

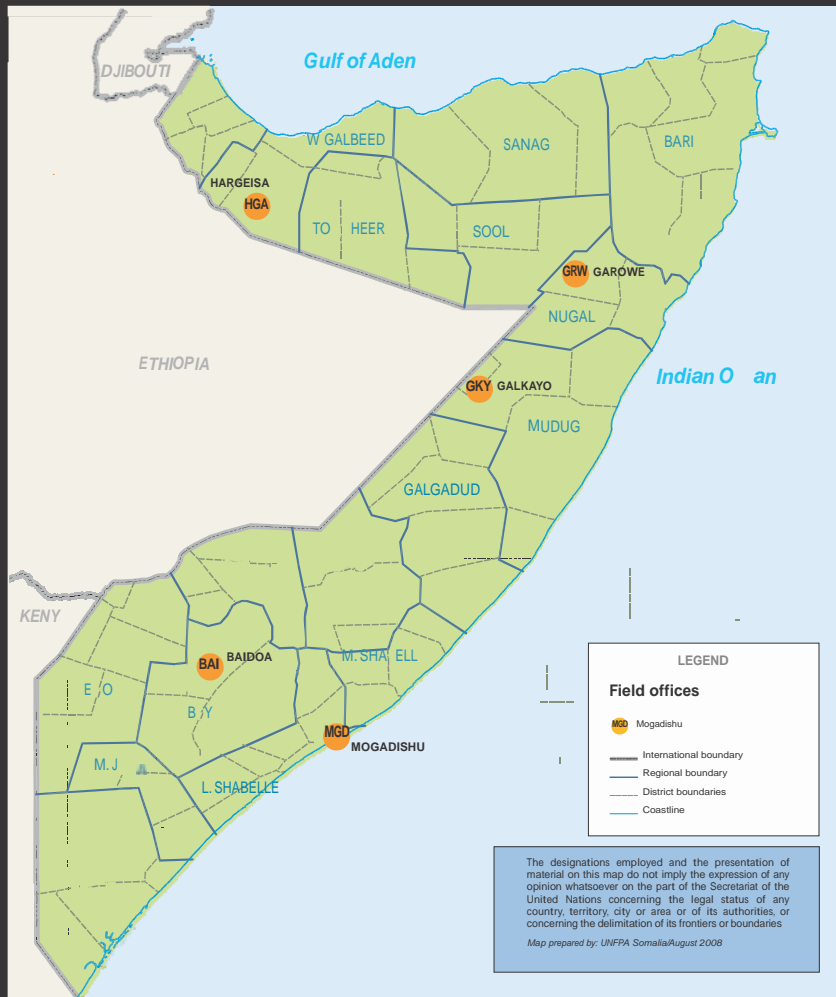
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## Solidarity in Crisis

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## SOMALIA

Population	7.9 million
Life expectancy	
Fertility rate	6.8 births per woman
Maternal mortality rate	1,044 deaths per 100,000 live births
Use of modern contraceptives	1.5% of women in fertile age
HIV/AIDS prevalence	0.9%
Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (estimate, among women aged 15-49)	98% have been circumcised, with 78% having experienced the extreme form of FGM (infibulated or type 3 circumcision).
Estimated number of IDPs	1.3 million

Source: ANC 2004, MICS 2006, UN OCHA 2008



## Protecting reproductive health in IDP camps

Every woman who is 6 months pregnant should have a clean delivery kit (CDK) at home. Throughout Somalia, the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) supplied this type of kits to mother and child facilities and to hospitals, as well as directly to beneficiaries in internally displaced persons (IDP) camps.

Women in Somalia usually deliver at home with the help of a traditional birth attendant. But when violence arises, displacement occurs. If a pregnant woman has to run, a CDK is not heavy and can be used for delivery wherever the women might be. Instead of delivering on the naked ground in their makeshift shelter, women have the minimum hygiene materials to have a safer delivery.

Despite the insecurity, UNFPA provided last July and August a total of 1500 CDKs to hospitals and health facilities in Baidoa and the surrounding areas. Preparing pregnant women living in IDP camps in case of another displacement, UNFPA, thanks to the teamwork of the members of the Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Working Group in Baidoa, visited 21 IDP settlements in and around the city and provided another 534 CDKs.

In one of the 21 IDP camps visited, Buule Wuslei Camp, UNFPA assisted a very marginalized minority group: the "Eyle-Hunters."

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## Empowering Somali Youth and Adolescents

UNFPA has developed a Framework for Action on Adolescents and Youth that articulates a corporate strategy for working with Governments and partners in promoting the comprehensive development of young people worldwide. In Somalia, UNFPA is fostering young people's leadership and promoting sexual and reproductive health among youth through trainings. UNFPA is supporting the Somaliland National Y-Peer Network and the Somali Family Services in Puntland.

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UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, is an international development agency that promotes the right of every woman, man and child to enjoy a life of health and equal opportunity. UNFPA supports countries in using population data for policies and programmes to reduce poverty and to ensure that every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, every young person is free of HIV/AIDS, and every girl and woman is treated with dignity and respect.

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