

# CONCERN IN SOMALIA/SOMALILAND – 2024

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*Amburo\* (28) is a mother of four children from Baidoa, now living in a displacement camp in Daynile District, Mogadishu.  
Photo: Adnan Mohamed/Concern Worldwide*

## Humanitarian Overview

Somalia has faced a cycle of crisis over the last several decades, fuelled by political instability, conflict, hunger, and climate change. In 2024, Somalia has had significant political and geo-political developments, starting with the signing of an MoU with the Ethiopian Prime Minister, granting Ethiopia a lease of a stretch of coastline for the purposes of building a port and a naval base in exchange for recognition of Somaliland, leading to tensions between the Somaliland and Federal Governments and also Somalia and Ethiopia.

Prevailing insecurity in many areas in the country throughout the year has also continued to make for a challenging operating environment, with associated access and security issues.

It is estimated that 5.9 million people will require humanitarian and protection assistance in 2025 along with 1.8 million children aged 6-59 months with total acute malnutrition.

The reduction in humanitarian funding is already affecting the nutrition, health, and WASH service delivery.

## Concern in Somalia

Concern has been a frontline responder to these issues for nearly 40 years with both emergency interventions and longer-term projects designed to build the resilience

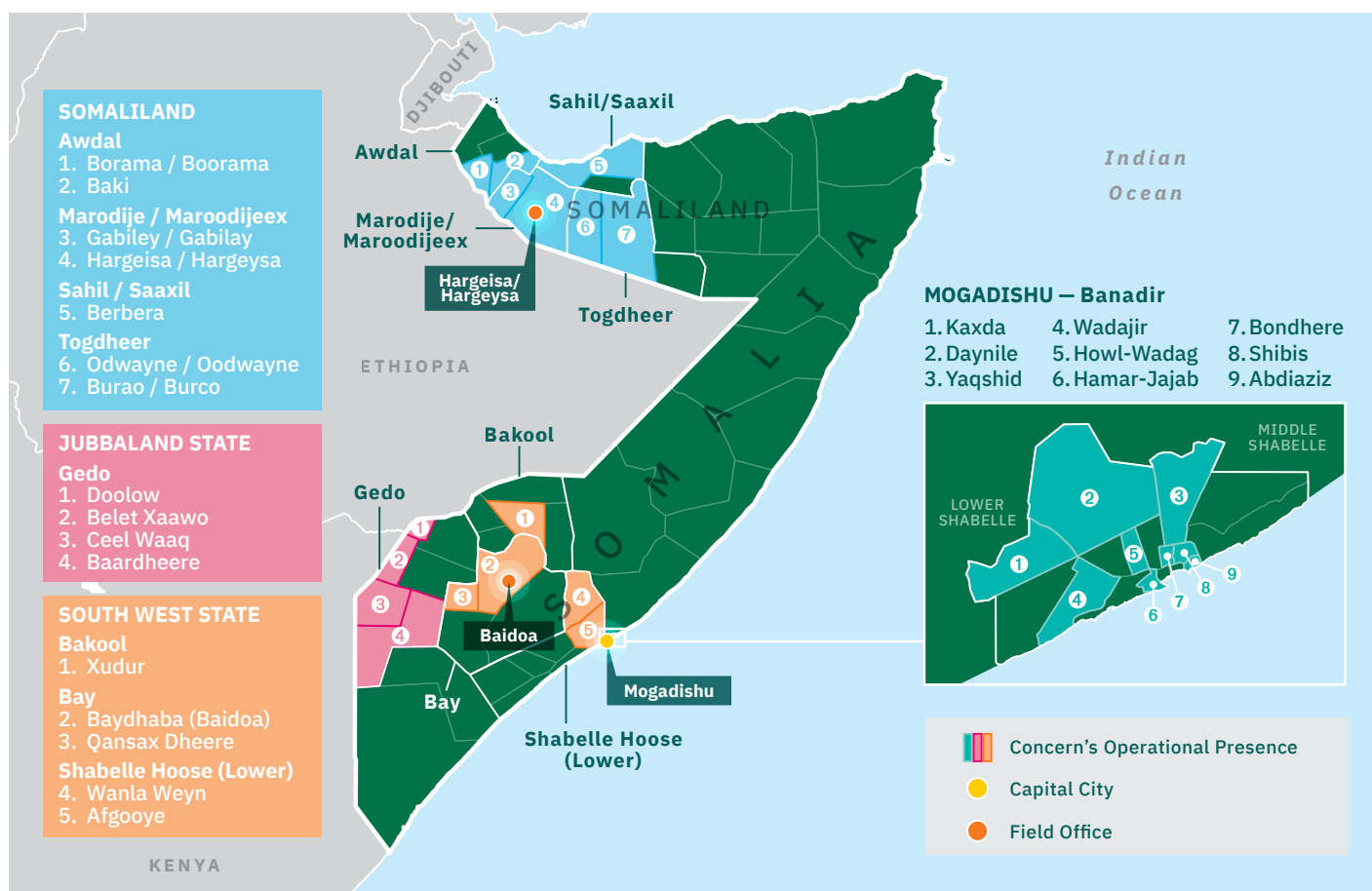
of affected communities. Concern's programmes served an estimated population of 870,068 individuals in seven regions across the country in 2024.

