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Somalia – Strengthening Climate Resilience in Urban Settlements

Country

Somalia

ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management Program Component

Improving urban and peri-urban resilience mechanisms in targeted Central, Eastern and Western African cities

Amount Approved

€400,000 / \$416,000

Duration

11/2024 – 11/2026

Context and Objectives

As one of the most climate-vulnerable countries globally, Somalia experiences frequent natural hazards, including severe droughts, floods, cyclones, and locust infestations. These climate shocks have disrupted economic growth, devastated crops, livestock, and exports, and led to widespread displacement. The country's ability to cope with climate hazards remains limited due to weak institutional capacity, ongoing conflict, and economic vulnerability. Integrating climate change considerations into Somalia's development agenda is essential for navigating these challenges.

The objective of this project is to contribute to strengthening climate resilient urban development in Somalia, by supporting city-level diagnostics assessing specific climate hazards and localized impacts at the neighborhood level and identify pathways for strengthening climate resilience in urban planning and upgrading in key cities.

Main Activities and Expected Results

Diagnostic Work for Climate Resilient Urban Development

This activity includes several studies that aim to map the physical and built environment within target municipalities; develop realistic options for hazard protection, including nature-based solutions and early warning systems; and develop a diagnostic tool to help the government make informed and objective investment decisions.

Expected Results:

- Better informed investment decisions in the sphere urban climate resilience.
- Improved harmonization and coordination between sub-national and national systems of early warning and early action.
- Strengthened institutional capacities for climate adaptation in urban settlements.

Partnerships and Coordination

The World Bank implements this project in close coordination with the Ministry of Public Works, Reconstruction, and Housing; participating municipalities (Garowe, Baidoa, Mogadishu and possibly Kismayo); and in consultation with the Somalia Disaster Management Agency. The World Bank also coordinates its efforts with the EU Delegation in Somalia.