

SOMALIA FACT SHEET



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FAST FACTS



Somalia is official known as the Federal Republic of Somalia, and was established as a nation in 1960. It is a country which has seen a great amount of conflict from civil war and Islamist groups, as well as having faced a number of emergencies from flooding, drought and food shortages.



Capital: Mogadishu



Population: 10.8 million (UN 2015)



Currency: Somali Shilling



Land area: 637, 657 sq km. The country is divided into 6 regions and includes the autonomous region of Somaliland and Puntland. Somaliland is a self-declared state as of 1991, but is not internationally recognised as a nation state and is regarded internationally as an autonomous region of Somalia.



Borders: Kenya, Ethiopia, Djibouti (which borders Somaliland) and the Indian Ocean



Language: Somali, Arabic, Italian, English



Religion: Sunni Islam



Life expectancy: men 50 years, women 53 years



Climate: Tropical with two rainy seasons / arid



Terrain: Much of the land is scrubland and desert, with one of Africa's longest coastlines



Natural resources: Iron-ore, Uranium and Tin. There have been suggestions that the land also holds a great amount of oil



National day: 1st July (worldatlas.com)



Symbol: Leopard



National anthem: Qolobaa Calankeed ('Any nations flag')

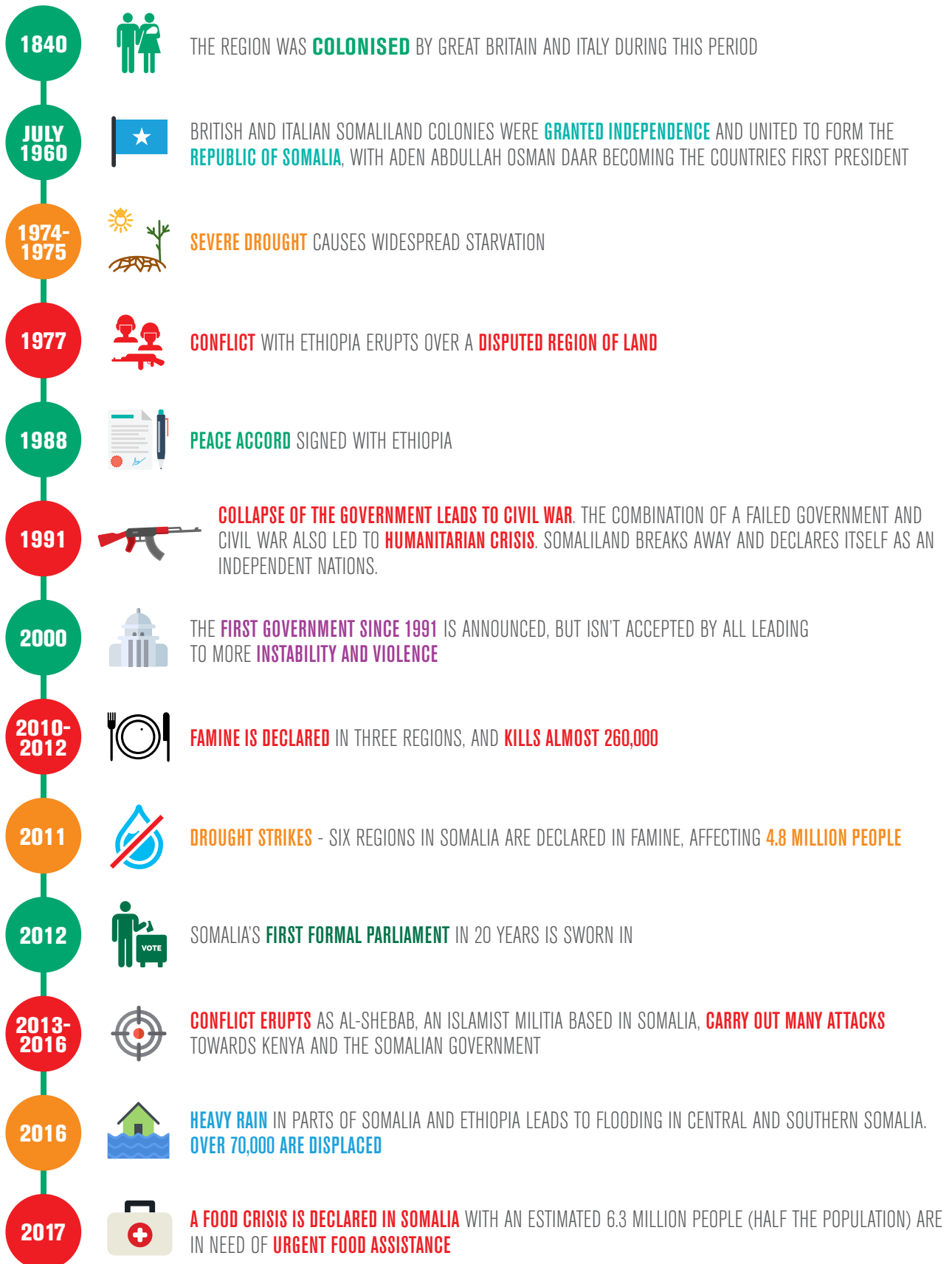


Landmarks: Daallo Frankincense forest, Iskushuban falls



Wildlife: Somali golden mole, Silver dik-dik, Ash's lark

SOMALIA TIME LINE: CONFLICT, FAMINE AND CRISIS





KEY WORDS

- **Civil war:** A war between citizens of the same country
- **Militia:** A military force that engages in rebel or terrorist activities in opposition to a regular army. Or one which supplements the regular army in times of emergency.
- **Drought:** An extended period of time where the amount of rain that falls is well below average, and leads to water shortages.
- **Humanitarian crisis:** An event or series of events that causes a critical threat to the health, safety, security or wellbeing of a community or other large group of people.
- **Colony:** a country or area under political control of another country and occupied by settlers from that country.