## Integrated Health Programmes



*Khadra\* (25) is a mother of five children living in Kaxda refugee camp. They moved to this camp due to conflict, drought and lack of water. Photo: Mustafa Saeed/Concern Worldwide*

In response to the growing needs triggered by prolonged drought compounded by El Niño floods and shrinking of funds, the Health and Nutrition Programme has adopted a community-based approach to maximise the reach of



those affected by the crisis. This includes utilising ICCM+ and community outreach teams to achieve maximum coverage at minimal cost, alongside supporting central fixed facilities to manage referrals and cases requiring higher-level support. Aligned with an integrated approach, patients receive a comprehensive service package aligned with national frameworks targeting children under five, pregnant and lactating mothers, and the elderly. Similarly, as part of health system strengthening, the Health and Nutrition Programme are striving to support regional and district health management teams (R/DHMTs) through the provision of monthly incentives, joint supportive supervision, and facilitating coordination meetings. These investments have significantly enhanced the capacity of the R/DHMTs, enabling them to monitor outbreaks and malnutrition trends, as well as anticipate tailored actions with key stakeholders in the area.

## Health

In 2024, the programmes continued to support maternal and child health clinics designed to reach remote areas with lack of essential services, providing outpatients medical consultations, maternal and reproductive health services as well as vaccinations.

Concern also addressed a major cholera outbreak in the Mogadishu IDP settlements in close collaboration with the Ministry of Health and other key stakeholders to

successfully control the outbreak and prevent its further spread within the community by a combination approach including:

- the establishment of Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT) corners.
- increased awareness and sensitisation campaigns.
- standby ambulance services within the IDP settlement.
- setup of temporary Cholera Treatment Units (CTUs).

## Nutrition

Concern continued to deliver specialised nutrition services, further scaling up delivery point from five to nine with a particular focus on moderate acute malnutrition. Supported nutrition facilities continued to deliver context-specific nutrition messages at both the community and facility levels, along with the formation of Mother-to-Mother (MtM) and Father-to-Father (FtF) groups to reinforce these efforts. These approaches facilitated Individual Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) counselling sessions for Pregnant and Breastfeeding Women (PBW) and caregivers of children aged six to 23 months. Support groups formed created safe spaces for members to discuss their perceptions, beliefs, and behavioural patterns, and adopt positive health and nutrition behaviours.



## Water and Sanitation (WASH)

Concern prioritised and planned WASH actions in healthcare facilities, integrated with the Emergency, Health and Nutrition activities all over 2024. To promote hygiene and behaviour change at household level, Concern Worldwide established and trained Community Health Workers (CHWs) and Community Hygiene Promoters (CHPs) and linked them to the primary health facilities.

### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

- 91,508** caregivers attended individual counselling sessions.
- 63,042** children under five received treatment for malnutrition.
- 30** mother-to-mother and 10 father-to-father support groups (600 members) were established.



## Food Security and Livelihoods Programme



Farmers Hassan Ali (30) and Adam Mohamed (25) prepare the fields for planting Shimbirole East, Bardhere District. They have taken part in an ECO system restoration project led by BRCiS and Lifeline Gedo with support from Concern, under the Resilience programme.  
Photo: Concern Worldwide

**BRCiS III (HARBS LOT II – FCDO funding)** programme aimed at reducing the severity of humanitarian needs of displacement affected communities living in four rural districts where the programme operates. The programme has employed area-based targeting of system-supporting interventions such as, establishing self-help groups, developing community and area-level actions plans, rehabilitating canals, constructing dumping sites among many others. This programme is part of a resilience building consortium which is led by Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and has been funded by FCDO among other donors since 2011. Concern is a member of the consortium and acting as technical lead for the community-led Early Warning Early Action (EWEA) component.

**HANAANO Project:** The flagship nutrition-sensitive livelihoods programme has been established in late 2203; so far, the team completed the establishment and training of 20 community resilience committees in all targeted areas, along with establishing MtM and FtF groups. Farmers were provided with tailored sessions on promotion of nutritious, hygienic food preservation and handling while also providing youth and adolescents to engage in social, educations and skill-building activities with the construction of youth social halls.

**TERRA:** the project continued delivering trainings for urban resilience stakeholders and rural community resilience committees on ecosystem regeneration. Workshops including field visits took place to train public and private extension workers on resilience design and agro-ecological food production. This programme is part of a resilience building consortium which is led by Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC). Under funding from the Swedish Development Agency, Concern is working in Bardere in order to empower both rural and urban displacement affected communities (DACs) to increase their knowledge and use of regenerative, context-specific food production and environmental management practices. Target communities benefit from and contribute to functioning Early Warning Systems linked to Early Action response mechanisms – in line with Concern's well demonstrated expertise.

**CRESS Project:** With funding from Irish Aid, the project provided Technical and Vocational Education Trainings (TVET) to 120 eligible participants who are selected to receive entrepreneurship business training skills. In Somaliland, the project provided training to farmers in climate-smart agriculture, conservation practices, and agroforestry alongside distributing drought-resistant seeds and rainwater harvesting tools. In Banadir region of Mogadishu, trainings were provided on business activities which are more suitable for an urban context such as automotive repair, electrical installation, tailoring, catering, henna styling and bridal preparation,

**BRCiS OASIS programme:** In 2024, Concern Worldwide achieved significant milestones across the milk and egg value chains. In Somaliland, milk and egg producers, community animal health workers and fodder producers were provided training, equipping them with technical and business skills. This programme is funded by the European Union and is part of a resilience building consortium which is led by Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC).

**Child-Sensitive Social Protection (CSSP):** In 2024, Concern Worldwide continued implementing the two-year programme led by UNICEF and funded by the German development bank Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau. Targeting Pregnant and Breastfeeding women (PBW), the programme addresses the economic impacts of drought and high food prices by improving

food security, maternal health and child development during the first critical 1,000 day. This happens by means of providing vulnerable PBW with cash-based social transfers (\$40 per woman in the first four months of the programme, and then \$20 for the remaining 15 months) transferred via mobile money monthly to ensure regular, predictable and reliable assistance.

#### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

- 595** households benefited from graduation approach to provide livelihood opportunities.
- 7,180** households benefited from social protection cash transfer for four months receiving a collective total of \$ 1,148,800.
- 33.5** kilometres of canals were rehabilitated.
- 1,000** trees were planted across 10 hectares under TERRA by 50 programme participants who were supported.



