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European Commission Assistance to Somalia: fact and figures

Humanitarian Aid from the European Commission

- €45,8 million for 2008 alone
- €87 million since 2005
- Focused on nutrition, water and sanitation, livestock, food security, shelter and assistance to internally displaced populations and assistance to Somali refugees in Kenya

Humanitarian Assistance in numbers	
Somalis supported access to primary health care	973,500
Somalis treated for war wounds in Mogadishu	2,612
Somalis receiving food aid	312,800
IDPs and host communities supported with food aid purchased through Somali traders	597,562
Somalis directly assisted with improved access to water	822,926
Litres of water daily delivered over a 4-month drought period	2,300,000
Cooked meals provided per day	80,000
Total Somalis assisted with EC-funded humanitarian aid projects	3,025,440

Additionally, since 2006 the European Commission has allocated €13 million to assist Somali refugees in Kenya.

Development Aid from the European Commission

- €278 million of Development Aid from 2003

Projects focus mainly on three sectors:

- i) Governance and security, including support to institutional building, reconciliation, rule of law, human rights and capacity building for Somali Non State Actors;
- ii) Social sectors, including support to primary and secondary education, adult literacy, teacher and vocational training, health systems strengthening and maternal health care and improved access to safe water in urban and rural areas;
- iii) Agriculture, livestock, food security and early warning.

Over the years, the European Commission has funded hundreds of development projects across all regions of Somalia. Recent success stories include:

- Help for Non State Actors acquiring skills to contribute to peace building, reconciliation and dialogue
- Access to quality basic education for thousands of young girls across Somalia
- Assistance to farmers in Lower and Middle Shabelle to diversify production
- Assistance to agro-pastoralists in Somaliland and Puntland through small scale irrigation & oasis farming
- Support to veterinary services and livestock exports
- Assistance to mixed agriculture, improvement of storage facilities and plant genetic resources
- Vocational training for young adults in the field of business administration

- **€215.4 million for 2008-2013**

Five programmes were approved in the course of 2008 worth a total €87 million:

Support to the Governance Sector	€30 million
Education Sector Development Programme	€30 million
The Food and Nutrition Security Analysis Unit (FNSAU)	€4 million
Operational support (air transport) services	€16 million
Technical and Operational support to development assistance to Somalia	€7 million
Total amount of the action programme	€87 million

Additionally, the EC Somalia Operations Unit contracted a number of projects worth a total €12.78 million. For the latter, a breakdown is provided below:

Start up package of support to the Transitional Federal Institutions	€4 million
Food Security Programme	€5 million
Support to NSAs	€2.5 million
Irrigation rehabilitation and agricultural diversification in the traditional banana growing areas of southern Somalia	€1.28 million
Total	€12.78 million

Three new programmes presently in the pipeline in 2009:

Support to NSAs	€6 million
Support for the Economic Development of Somalia	€26 million
Irrigation rehabilitation and agricultural diversification in the traditional banana growing areas of southern Somalia	€1 million
Total amount of the action programme	€33 million

- **€ 190 million of Development Aid is currently being disbursed through an estimated 100 projects implemented in Somalia**

Main implementing partners are international organisations such as the United Nations, the African Union, as well as Non Governmental Organisations working closely with Somali counterparts.

EC Development Assistance in numbers	
Teachers trained in 2008 alone	7,000
Youth (including women) supported to acquire skills and earn a living	10,000
Households directly benefiting from rehabilitation of irrigation infrastructure	23,000
Households directly benefiting from support to agriculture and livestock production	50,000
Households directly benefiting from support to livestock production, processing and trade	50,000
Radio listeners daily receiving information on animal health and livestock trade and literacy education programmes	5 million
People directly benefiting from improved hygiene and sanitation	300,000
Urban households directly benefiting from increased access to improved drinking water	500,000
Rural households directly benefiting from increased access to improved drinking water	250,000

Development Aid for Security from the European Union

- **€13.3 million for the Rule of Law since 2003.**

The European Commission has been financing a multi-donor funded project implemented by UNDP. Under the project, 2,700 police officers have been trained and their incomes provisionally secured. Special police committees have been set up to monitor allegations of police abuse and protect the rights of prisoners. In Somaliland and Puntland community policing initiatives have been launched and two model prisons built (one in Hargeisa and one in Gardo). In addition, 1,500 former combatants have benefited from a Disarmament Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR) component in Somaliland and

Puntland, including financial support for family businesses. A further €16 million allocation is in the pipeline.

- **€35.5 million for the African Union Peacekeeping Mission AMISOM**

The European Union is currently supporting the African Union Peacekeeping Mission to Somalia (AMISOM) with around 3400 forces on the ground. AMISOM's main objective is to provide support to the Somali Transitional Federal Institutions in their effort to stabilise the country and further dialogue and reconciliation. The EU has supported AMISOM since its inception through bilateral contributions from Member States and a total of €35.5 million from the European Development Fund funded African Peace Facility (APF). A €4.5 million contribution from the Instrument for Stability (IfS) is additionally assisting operations management through the Strategic Management Planning Unit, whilst other non-EU donors contributed to cover other costs of the mission. The most recent contribution from the APF (with a six-month duration up to 31 May 2009) should cover allowances of three battalions and construction works for the mission headquarters in Mogadishu

General Information on Somalia

- Population : estimated 7.7 million
- Area : 638 000 km²
- Life expectancy : 46.2 years (2005)
- Access to clean water : 29% (2004)
- Internally displaced persons : 1,300,000