

# Somalia

## Protection Cluster

### 2024 Response Strategy



## Background and context

In 2024, the Cluster will continue to engage in dialogue with protection partners, conflict-affected communities, to ensure their participation in the protection response and their feedback in reaching the most vulnerable and in need, as well as local authorities to adjust the response to changing needs and programmatic exigencies. In this regard, the Cluster will ensure core protection principles and adherence to protection standards; inclusion of diverse populations in protection programs; the do no harm approach; and the centrality of protection.

The protection response plan for 2024 is anchored on four strategic pillars: **protection of civilians, response prioritization, integrated approaches across sectors, and operationalization of frontline protection responses**. With each of these pillars, the protection clusters seek to not end up in a siloed response but to represent an added value to the inter-sectoral coordination and response and, thus, to the centrality of protection across the humanitarian response in Somalia.

Protection is prioritizing responses to these two shocks:

**Climate change-related disasters:** The current response to ‘El Niño’ flooding is already showing the focus of the Protection Cluster in carrying out integrated approaches with sectors such as food security, shelter, and CCCM on ensuring the inclusion of persons with specific needs (PSN) among displaced populations, notably persons with disabilities, older people, minorities, and marginalized groups.

**Conflict:** The risk of armed conflict—either non-international or intra-clan—ranks the highest in terms of likelihood and impact for 2024 in Somalia. The operationalization of a frontline response in conflict-affected areas has been discussed and agreed upon with a range of protection partners, covering protection analysis to specialized protection agencies, and considers an early action response package for newly displaced and civilian populations in hard-to-reach areas and the strengthening of the capacity of affected communities as first-line responders.

