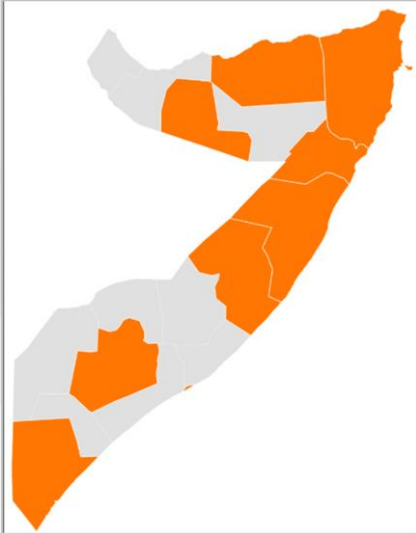


**SOMALIA**  
**AREAS OF OPERATION: EDUCATION****CONTEXT**

While government institutions and civil society work hard to improve education services and access, limited capacity remains to deliver services for displaced children, children living in conflict areas and other complex challenges.

- Just 30% of eligible children (1.8 of 6m) are enrolled in school.
- 3m crisis-affected children require education assistance.
- Only 17% of displaced children currently access education services.

**OUTCOMES/IMPACT**

In 2021, 13,254 people (52.4% female) received support to access improved education. This included:

- 6,350 children and youth (52% women/girls) in crisis-settings enrolled in programmes.
- 10,109 education supplies kits provided to support enrolment and participation.
- 124 teachers (30% female) trained to improve education and learning outcomes.
- 7 classrooms constructed/equipped to increase access to education.

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## HOW WE SUPPORT: EDUCATION

Education is a fundamental human right. In Somalia, a quality education can provide children and young people with the skills they need to live lives of value and opportunity.

### NRC's education approach

Addressing the significant gaps between capacity and need, NRC Somalia's education approach focuses on supporting displacement-affected populations in hard to reach, conflict or disaster-impacted areas with access to basic formal and non-formal education, education in emergencies, and youth education and vocational training.

Our efforts support school-aged children (6-18) and youth (15-24) who have no access to school, have not been to school or have dropped out, and those in emergency contexts to complete their basic education cycle or training opportunities leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes.

Guided by Federal and State Education Sector Strategic Plans and Humanitarian Response Plan, NRC Global Education Strategy, UNHCR's Refugee Education Strategy, Convention on the Rights of Children and the Inter Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE) minimum standards, we strive to ensure every child has education they deserve.

### Who we support

In Somalia, we support displacement-affected boys and girls (refugees, returnees, IDPs and vulnerable host communities) with access to quality and equitable education, working across 9 of 18 regions.

## NRC programmes and Interventions

Our education activities prioritize: 1) safe and inclusive learning; 2) professional development for educators; 3) influence on policy and practice; 4) providing expertise to strengthen the national education systems. Our approach generally integrates with other areas – including WASH, protection and legal support – to provide holistic support.

### Support for basic formal education

NRC helps out-of-school, displaced children and youth progress through formal education. Support includes scholarships, learning materials, uniforms, emergency school feeding and protection efforts, and psychosocial support.

Schools are supported with classroom construction or rehabilitation, improved WASH facilities, teaching, learning and recreational materials and sanitary kits for girls, and teacher training and incentives. Combined, we improve the quality and safety of learning environments and support psychosocial, emotional and cognitive development.

**Education in emergencies:** With local officials and partners, NRC ensures that crisis-affected children and youth can continue learning during emergencies. Rapid response involves establishing emergency classrooms, catch-up, accelerated and remedial classes, and protection and psychosocial support.

### Support to non-formal education

When formal education access is impossible, NRC delivers Accelerated Education Programmes (AEP), which provides age-appropriate, flexible and accredited education for disadvantaged, over-age, or out-of-school children and youth. AEP provides certified basic education, with curriculums, textbooks and guidelines developed by Ministries of Education.

### Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET)

Our TVET efforts provide youth with diverse, accredited pathways (including secondary and higher education) to increase young people's confidence, income, and opportunities to transition to further education and training.

Our programmes offer skills for life, numeracy and literacy courses, and diverse technical and business skills. Market assessments identify in-demand skills, with courses offered in institutes and enterprises for 6-12 months. Youth are provided training, materials, job counselling and government-accredited certifications, as well as internship opportunities. NRC works with the authorities and the private sector to find employment for graduates. We also support training centres through the construction or rehabilitation of classrooms and other facilities, as well as with training and equipment.

## Our partners



### PROTECTING GIRLS EDUCATION DURING SOMALIA'S DROUGHT

Mohamud is the head teacher at an NMFA & NRC-supported school in Garowe, in central Somalia.

About 40% of students, primarily girls, faced dropping out of school due to drought – with parents unable to afford fees. "We couldn't let these children miss out on education," he said.

Cash support for families and schools has enabled girls to remain in school, while emergency, short-term water deliveries and school feeding have prevented families sending girls to queue for water or find food, amid Somalia's worst drought in decades.