



EC Assistance to Somalia

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European Commission's medium-long term assistance to Somalia is defined by the **Joint Strategy Paper** 2008-2013, which has been jointly drafted by Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, Norway, Sweden, the UK and the EC, as the EU + Norway response to the Somalia Reconstruction and Development Programme.

The **EC's Somalia Special Support Programme** (2008-2013) with a **EUR 215.4 million** budget has the following objectives:

Overall objective: Poverty alleviated within a peaceful, secure and democratic Somalia

Specific Objectives:

- Governance: deepening peace, improving security and establishing good governance.
- Education: Effective delivery of relevant and sustainable education services (including Islamic education), accessible to the entire population.
- Economic Development and food Security: to reduce food insecurity and to promote private sector-led economic development through an improved institutional and regulatory framework and sustainable natural resource management

Crosscutting issues: conflict prevention, gender, environment, HIV/AIDS.

Five programmes were approved already from the 10th EDF in December 2008:

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| 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, during 2008 also contracted projects to be funded by the EC general budget, following the publication of call for proposals:

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| 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 | € 8.78 million |

One project from the EC Stability Instrument: Start-Up Package € 4 million

In 2009, two new programmes will be submitted for approval:

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| Support to NSAs | € 6 million |
| Support for the Economic Development of Somalia | € 25 million |
| Total amount of the action programme | € 31 million |

Current ongoing programme

The EC is currently supporting around 100 projects with a financial contribution of EUR 150 million (EDF and EC general budget).

Projects are mainly in three sectors:

- Governance and security, including support to institutional building, reconciliation, rule of law, respect of human rights and support to Somali Non State Actors
- Social Sectors, comprising access to primary and secondary education, adult literacy, teacher training and vocational and technical training; support for the development of a public health system, support to major hospitals and maternal health care and improved access to safe water in urban and rural areas.
- Rural Development and Food Security: support to the agriculture and livestock sectors, food security programmes and early warning systems.

The EC is also funding AMISOM's mission in Mogadishu: EUR 15 million from the Africa Peace Facility and an allocation of almost EUR 5 million from the Stability Instrument. In December 2008, additional 20 million – on AU request - were approved from the Peace Facility to continue the support to the AMISOM's mission.

Main implementing partners are international organisations such as the UN or the African Union and European NGOs working closely with Somali organisations.

Humanitarian Assistance (ECHO)

Since 2005 funding for Somalia from the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) has totalled € 87 million, including EUR 40 million in 2008. ECHO focus has been in support of health, nutrition, water and sanitation, livestock, food security, in particular to the Internally Displaced. ECHO is also providing assistance to the Somali refugees in Kenya. Partners' access and monitoring of the programmes remain the main challenges for delivering the EC humanitarian assistance to the Somali population.