluntary returns.

**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:

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

## Food Security and Livelihoods:

Drought, poverty and conflict have increased food insecurity in Somalia. DRC:

- *Makes cash transfers to families so they can purchase food and household goods.*
- *Trains farmers and supports them to adopt good agricultural practices.*
- *Raises awareness of and give trainings on good nutrition practices.*
- *Supports communities' environmental conservation, like providing solar energy for lighting.*
- *Provides livelihood trainings 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 Non Food Items:

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

- *Constructs temporary, transitional and permanent shelters.*
- *Distributes household items like solar lamps.*
- *Distributes non-food items (that include essential household items such as mats, mattresses, blankets, plastic sheets, containers for water, cooking utensils and hygiene kits.*

### Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) DRC:

- *Builds household and community latrines.*
- *Installs and rehabilitates water systems (boreholes and shallow wells) for drinking water.*
- *Provides emergency water trucking for recently displaced people.*
- *Promotes sanitation and hygiene awareness.*
- *Trains communities on how to use and maintain hygiene facilities and waste management.*

### Humanitarian Mine Action and Armed Violence Reductions:

- *Acknowledging the severity of armed violence, DDG developed a comprehensive armed violence approach to reduce the impact of conflict and armed violence in Somalia.*
- *Landmines and other explosive Remnants of War (ERW) continue to pose a threat*

*to civilians and communities even after a conflict has ended and the warring parties have signed peace agreements. DDG, the Mine Action Unit within DRC. Focuses on mine action and other armed violence reduction programming in Somalia.*

### Security Sector and Justice Program. DDG:

- *Is working to improve police accountability and access to justice through its work under the DFID funded Security Sector and Justice Program (SSJP).*
- *Is working with communities and police in 10 locations in the Federal Member States of Hirshabelle, South-West State to improve cooperation and accountability of the police, while simultaneously addressing the need for more inclusive and transparent forms of justice as provided by traditional elders. Key components are access to justice and police accountability.*

### Durable Solutions:

Since 2013, DRC/DDG has been working to enhance **resilience** of chronically vulnerable households and communities by implementing programs that promote self-sufficiency.

We promote resilience within local communities by:

- *Establishing Saving and loans associations to create an economic buffer at village level.*
- *Supporting small and medium enterprises to improve their business management practices.*

Through our Durable solutions program, DRC facilitates the successful reintegration / return of displaced communities in Somalia by ensuring physical, material and legal safety is achieved through a combination of protection, livelihoods and basic needs programming coupled with an emphasis on governance and a strong knowledge management and research component.

DRC Somalia is a member of the major consortia. These include the ECHO Cash Alliance consortium whose main objective is to address food security issues in the country through provision of regular and predictable cash transfers. The EU-REINTEG consortia in Somaliland and South-West State led by World Vision Somalia and Concern Worldwide respectively. The overall objective of the EU-REINTEG program is to create a conducive environment for displacement (or mixed migration) affected communities in Somalia to reach a durable solution through

increasing access to basic services and creation of realistic livelihood opportunities in the main accessible areas of return and departure in Somalia.

DRC Somalia is also part of the EU BORESHA consortium led by DRC Kenya aimed at promoting economic development and greater resilience, particularly among vulnerable groups, including youth, women, displaced persons and persons living with disabilities in Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia.

To Improve accountability and dialogue with beneficiaries, DRC/DDG has been managing an innovative SMS mechanism in Somalia. The SMS feedback system allows for communication with recipients of aid in hard to reach areas. It allows feedback and complaints to be channeled to the most appropriate recipients who then address the issues and send prompt feedback to the beneficiary. It's a tool that enhances accountability, transparency and dialogue in Somalia.



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