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CASE STUDY

POST-DISASTER

Somalia leads its own recovery: national ownership after the 2023 Deyr floods –

The 2023 Deyr floods, intensified by El Niño, displaced 1.2 million people in Somalia and caused USD 193.4 million in damages. With UNDP, EU and World Bank support, the Somali Government led a nationally-owned post-disaster needs assessment and launched a national recovery programme – a transformative shift in post-crisis governance.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

01 COUNTRY/REGION/LOCATION
Somalia – 16 flood-affected districts across the country; national assessment led from Mogadishu

02 RISK ADDRESSED
Floods (Deyr rains, El Niño-amplified); mass displacement (1.2M people); housing collapse; fragile recovery governance; weak post-disaster planning frameworks

03 IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD/TIMEFRAME
PDNA conducted early 2024 (2023 Deyr floods); housing recovery programme and community-based DRR activities ongoing 2024–2026

04 ACTORS/IMPLEMENTING AND LOCAL PARTNERS
Somali Disaster Management Agency (SoDMA), Ministry of Planning Investment and Economic Development (MoPIED), Ministry of Public Works Reconstruction and Housing, UNDP, EU, World Bank

05 KEY BENEFICIARIES
2.5 million flood-affected people; 1.2 million displaced; farming and livestock communities; 16 flood-affected districts; national institutions and sectoral ministries

CONTEXT AND CHALLENGE

In late 2023, the historic Deyr rains – intensified by El Niño and Indian Ocean Dipole weather patterns – caused catastrophic flooding across Somalia, displacing over 1.2 million people and killing 188. Total damages and losses were assessed at USD 193.4 million, with recovery and reconstruction needs estimated at USD 250.2 million. The farming and livestock, water and sanitation, and transport sectors were worst affected. Nearly 20,000 homes collapsed; an additional 304,980 people fell into food stress and crisis, with projections of 1.5 million children under five at risk of severe malnutrition.

Somalia's institutional landscape – fragile and recovering from decades of conflict – lacked the tools, systems and coordination frameworks to mount a coherent, nationally-led recovery response. This disaster compounded pre-existing vulnerabilities: **more than 3.4 million people are internally displaced in Somalia and 6.5 million face acute food insecurity.**

WHY THIS ACTION MATTERS?

- **Somalia's nationally-led R-PDNA represents a historic step:** the government owned and drove the assessment process, demonstrating institutional resilience and commitment.
- **Embedding findings in the National Transformation Plan 2025–2029** ensures recovery priorities are translated into long-term development policy.
- **The housing recovery and community DRR work directly addresses the most critical human vulnerability – shelter – for over 1.2 million displaced people.**

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INTERVENTION AND APPROACH

UNDP, the EU and the World Bank supported the Government of Somalia – through SoDMA – to design and lead a Rapid Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (R-PDNA) covering 16 flood-affected districts across nine key sectors. The R-PDNA was launched on 11 June 2024 at a high-level event chaired by Deputy Prime Minister Salah Ahmad Jama, with full ministerial attendance, demonstrating political ownership at the highest level. SoDMA played a central role in convening sectoral ministries, driving coordination and maintaining assessment momentum. Technical and financial support was co-provided by the

World Bank’s GFDRR and the EU Foreign Policy Instrument, alongside this ACP-EU Action. Building on PDNA findings, UNDP provided technical assistance on housing resilience, supporting a national expert to review policies and develop new building codes. A housing reconstruction and recovery policy rooted in owner-driven reconstruction principles was formulated. A Disaster Volunteer Network (DVN) was established across 16 flood-affected districts, bringing together 226 trained community volunteers from youth groups and women’s associations.

PROGRAMME OUTPUT ALIGNMENT



OUTPUT 2.2

Strengthened post-disaster recovery capacities – post-disaster.

Activities 2.2.1 (PDNA), 2.2.3 : housing, livelihoods, community infrastructure.

Activities 2.2.4: community engagement in recovery monitoring.



This assessment is a critical step in guiding the recovery and reconstruction efforts needed to help those affected rebuild their lives. The

Somali Government’s leadership of this process demonstrates institutional resilience and our commitment to nationally-driven recovery.,,

HON. SALAH AHMAD JAMA

Deputy Prime Minister
Government of Somalia

RESULTS AND CHANGE

- 1 R-PDNA completed across 9 sectors and 16 districts – Somalia’s most comprehensive nationally-led post-disaster assessment.
- 2 Total effects assessed: USD 193.4M in damages and losses; USD 250.2M in recovery and reconstruction needs.
- 3 National recovery and reconstruction programme launched at high-level event chaired by Deputy Prime Minister.
- 4 PDNA findings integrated into Somalia’s National Transformation Plan 2025–2029.
- 5 Housing Reconstruction and Recovery Policy under development, promoting owner-driven resilient reconstruction.
- 6 New national building codes and standards being formulated to prevent future losses.
- 7 Disaster Volunteer Network (DVN) established across 16 districts: 226 trained community volunteers from youth groups and women’s associations now active in early warning, rapid assessment and community mobilization.

EARLY CONCRETE UPTAKE IN ONGOING INVESTMENTS:

NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION PLAN 2025-2029

MoPIED integrated a dedicated resilience and recovery chapter based on R-PDNA findings – recovery priorities now embedded in Somalia’s national development planning framework.



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HOUSING POLICY REFORM

UNDP housing expert actively supporting the Ministry of Public Works in finalising national housing policies and building codes.

KEY ENABLERS OF SUCCESS



UNDP, EU, WORLD BANK / GFDRR, SODMA (GOVERNMENT OF SOMALIA), MINISTRY OF PLANNING INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (MOPIED)



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