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OUR WORK

USAID partners with government institutions and communities to increase Somalia's stability through targeted interventions that foster good governance, support economic recovery, and reduce the appeal of extremism. In fiscal year 2013 and 2014, USAID invested approximately \$27,000,000 in activities in Somaliland.¹

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DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

USAID's Strengthening Somali Governance (SSG) project supports the development of effective and accountable governance. The SSG project focuses on supporting deliberative bodies in their representative functions, improving institutional capacity, and engaging citizens in political processes. SSG activities align with Somaliland's priorities around implementing governance reforms. SSG supports government counterparts in their efforts to improve outreach, increase citizen participation in the political process, enhance women's roles in good governance, and build the functional capacity of key government institutions. In Somaliland, SSG completed three assessments of the current operating environment to identify stakeholder needs and tailor activities to meet these needs. SSG is preparing to provide support to government representatives through mentors, trainings, and the provision of limited equipment in areas including Public Financial Management, institutional coordination and communication, and civil society strengthening.



¹To date, not all FY2013-2014 funds have been programmed.



HEALTH

USAID invests in the Somali Joint Health and Nutrition Program (JHNP), which is a multi-donor fund managed by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) that strengthens health systems and service delivery in Awdal, Sanaag, and Togdheer. By supporting reproductive, maternal, new-born, and child health and nutrition services that are accessible, affordable, and high quality, JHNP improves the health and nutrition status of Somali people, and reduces maternal and child mortality.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

To improve livelihoods in Somaliland, USAID's Partnership for Economic Growth (PEG) facilitates collaboration between local governments and the private sector to accelerate economic growth, increase investment, and generate productive employment. Current activities focus on strengthening agriculture and energy value chains, and private sector investments. PEG partners with Amoud University and the Somali Agriculture Technical Group to develop an agriculture extension service with three demonstration plots to assist hundreds of local farmers with improving horticulture production. In addition, PEG supports Amoud University to become a seedling sales and seed certification center to expand extension services in the Awdal Region. In the energy sector, PEG

supports the Somaliland Ministry of Energy to engage the private sector in developing Somaliland's first Electrical Energy Act, and to establish a public-private partnership to manage renewable energy investments. To promote growth in the private sector, PEG launched the Partnership Fund, a business plan competition to co-invest with nearly 25 small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the agriculture, livestock, fisheries, salt, tailoring, and financial sectors with awards ranging from \$30,000 to \$250,000. The Fund leverages nearly \$3 million from the private sector to support local employment generation and economic development.

The SMEs
Partnership Fund
leveraged
**\$3
million**

PEACE AND SECURITY

USAID's Transition Initiatives for Stabilization (TIS) increases confidence in Somali government institutions through targeted, strategic interventions that improve service delivery and government responsiveness. Through TIS, Somali government institutions, the private sector, and civil society collaborate to design, evaluate, and deliver projects with a quick and lasting impact on the lives of Somali citizens in critical risk areas. To enable government institutions to improve service delivery and facilitate economic growth, TIS invests in small-scale infrastructure projects throughout Somaliland to construct and rehabilitate 26 government office buildings, including the headquarters of six ministries and regional offices of four ministries, three community centers, and four water tanks. TIS organizes cultural events to promote music and poetry and help youth remain engaged in society. TIS empowers women and youth through the construction and rehabilitation of training centers and provides corresponding business management training, IT equipment, and furniture. TIS improves solid waste management with the provision of garbage trucks and street cleaning equipment and has aided transport by constructing over 14km of roadways, installing 89 solar streetlights, and providing motor graders to local governments. Finally, TIS kick-started Somaliland's civil registry and supports the upcoming elections with electoral training and voter education.



PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND EVALUATION SERVICES

USAID utilizes multiple methods to monitor and verify that resources are being used to accomplish intended goals, and to assess the impact of investments. Monitoring is built into all stages of the USAID Somalia program cycle, and monitoring by implementing partners is supplemented by quantitative and qualitative verifications and analyses by independent entities. USAID Somalia maintains two independent contracts to verify, evaluate, and assess USAID-funded activities, and help ensure responsible stewardship of foreign assistance resources: Somalia Program Support Services (SPSS) and Somali Engineering and Architectural Support (SEAS).

SPSS conducts consistent, on-the-ground, performance monitoring and verification visits to USAID-funded activities, and reports to USAID technical staff to enable effective and efficient management. In addition, SPSS designs both performance and impact evaluations of individual activities, as well as quantitative and qualitative impact assessments of overall progress made toward achieving USAID's goals.

SEAS provides architectural, engineering, and environmental services for infrastructure investments in Somalia. SEAS reviews engineering designs, monitors construction, and verifies environmental compliance of USAID-funded rehabilitation and small-scale infrastructure activities. SEAS ensures that construction activities are implemented according to host government regulations, or where those do not yet exist, according to generally accepted international standards.

RESILIENCE

USAID enhances the resilience of households and communities to recurrent shocks by integrating humanitarian assistance and development programming to strengthen capacities, expand household and communities' assets, and increase learning.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION

USAID's Somali Youth Learners Initiative (SYLI) supports the next generation of Somali leaders by expanding access to quality secondary education. Currently in Somaliland, SYLI invested in the construction of two new schools, and has completed construction of 20 secondary schools to increase access to secondary education for 11,637 (7,772 male and 3,865 female) students. In addition, SYLI improves the quality of education by providing teaching and learning materials to

secondary schools, and conducting teacher training for 413 (349 male and 64 female) current and future teachers, as well as head teachers. To build economic survival skills among out-of-school youth in Somaliland, SYLI provides an array of opportunities, including non-formal education training in basic literacy, numeracy, life skills, and entrepreneurship. SYLI also supports youth in Somaliland in planning and implementing civic engagement activities to help them raise awareness of social issues, and engage in dialogue about issues affecting their lives, such as environmental conservation, illegal migration (Tahrib), drugs (khat), and recruitment into militant groups. Lastly, SYLI collaborates with school management committees, community education committees, and the Somaliland Ministry of Education to build capacity to review and develop education policies, and better manage the delivery of secondary education.



USAID-SUPPORTED PROGRAMS ACTIVE IN SOMALILAND

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USAID partners with non-governmental organizations, private sector enterprises, and government entities that successfully respond to competitive solicitations. USAID posts solicitations on two public websites: www.fbo.gov and www.grants.gov. Search for Somalia to find the relevant solicitations.

To learn if a USAID partner can help you address a specific challenge or take advantage of a specific opportunity, start by talking to USAID.

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