The world must work together to help achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2 and 16 in Somalia



GOAL 2 ZERO HUNGER

What can be done to ensure that every child has sufficient and nutritious food in order to grow up healthy?

End hunger, achieve food security and improve nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture.

GOAL 16 PEACE AND JUSTICE



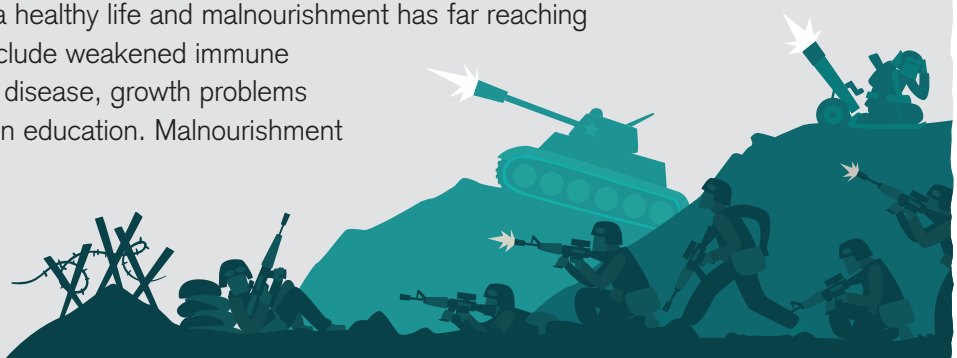
Promote peaceful, stable and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all.

CONFLICT IN SOMALIA

Somalia's history is chequered with conflict which has had huge humanitarian consequences: because of long term conflict, civilians have been caught in the cross-fire. As a result, over 1 million Somali people are internally displaced and without access to resources to meet basic needs.

Additionally, Somalia currently faces a food crisis after only overcoming a famine in 2011. A combination of drought due to two seasons of failed rains, rising prices of food and water, as well as conflict has led to a situation where an estimated 6.3 million people are in urgent need of food assistance. This includes 363,000 children who are acutely malnourished.

Nutrition is vital to living a healthy life and malnourishment has far reaching consequences. These include weakened immune systems, a higher risk of disease, growth problems in children and impacts on education. Malnourishment is also a driver and a consequence of poverty and inequalities in societies.



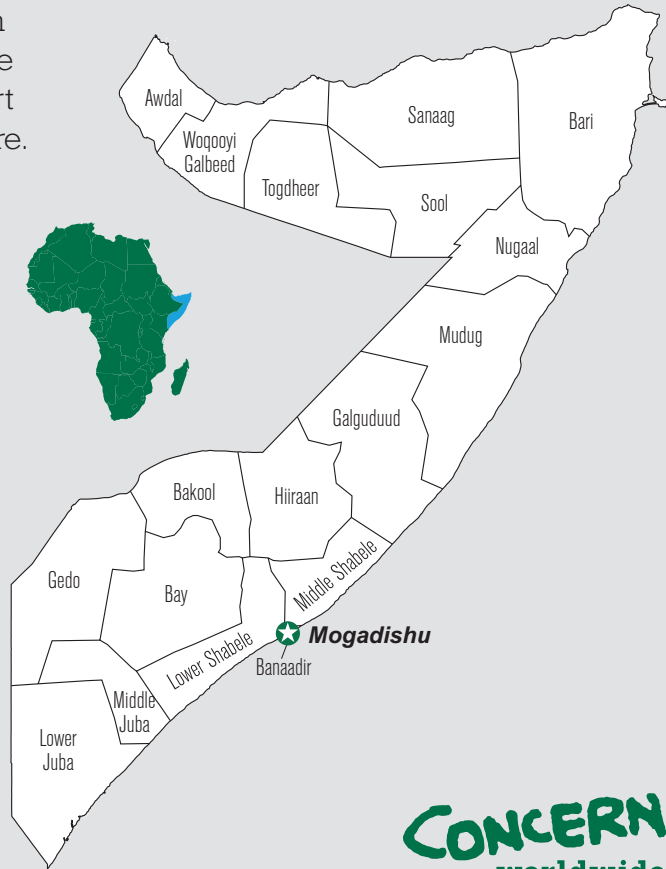


What is Concern doing?

Concern began working in Somalia in 1986, and ran numerous projects since then to respond to long term and short term needs of communities living there.

In Somalia and Somaliland we are currently running an emergency response programme to assist those suffering from the hunger crisis. This has included providing cash transfers to families so they can buy the food they urgently need, and treating children who are malnourished.

We are also providing emergency water supplies to those in urgent need. In Baidoa we're providing water to over 16,000 individuals and supply water to two hospitals. We are trucking water to 10 villages in Somaliland and have expanded water trucking from 15 to 47 locations in Gedo.



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