COOPI IN SOMALIA



COOPI PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY

Over the past **45 years**, COOPI has built a solid reputation and earned **deep trust from local communities**, thanks to its comprehensive, long-term interventions in the sectors of **food security and livelihoods, economic development, access to water and sanitation, health, education, and disaster risk reduction**.

The organization, also as a member of the **Somali Cash Consortium** (SCC) since its inception, has successfully delivered aid in remote or at-risk areas, prone to climate shocks and/or affected by conflicts; furthermore, as a founding member of the **Somali Resilience Program** (SomReP), it has focused on strengthening the **resilience of pastoralists, agro-pastoralists, fishermen, peri-urban host communities, and internally displaced persons** (IDPs), ensuring they are better prepared to cope with both natural and human-induced shocks.

COOPI's approach places strong emphasis on the **inclusion of women, youth, and persons with disabilities**, through interventions aimed at adapting to climate change, diversifying livelihoods, and promoting sustainable practices.

FROM 1981 TO 2025:

267
PROJECTS

39%
DEVELOPMENT



61%
EMERGENCY

16,322,613
DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

SECTORS IN WHICH COOPI HAS WORKED IN THE COUNTRY

- FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS
- NUTRITIONAL SECURITY
- HEALTH
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- WASH
- PROTECTION
- DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (DRR)/DISASTER PREPAREDNESS (DP)
- MIGRATION
- TRAINING

COOPI IN SOMALIA TODAY

In Somalia, COOPI implements humanitarian response, resilience, and livelihood-building programs through a **multi-sectoral approach**. The key sectors of COOPI's interventions in Somalia are food security, sustainable agriculture, promotion of income-generating activities, access to water, and promotion of sanitation and environmental services.

To respond to the **drought and flood emergencies** in Somalia, COOPI is committed to implementing **emergency and humanitarian response programs**, integrating them over time with **development and resilience projects** wherever adequate socio-economic and environmental conditions exist. Depending on the context, each intervention integrates one or more cross-cutting themes such as **protection, gender, environment, and disaster risk reduction**.

Given the fragile social fabric of many of the post-conflict communities with which COOPI works, great emphasis is placed on minimizing conflict through the "**Do No Harm**" (DNH) principle, aiming to alleviate suffering, preserve human dignity, and save lives.