#### Education Programmes



View from 21 November School in Mogadishu. Photo: Mustafa Saeed/Concern Worldwide

In 2024, the education programme aligned its priorities around safe access to education, quality learning, and overall students'/teachers' wellbeing with multiple strategies funded through three projects across its operational areas. Concern employed a thematic approach to advance inclusive and equitable education by means of the following initiatives:

- addressing barriers, fostering safe and supportive learning environments and enhancing quality of education.
- strengthening education systems to promote sustainability.
- constructing new schools in places that lacked education services.

- provided teachers and administrators with remuneration.
- conducted enrolment campaigns.

#### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

- 3,252** out-of-school children (45% girls) were enrolled in target schools.
- 76** teachers trained to enhance their pedagogical skills.
- 123** teachers received monthly incentives.
- 3,405** girls were provided with Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) kits.



#### Emergency Response



A Somali woman walks to Concern's water truck to fill up her containers for her family in Odweyne in the Togdheer district where water sources have dried up due to drought. Photo: Concern Worldwide

The Emergency Programme has focused on life-saving activities to address humanitarian needs of flood- and conflict-affected population. \$100 a month have been provided to crisis-affected families via digital money transfers that are sent to eligible programme participants without any strings attached. This will support them to withstand the current shocks through – for instance – accessing markets to purchase food and other basic needs, including water, medicine and shelter.

**Displacement (complex emergency):** In 2024, the Somali Cash Consortium (SCC) led by Concern responded to 32 emergency crises through three cycles of Multipurpose Cash Assistance (MPCA), providing critical support to newly displaced or undeserved families facing dire humanitarian needs in the aftermath of a displacement to meet their most urgent needs, such as food, shelter, and healthcare.



## Health, Malnutrition, WASH and Education Responses through multi-sectoral responses (complex emergency):

In 2024, Concern targeted and provided with health and nutrition services to children and their pregnant and breastfeeding mothers from newly displaced vulnerable communities as well as poor host communities. WASH emergency activities were delivered as well, and care was taken to ensure that persons with disabilities and other minority groups were included across our interventions.

### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

- 3,350** people were reached with Concern's assistance in the Somali Cash Consortium.
- 1,052** infants under the age of one, received full vaccination.
- 899** women attended ante-natal care.
- 159** women received post-natal care.

## Durable Solutions

*"I'm happy I was able to learn, read, and write; I didn't know anything before I attended the school. It helped me organise myself and my family, save money, and start my own business."*

– Idil



Idil\* turning on the solar light she received as part of the Green graduation programme by Concern.

Photo: Mustafa Saeed/Concern Worldwide

Concern's Durable Solutions (DS) programme aims to reduce the impacts of displacement caused by recurrent natural disasters and conflicts in Somalia through effective durable solutions. The programme creates a sustainable future for Somalia's displacement-affected communities (DACs) through two main focus areas: Livelihood Recovery and Access to Basic Services. Integrating multiple sectors strengthens community resilience through improved access to essential basic services, including Health, Nutrition, WASH, Social Protection, and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support. The programme strengthens livelihood recovery through women-led self-help groups (SHGs), Cluster Level Associations (CLAs), and households through a Green Graduation approach, helping DACs experiencing extreme poverty access sustainable livelihoods and employment. This includes developing employable skills, supporting enterprise development, enabling financial inclusion, and improving market systems. To address natural disasters and conflicts, the programme promotes climate-resilient agricultural practices for sustainable income and food production and Cash for Work opportunities in urban area for climate restoration activities. Operating in key IDP hotspots—Baidoa, Banadir, Afgoye, Hudur, and Bardhere, the programme receives funding from FCDO, EU, Harambee Foundation, the World Bank, and IOM through Danwadaag Consortium.

### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

- 7,140** persons (3,173 men and 3,967 women), including 3,285 children and 1,071 PLWD, benefited from climate-resilient livelihood activities
- 2,320** (1,182 men and 1,138 women) farmers have benefited from climate-smart agriculture for sustainable agriculture training and farm supply inputs.
- 1420** women part of Self-Help Groups were supported in economic recovery and building capital
- 340** Households supported through green graduation support package (training, mentoring and coaching, consumption support) toward self-reliance.

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