## Humanitarian Needs & Response Plan (HNRP) 2024 - Protection

 **857K**

People in Need

 **643K**

Targeted people

 **\$24M**

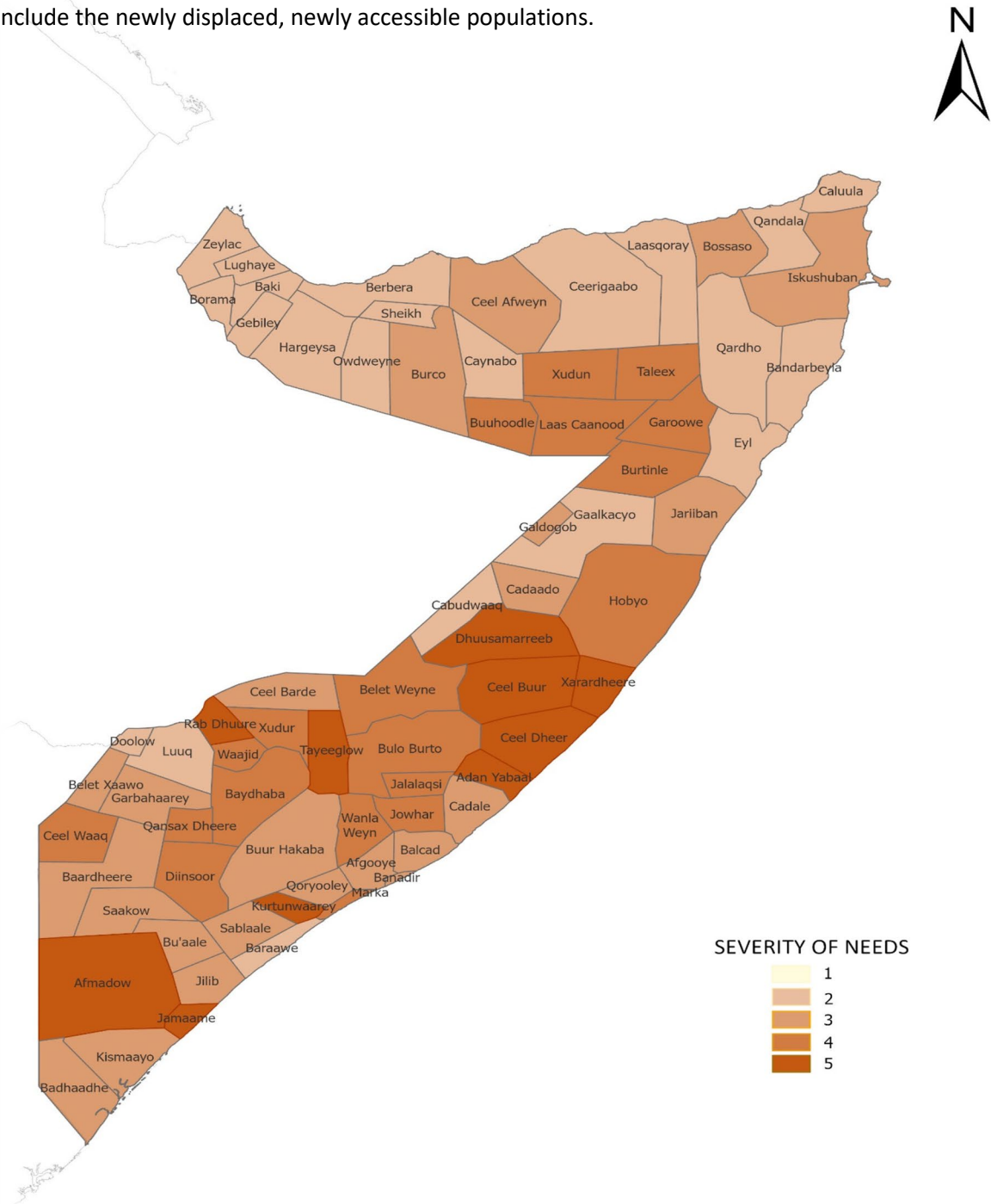
2024 Requirement

## Protection Cluster 2024 Objectives

Protection Cluster Objectives	Protection Cluster Outcome Indicators	Protection Cluster Activities
<p><b>Protection Cluster Objective 1A:</b> Delivery of specialized protection services.</p> <p>Provide quality specialized protection services and assistance to prevent, mitigate and respond to protection risks faced by drought and conflict-affected people with specific protection needs and/or at heightened risk.</p>	<p># of individuals reached with specialized protection services and/or assistance, including case management, individual protection assistance (IPA), psycho-social support (PSS), emergency protection assistance (EPA) and referrals</p>	<p>Protection Case Management (PCM)</p> <p>Supported Referrals for Protection Cases</p> <p>Individual Protection Assistance (IPA)</p> <p>Psychosocial Support (PSS)</p> <p>Mobile Protection Teams in Hard-to-Reach Areas</p> <p>Mobile Protection</p> <p>Emergency Protection Assistance</p> <p>Coordination of the implementation of the protection activities</p>
<p><b>Protection Cluster Objective 1B:</b> Exclusion and Denial of Assistance</p> <p>Mitigate and address the risks of exclusion and denial of assistance and services to those displaced or at risk of displacement by conflict, environmental and other shocks.</p>	<p>#of individuals with specific needs (persons with disability (PwD), elderly, minority and marginalized groups), included in protection response and activities</p>	<p>Inclusion of individuals with specific needs (persons with disability (PwD), elderly, minority, and marginalized groups), included in protection response and activities</p>
<p><b>Protection Cluster Objective 2A:</b> Capacity Building</p> <p>Enhance capacity of community members and key stakeholders to prevent, mitigate and respond to protection risks.</p>	<p># of individuals reached through community-based protection (CBP) interventions</p> <p># of individuals reached through capacity building on protection issues</p>	<p>Community-led Protection initiatives / community self-protection</p> <p>Capacity-Building on Protection Issues</p>
<p><b>Protection Cluster Objective 2B:</b> Displacement</p> <p>Mitigate the risks of persistent and multiple displacements by increasing access and humanitarian assistance in areas of origin, en route, and in areas of settlement.</p>	<p># of monitors located in the conflict affected districts.</p>	<p>Protection and Return Monitoring Network monitors in conflict affected districts</p>
<p><b>Protection Cluster Objective 3:</b> Protection of Civilians</p> <p>Support humanitarian actors across all sectors on emerging threats to the safety of civilians and that they are systematically addressed through appropriate coordination mechanisms in conflict affected areas.</p>	<p># of Protection of Civilian Analysis conducted</p>	<p>Protection of Civilians analyses</p>

## Response Scope for 2024

Following the joint global methodology, the Protection Cluster and Areas of Responsibilities (AoRs) in Somalia have defined an overarching protection People in Need and overall severity targeting priority districts, of which 10 are categorized as level 5 and 19 districts categorized as severity Level 4. These 29 districts are primary conflict-affected districts where the population is facing a higher level of protection risks, and the clusters identified bigger protection response gaps. Protection Cluster and partners will be systematically prioritizing these districts to carry out each of the four pillars of the response strategy: protection of civilians through integrated approaches across sectors, and operationalization of frontline protection responses. The targeted populations for response in 2024 include the newly displaced, newly accessible populations.



