

EC Partners

- **International Labour Organization (ILO)**
- **SAACID, Australia/ Mogadishu**
- **Districts Councils in Bay Region South Somalia:** Baidoa, Berdale, Burhakaba, Dinsoor, Kansadherre, District Councils

Facts and Figures

- **€3.4 million** granted by the EC
- **€1.2 million** granted by Norway



Governance

Employment Intensive Programme in Support of Mogadishu

"Employment influences attitudes, hearts and minds, the process of employment creation can act as a unifying force and a neutral forum for dialogue between divided communities."

Joseph Connolly, Chief Technical Advisor. ILO Somalia



Context

The ILO Programme seeks to provide a visible peace dividend to the lives of Somali people by engaging communities in large scale, pro-poor, employment-intensive projects improving access and infrastructure, reviving local markets and building local skills and capacities.

The approach is based on the belief that employment is critical for the restoration of human dignity and peace in Somalia.

Objective

- The aim of the project is to provide a visible peace dividend to the lives of ordinary Somalis; a neutral forum for cross community dialogue through which longer term employment can be identified and pursued;
- The main focus of the approach is on employment-related interventions such as promotion of employment-intensive reconstruction and rehabilitation works, socio-economic reintegration of crisis-affected groups, skills training, and support to emerging local Government Institutions.

Impact

- 1 700 people (70% women) from the poorer sections of society recruited through the 16 Districts and the Bermuda area committees directly employed on a daily basis. An additional 100 employed in transport, supervision and monitoring;
- Over 500 000 tonnes of garbage removed, including 250 items of Unexploded Ordnances (UXOs);
- Systems established and capacity developed of five newly formed District Councils in Bay Region to plan and implement community based employment intensive infrastructure projects. 1000 people are currently employed;
- Development and delivery of 1st International courses in Labour Based Technology for Somali engineers from all regions of Somalia.