

# Strengthening police accountability and access to justice in Somalia



This project is aimed at establishing peace and stabilization in fragile parts of Somalia by strengthening the security and justice architecture. It is an integral part of DFID's Somalia Security and Justice Programme, and is in line with the Somalia Development Plan on strengthening police and access to justice institutions. The



programme focuses on facilitating a community –focused, effective and accountable police architecture in south central Somalia. It resonates with the new police model, and is also supporting processes to make traditional conflict resolution mechanisms more representative and capable of solving civil disputes and aligning with the formal justice sector in south-central Somalia.

## Overall Goal:

Is to contribute to peace and stabilization of fragile parts of Somalia by strengthening the security and justice architecture.



## Outcome

**Our desired outcome is a more inclusive, effective and accountable security and justice institution in Somalia, premised on the desire to see:**

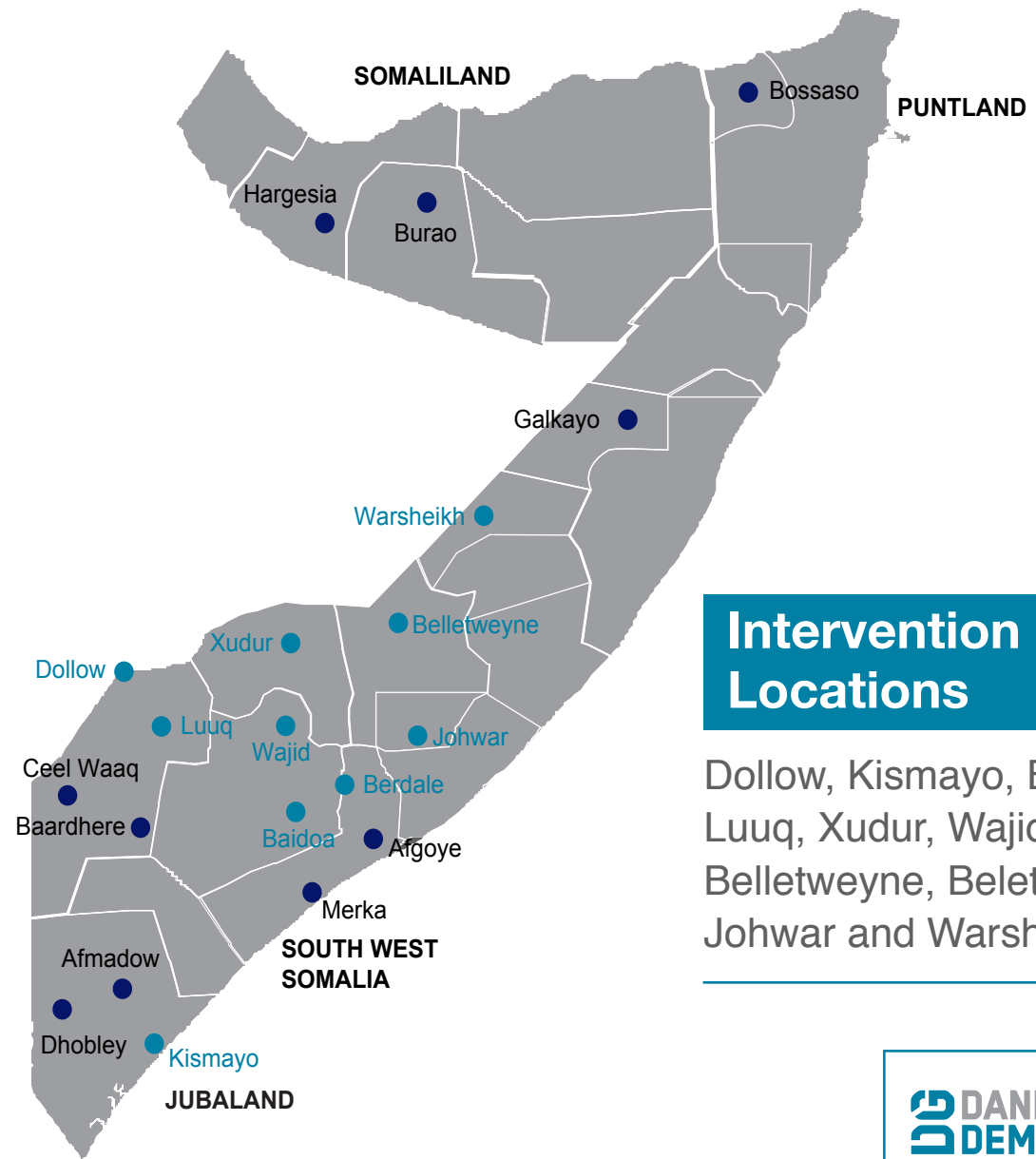
- a) A federal state police force, which is more effective, accountable and has increased community support,
- b) Increased access to justice through more representative and able traditional justice mechanism, and
- c) Working collaboration between traditional and formal justice





## Outputs

- Federal State Police understand and able to perform their basic roles in line with the New Policing Model and rights-based approach.
- Improved trust, collaboration and accountability between communities and Police Forces.
- Traditional justice mechanisms peacefully resolve civil disputes and ensure access to justice in an inclusive manner while allowing space for formal justice structures to improve their capacity in prosecuting criminal cases.
- Lessons learned from community-based initiatives are identified, analysed, endorsed and used by practitioners, policy makers at state and federal levels, and international partners



## Intervention Locations

Dollow, Kismayo, Baidoa, Luuq, Xudur, Wajid, Belletweyne, Belethawo, Johwar and Warsheikh



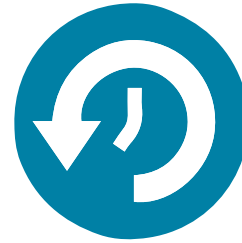
## Target Beneficiaries

Communities, Guurti Members, Legal aid providers, federal and federal state police officers/ officials in target locations.



## Progress Made in 2018:

Currently, the project is being implemented in 7 of the targeted districts while the project implementation will soon start in remaining three districts of Warsheikh, Waajid and Beletxaw. So far, 7 Community-Police Dialogue and Cooperation forums (CPDCs) have been established in all the seven districts and have started facilitating dialogues among different stakeholders. Community-police dialogue and collaboration forums have been organized in the seven districts at section level and town level. Except in Beletweyne, all the other 6 districts have had inclusive Guurti (an alternate



inclusive justice providing body) formation completed and working. In Jowhar, Kismayo, Baidoa, Dollow and Luuq there is a documented Xeer (traditional legal system) already in place and is being revised on a rolling basis to ensure that it is relevant to the issues presented by the context. Participatory conflict analysis training, conflict mediation training to Guurti and community members is ongoing. In all the districts, the security and justice forums have been established and made operational whereby four rounds of these forums have already taken place.

DDG is implementing this project in partnership with African Policing Oversight Forum (APCOF), Women, and Child Care Organisation (WOCCA), Somali Legal Aid Network.



Total Estimated target individuals: **12345**



Implementation period:  
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