## Prioritized districts by Protection for 2024

State	REGION	DISTRICT	Overarching scale	Overarching_Protection_PiN
Disputed Area	Sool	Laas Caanood	4	95,075
Disputed Area	Sool	Taleex	4	19,539
Disputed Area	Sool	Xudun	4	23,542
Galmudug	Galgaduud	Ceel Buur	5	21,730
Galmudug	Galgaduud	Ceel Dheer	5	21,047
Galmudug	Galgaduud	Dhuusamarreeb	5	76,529
Galmudug	Mudug	Xarardheere	5	16,381
Galmudug	Mudug	Hobyo	4	28,768
Hirshabelle	Middle Shabelle	Adan Yabaal	5	20,317
Hirshabelle	Hiraan	Belet Weyne	4	94,728
Hirshabelle	Hiraan	Bulo Burto	4	17,617
Hirshabelle	Hiraan	Jalalaqsi	4	14,656
Hirshabelle	Middle Shabelle	Jowhar	4	86,677
Jubaland	Lower Juba	Afmadow	5	119,513
Jubaland	Lower Juba	Jamaame	5	89,513
Jubaland	Gedo	Ceel Waaq	4	18,062
Puntland	Nugaal	Burtinle	4	32,462
Puntland	Nugaal	Garoowe	4	146,546
Somaliland	Togdheer	Buuhoodle	4	43,492
South-West	Bakool	Rab Dhuure	5	17,879
South-West	Bakool	Tayeeglow	5	33,026
South-West	Lower Shabelle	Kurtunwaarey	5	15,239
South-West	Bay	Diinsoor	4	42,193
South-West	Bay	Baydhaba	4	386,602
South-West	Bay	Qansax Dheere	4	62,422
South-West	Bakool	Waajid	4	20,727
South-West	Bakool	Xudur	4	27,035
South-West	Lower Shabelle	Marka	4	80,483
South-West	Lower Shabelle	Wanla Weyn	4	57,791

## Key strategic priorities for 2024

In an effort of strengthening the integration of humanitarian response in Somalia, the Protection Cluster response strategy aligns with the Integrated Response Framework (IRF) and Area Based Coordination (ABC) with regard to prioritizing operationalization of frontline protection responses within its strategic priorities for 2024. In addition, **Inclusion of People with Special Needs (PSN) marginalized and minority groups, referral of protection cases and protection of civilians** have been prioritized for 2024 protection response.

### Operationalization of frontline protection responses

Ensure protection principles and adherence to protection standards as well as inclusion of diverse populations in protection programs, for the newly displaced and civilian populations in hard-to-reach areas. As such, also provide protection life-saving emergency assistance.

### Response prioritization

Expand with other clusters the protection workstream on the inclusion of persons with specific needs (PSN) among the displaced population, notably persons with disabilities, older people, minorities, and marginalized groups at risk of exclusion.

### Protection of Civilians

Ensure PoC remains central to protection response and advocating for centrality of protection through timely and evidence-based protection analysis, focusing on the risks to civilians in hard-to-reach and conflict-affected areas.

### Integrated approaches across sectors

Ensure an integrated approach to response and value add to the inter-sectoral coordination and response in collaboration with other clusters i.e Fast track referrals, CFM etc

