

NORWEGIAN CHURCH AID

SOMALIA EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) has extensive experience from long-term development aid and emergency relief work in Somalia. Following the humanitarian crisis caused by the collapse of the central government in 1991, NCA commenced its operations in Somalia in 1993. Two decades of conflict and worsening cycles of drought have left millions of Somalis extremely vulnerable to subsequent risks of acute humanitarian problems.



Installation of photovoltaic plant operating a water tank. **Photo: Norwegian Church Aid, Somalia**



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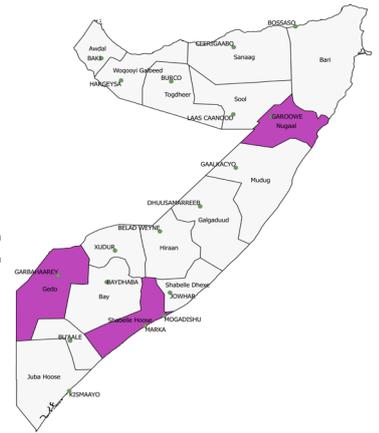
GOALS FOR NCA'S SOMALIA EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Anchored in a contextually appropriate conflict sensitive design, NCA's emergency response adheres to humanitarian principles, ensuring provision of emergency relief in an impartial manner and with an emphasis on Linking Relief Rehabilitation and Revelopment (LRRD) principles.

- Bringing assistance to people most in need across conflict lines.
- Advocate for humanitarian access and protection of civilian population.

SCOPE OF NCA'S SOMALIA EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- Emergency preparedness and risk mitigation
- Recovery and Rehabilitation
- Capacity building and Accountability
- Advocacy



WHAT WE DO

In addition to the political and security turmoil since the early 1990s, the humanitarian situation in the country has further worsened by regularly recurring natural disasters i.e. to drought and floods. NCA's expertise and main delivery in humanitarian response operations is the provision of WASH services and livelihoods, often combined with other sector responses such as distribution of food and non-food items and provision of shelter.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

Emergency WASH programmes are NCA's earliest interventions in Somalia since 1993. The project responds to the needs of the population by ensuring access to safe and sustainable water, appropriate sanitation facilities and hygiene promotion among the target population. Detailed needs assessment has been carried out for Kutunwarey and Abdiiaziz, which have varied needs in relation to WASH operation. This needs assessment has played a critical role in effectively targeting communities and address their needs in the scale up of NCA's emergency WASH operations. NCA's emergency WASH programming has integrated gender and conflict sensitive design to curb GBV instances in IDP camps and in host-communities.

Livelihood and trade

In Somalia, NCA's livelihood programme provides timely

life saving and critical support to millions affected by environmental and conflict crises. The programme has evolved from providing immediate humanitarian assistance to early recovery of population in crisis and transitioning to long-term development through rehabilitation of livelihood assets.

WHERE WE WORK

NCA's geographical focus for its emergency response in Somalia is in Gedo, Puntland, Banadir and Lower Shabelle. NCA's ACT sister agencies respond to emergencies in other areas as per the ACT Somalia Forum Preparedness and Response Plan. NCA became active in Puntland following the 2004 tsunami and has maintained presence through interventions supporting alternative livelihoods to piracy, food security, WASH,



Men and women from IDP settlements enjoy a new water point with clean and safe water in Zone K Mogadishu.
Photo: Bani'adam Organization

peace building and education. NCA works with partners in Banadir and the Shabelles (since 2008) and we collaborate in WASH and livelihood in emergency activities, implementing projects in Afgooye, Darkenley, Hamarweyne, Wadajir, Hodan and Zona K.

office has strong links to governmental and international agencies through various platforms such as ACT Somalia Forum (ASF). Norwegian Church Aid is an active member of the ACT Alliance which has a coordination mechanism that facilitates collaboration with five other international organisations in Somalia (forum members) for the purpose of mobilising resources and sharing information to support Somalian population. NCA collaborates with, and coordinates through the UN Cluster mechanisms in Nairobi and at field level.

HOW WE WORK

NCA and its local partners continue to coordinate and create synergies in our work through active participation and collaboration with ACT Somalia Forum members, working in target locations. NCA's Somalia country

The following table provides details of NCA's emergency response interventions In Somalia:

Year	Type of Disaster	Program	Interventions	Families	Assisted Individuals	Areas	Value	Donor
2011 - 2014	Famine, tropical cyclone and drought	WASH, Livelihood and trade	Emergency provision of safe water and livelihood support for drought affected households	117,040	585,200 (247,143 men and 348,057 females)	Gedo, Eyl and Dangorayo Districts in Puntland	USD 5,664,492	ACT Alliance Unicef, NMFA
2015	Floods	WASH	Floods and conflict displaced	18,898	94,488	Gedo	USD 94,000	NMFA
2015	Drought	Livelihood	Livelihood and trade	1,116	5,580	Gedo	USD 58,868	WFP
2016	Drought	WASH	Drought response to Puntland IDPs and host communities	2,400	12,000	Puntland	NOK 1,500,000	NMFA

RESULTS

In 2015, the projects for WASH and livelihoods in emergencies reached **100,068** rights-holders (**55,316** female and **44,152** male) and a total of **685,268** beneficiaries from 2011-2015.

- Under the El Niño response to Garbaharey, Dollow and Bardera districts, **531** hygiene kits were distributed to flood affected households. The rest of the kits were distributed to **1,819** conflict displaced families upon attack by Al Shabaab on the Amisom base in El Adde, Garbaharey district.
- The livelihood project engaged rights-holders and supported **600** households with food vouchers that helped increase food security and improve the nutrition status of households in the area.
- In early 2016, the Puntland authorities declared a state of emergency as a result of a persistent drought. NCA responded to this emergency by reaching a total **12,000** people (**2,400** men, **3,600** female, **3,000** girls and **3,000** boys) with WASH services.



Relief food distribution in Dollow, Gedo region. Photo: Abdi Kashan/Norwegian Church Aid, Somalia

TOGETHER FOR A JUST WORLD

Norwegian Church Aid works to save lives and seek justice. Our support is provided unconditionally with no intention of influencing anyone's religious beliefs and affiliation.

Norwegian Church Aid is a member of the ACT Alliance, one of the world's largest humanitarian coalitions. Together, we work throughout the world to create positive and sustainable change. To save lives and seek justice is, for us, faith in action.

Norwegian Church Aid works through an integrated and rights-based approach with:

- Long-term development
- Emergency preparedness and response
- Advocacy

STANDARDS AND COMMITMENTS:

- Norwegian Church Aid is HAP certified, enabling accountability to rights-holders, host communities, partners and stakeholders
- ACT Alliance Code of Conduct
- Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief (1994)
- The Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response, the Sphere Project
- IASC Gender Handbook and Gender Marker
- Do No Harm