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PROJECTS

33% DEVELOPMENT



67% EMERGENCY

477,619
DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

EXPAT WORKERS
5 PEOPLE

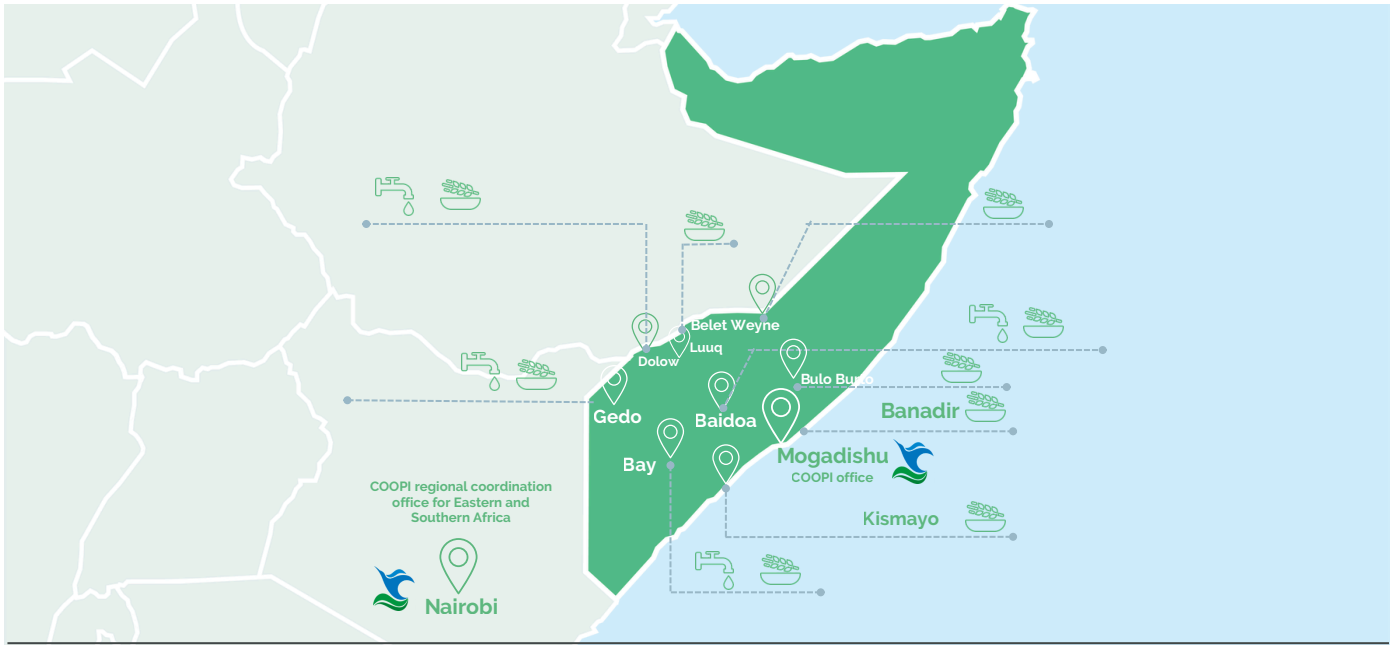
LOCAL WORKERS
83 PEOPLE

STAFF

SECTORS IN WHICH COOPI OPERATES IN THE COUNTRY

- FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS
- WASH
- DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (DRR)/DISASTER PREPAREDNESS (DP)
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

COOPI is currently present in Somalia in the regions of Bay, Gedo, Banadir, and Hiraan, with interventions in the districts of Baidoa, Dinsoor, Dollow, and Belet Weyne. COOPI's regional coordination office for Eastern Africa is located in Nairobi (Kenya). In addition, there are offices in Mogadishu (Banadir), Dollow (Gedo), Baidoa and Dinsoor (Bay), and Belet Weyne (Hiraan). Furthermore, COOPI maintains the capacity to respond to emerging humanitarian crises in the locations of Kismayo (Lower Juba), Bulo Burte (Hiraan), and Luuq (Gedo).



MAIN AREAS OF INTERVENTION

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

Somalia is now facing multiple problems such as floods, locusts and droughts, thus exacerbating its difficult environmental and economic situation. In this context, COOPI mainly focuses on meeting basic needs and promoting long-term climate shock response for the most vulnerable Somali households. COOPI strengthens food security and supports the development of community resilience through:

- DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE TO VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS AFFECTED BY FOOD INSECURITY, CONFLICTS, AND CLIMATE SHOCKS.
- SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION THROUGH THE DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDS AND PRODUCTIVE INPUTS, TRAINING ON GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES, AND PROMOTION OF CLIMATE-RESILIENT AGRICULTURE TECHNIQUES.
- SUPPORT FOR PASTORAL AND AGRO-PASTORAL ACTIVITIES THROUGH VETERINARY SERVICES, ANIMAL HEALTH CAMPAIGNS, AND RESTOCKING AND PROTECTION OF LIVESTOCK ASSETS.
- REHABILITATION OF IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND AGRICULTURAL LAND, INCLUDING THROUGH CASH-FOR-WORK INTERVENTIONS TO RESTORE PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES.
- STRENGTHENING OF AGRI-FOOD VALUE CHAINS, PRODUCER ASSOCIATIONS, AND MARKET ACCESS FOR FARMERS AND HERDERS.
- PROTECTION, DIVERSIFICATION, AND RECOVERY OF LIVELIHOODS FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES AND HOUSEHOLDS AFFECTED BY CRISES AND DISASTERS.

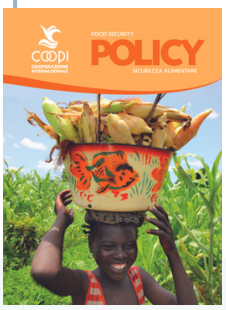
2026:

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PROJECTS

194,852

BENEFICIARIES



READ MORE ABOUT **FOOD SECURITY POLICY:**
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MAIN AREAS OF INTERVENTION

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

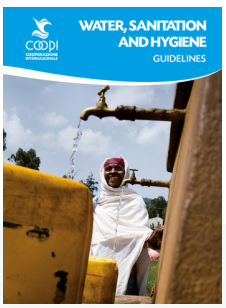
- PROVISION OF UNCONDITIONAL MULTIPURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE (MPCA) THROUGH MOBILE MONEY SYSTEMS TO MEET THE BASIC NEEDS OF HOUSEHOLDS AFFECTED BY DROUGHT, FLOODS, CONFLICTS, AND DISPLACEMENT.
- ACTIVATION OF RAPID EMERGENCY RESPONSE MECHANISMS THROUGH NEEDS ASSESSMENTS, MARKET ANALYSES, AND IDENTIFICATION OF THE MOST VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS.
- IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY CASH ASSISTANCE INTERVENTIONS TO SUPPORT HOUSEHOLDS' CAPACITY TO MEET BASIC NEEDS AND REDUCE RELIANCE ON NEGATIVE COPING STRATEGIES.
- STRENGTHENING OF BENEFICIARY IDENTIFICATION, REGISTRATION, VERIFICATION, AND COORDINATION MECHANISMS, INCLUDING REFERRAL SYSTEMS AND PREVENTION OF ASSISTANCE DUPLICATION.
- MONITORING OF CASH TRANSFERS AND ACTIVATION OF COMMUNITY FEEDBACK AND COMPLAINT MECHANISMS TO ENSURE QUALITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE.

