



Strengthening the social contract

Programme Overview



Introduction

- The Netherlands Rule of Law efforts are designed to help Somalia in their ambition to restore the <u>social contract</u> between state and citizens. Somali judicial institutions that completely collapsed during the civil war have never fully recovered and made Somalis rely on longstanding forms of <u>community and religious justice</u> and dispute resolution, including Al-Shabaab courts.
- Somalis often face discrimination when seeking justice or other governmental services, especially <u>marginalized segments</u> of society, including women (e.g. victims of sexual based violence), youth, internally displaced persons and members of minority clans.
- The Netherlands encourages pathways and models for <u>improved</u>

 <u>service delivery</u> and legitimacy of security and rule of law institutions.

 To this end, we support initiatives at the local level, where direct impact for the population is most tangible.
- Working in Somalia requires a <u>conflict sensitive</u> approach to prevent the risk of doing harm in fragile and conflict-affected settings. Our way of working therefore includes <u>adaptive programming</u>. The Netherlands programming includes strong learning, which enables the programs to remain relevant to the needs of the target communities.



Thematic priorities



- 1. Access to Justice for all
- 2. Enhancing local governance mechanisms
- 3. Addressing grievances through Transitional Justice



Access to Justice in Somaliland

Overall Goal: An improved social contract through increased legitimacy of justice sector institutions in Somaliland, by:

- 1. Improving access to an alternative dispute resolution mechanism and referral pathways, especially for vulnerable groups;
- 2. Enhancing access to formal justice for vulnerable groups through holistic support to gender-based violence survivors and affected communities;
- 3. Increasing participation of citizens of Somaliland in accountability processes relating to the provision of security and justice.
 - Implementing partner: DAMAL consortium (IDLO with MediaInk, LAC and Nafis)
 - Project period: 2021-2025
 - Funding: EUR 8.500.000
 - In support of 7 ADR centers and 3 Mobile ADR centers throughout Somaliland





Strengthening local governance mechanisms

Overall Goal: Improving the social contract through capacitating local governance structures on Disaster Risk Management (DRM).

- 1. Communities can contribute to inclusive and transparent DRM through equitable access to information, resources and decision making processes;
- 2. CSOs have the legitimacy and capacity to contribute to inclusive and transparent DRM;
- 3. Public authorities have the legitimacy and capacity to coordinate and implement inclusive and transparent DRM;
- 4. Media have the capacity to contribute to inclusive and transparent DRM through disseminating relevant information and creating spaces for inclusive dialogue between public authorities, civil society and communities.
 - Implementing partner: DanWadaag consortium (VNGi with CARE NL, MediaInk, Free Press
 - Unlimited)
 - Project period: 2021-2025
 - Funding: EUR 8.500.000
 - 4 local governments supported on disaster risk management.





Addressing grievances through Transitional Justice

Overall goal: to increase availability of inclusively developed, locally informed transitional justice processes that contribute to strengthening social cohesion and governance, by:

- 1. Increasing support for inclusively designed transitional justice processes and mechanisms for Somalia and Somaliland among key community and government stakeholders;
- 2. Improving social cohesion among communities, government representatives and civil society through consensus building on priorities benefitting TJ-processes;
- 3. Increasing capacity of Somali media to support citizens to effectively participate in TJ-processes;
- 4: Increased capacity of local, regional and national government institutions to implement shared roadmaps for TJ.
 - Implementing partner: Miisaan consortium with Interpeace, IPCS, MediaInk
 - Project period: 2021-2025
 - Funding: EUR 6.400.000
 - Intergenerational dialogues using MHPSS+peacebuillding elements and policy development at government level





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