2026:
4
PROJECTS
279,161
BENEFICIARIES

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

Severe climate change and chronic instability have left thousands of Somali households vulnerable, without access to clean water and adequate sanitation. COOPI promotes WASH activities in Somalia on multiple levels:

- IMPROVING ACCESS TO SAFE DRINKING WATER THROUGH THE CONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF WELLS, WATER POINTS, AND WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS, INCLUDING SOLAR-POWERED ONES.
- PROVIDING EMERGENCY WATER ACCESS SOLUTIONS, INCLUDING WATER VOUCHERS FOR POPULATIONS AFFECTED BY DROUGHT, FLOODS, AND DISPLACEMENT.
- CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF SAFE, ACCESSIBLE, AND FLOOD-RESILIENT SANITATION FACILITIES, INCLUDING AT HEALTH CENTERS AND IDP SETTLEMENTS.
- DISTRIBUTION OF HYGIENE AND MENSTRUAL HYGIENE MANAGEMENT (MHM) KITS, ACCOMPANIED BY AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS ON HYGIENE PRACTICES AND DISEASE PREVENTION.
- TRAINING OF COMMUNITY WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES ON WATER QUALITY, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.



READ MORE ABOUT WATER AND HYGIENE GUIDELINES:
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MAIN AREAS OF INTERVENTION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The multiple challenges facing Somalia today have not only strained the already fragile environment, but also the Somali economy. In this context, COOPI focuses on addressing immediate needs by promoting sustainable economic development and economic empowerment through strengthening inclusive market systems, promoting social inclusion, strengthening safety nets, and supporting income generation initiatives. Specifically:

- VOCATIONAL AND ENTREPRENEURIAL TRAINING MAINLY TARGETING YOUTH, WOMEN, AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS TO PROMOTE EMPLOYMENT, SELF-EMPLOYMENT, AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC REINTEGRATION.
- SUPPORT FOR THE START-UP AND STRENGTHENING OF SMALL BUSINESSES AND INCOME-GENERATING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THROUGH BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND COACHING.
- ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF VILLAGE SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS (VSLAS), WITH PARTICULAR FOCUS ON WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION.
- PROMOTION OF FINANCIAL INCLUSION THROUGH SAVINGS EDUCATION, ACCESS TO COMMUNITY CREDIT, AND DEVELOPMENT OF REVOLVING FINANCING MECHANISMS AND SOCIAL FUNDS.
- STRENGTHENING OF INCLUSIVE MARKET SYSTEMS AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISES, FOSTERING LINKAGES WITH LOCAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ACTORS.

2026:

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PROJECT

3,060

BENEFICIARIES



COOPI'S NETWORK

CLUSTERS IN WHICH COOPI PARTICIPATES

Food Security • Protection • Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) • Area based Coordination Fora • Cash Working Group

INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH COOPI COOPERATES

Village Development Committees • Representatives of beneficiaries • Federal Government of Somalia • Regional states • Local district authorities

COOPI'S NATIONAL AND LOCAL PARTNERS

Shaqodoon • SEDHURO

COOPI'S INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

ACF • ACTED • CISP• Concern World Wide-CWW • Norwegian Refugee Council-NRC • OXFAM • Save the Children • Terraperta • World Vision • SomReP (Somalia Resilience Program) • Somali Cash Consortium.

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COOPI'S DEVELOPMENT LINES

COOPI's priority areas of intervention in Somalia in the near future will be:

- **Emergency response**, through rapid response mechanisms to humanitarian crises caused by droughts, floods, and conflicts, including through multipurpose cash transfers;
- **Food security and livelihoods**, supporting agro-pastoral activities and fisheries, diversification of income sources, and restoration of productive activities, including through cash-for-work programs, with particular focus on women's economic empowerment;
- **Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)**, continuing to invest in sustainable water infrastructure, including through the use of renewable energy, and strengthening community management;
- **Disaster risk reduction and climate resilience**, strengthening the capacities of pastoral, agro-pastoral, fishing, internally displaced, and host communities to prevent and mitigate the effects of shocks, adapt to climate change, and adopt sustainable livelihood strategies;
- **Inclusive governance and social cohesion**, promoting community participation, conflict prevention, stabilization, and peacebuilding, through an integrated humanitarian-development-peace nexus approach.



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