## Protection Cluster Logframe 2024

Cluster Objectives Protection Cluster Objectives	Cluster Indicator Outcome Indicator	Activities	Activity Indicators	Unit of Measurement	Target	Activity Description
<p><b>Protection Cluster Objective 1A:</b> Delivery of specialized protection services. Provide quality specialized protection services and assistance to prevent, mitigate and respond to protection risks faced by drought and conflict-affected people with specific protection needs and/or at heightened risk.</p>	<p># of individuals reached with specialized protection services and/or assistance, including case management, individual protection assistance (IPA), psycho-social support (PSS), emergency protection assistance (EPA) and referrals</p>	Protection Case Management (PCM)	# of adults facing protection risks assisted through protection case management	Individuals	2,000	For adults at heightened-risk and/or facing rights-violations, that are not GBV-related. Requires dedicated protection staff and includes: (1) Case Intake, (2) Protection Risk Assessment, (3) Case Action Planning, (4) Implementation of the Case Action Plan, (5) Follow Up & Monitoring, (6) Case Closure / Transfer
		Supported Referrals for Protection Cases	# of adults facing protection risks assisted through supported referrals	Individuals	40,000	For adults at heightened-risk and/or facing rights-violations, that are not GBV-related. Can include modalities such as protection desks and requires: - Case Intake, Protection Risk Assessment, and Referral to Services. Must include dedicated support to ensure meaningful access to referred services (facilitation, accompaniment, follow-up, and/or coverage of service costs, transport, logistics, etc).
		Individual Protection Assistance (IPA)	# of adults facing protection risks assisted through Individual Protection Assistance (IPA) - Cash	Individuals	35,000	One-time cash or non-cash assistance for individuals with specific protection needs to prevent exposure to further risks
			# of adults facing protection risks assisted through Individual Protection Assistance (IPA) - Non-Cash	Individuals	35,000	
		Psychosocial Support (PSS)	# of adults reached through Psychosocial Support (PSS) activities, including Psychological First Aid (PFA), individual and/or group-based PSS counselling, or structured community-based PSS interventions	Individuals	25,000	Psychosocial Support (PSS) services for adults facing protection needs, that are not GBV-related. These can include Psychological First Aid (PFA), individual PSS counselling, group-based PSS counselling, structured community-based PSS interventions
		Mobile Protection Teams in Hard-to-Reach Areas	# of missions conducted by mobile protection teams (including stand alone protection, as part of Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) or multi-sector mobile teams for hard-to-reach areas, etc.)	Mobile teams	25	Protection mobile teams' established to offer protection response as part of stand-alone missions, as part of Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) deployments, or multi-sector mobile teams for hard-to-reach areas, etc.
		Mobile Protection	# of individuals reached through the mobile protection teams in hard-to-reach areas	Individuals	5,000	For individuals in need of mobile protection response as part of stand-alone missions, as part of Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) deployments, or multi-sector mobile teams for hard-to-reach areas, etc.
		Emergency Protection Assistance	# of individuals facing protection risks assisted through Emergency Protection Assistance (EPA)	Individuals	75,000	
		Coordination of the implementation of the protection activities	# of protection activities implemented	Activities	13	Coordination of the implementation of the protection response

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<p><b>Protection Cluster Objective 2A: Capacity Building</b> Enhance capacity of community members and key stakeholders to prevent, mitigate and respond to protection risks.</p>	<p># of individuals reached through community-based protection (CBP) interventions</p>	<p>Community-led Protection initiatives / community self protection</p>	<p># of individuals reached through community-based protection activities and/or interventions</p>	<p>Individuals</p>	<p>148,926</p>	<p><i>Including supporting community-based protection structures and initiatives, protection desks, community risk analysis and action plans, among others</i></p>
			<p># of community-based protection initiatives established and/or supported</p>	<p>Initiatives</p>	<p>300</p>	<p><i>Establishment or continued support to community-based protection committees</i></p>
			<p>Community complaint and feedback mechanism in conflict affected areas</p>	<p>System</p>	<p>1</p>	<p><i>Establishment of complaint and feedback mechanism</i></p>
	<p># of individuals reached through capacity building on protection issues</p>	<p>Capacity-Building on Protection Issues</p>	<p># of community members who received training and/or capacity-building on protection issues, including members of community-based protection committees</p>	<p>Individuals</p>	<p>125,374</p>	<p><i>Including capacity-building of community members, local and/or national authorities, humanitarian actors, and/or key stakeholders on protection issues (i.e.: protection mainstreaming, protection principles, CBP, protection risk analysis, humanitarian negotiation for protection outcomes, safe identification &amp; referrals of protection cases, etc.)</i></p>
<p># of staff from humanitarian organizations, government, and/or key stakeholders who received training and/or capacity-building on protection issues</p>	<p>Individuals</p>		<p>700</p>			
<p><b>Protection Cluster Objective 2B: Displacement</b> Mitigate the risks of persistent and multiple displacements by increasing access and humanitarian assistance in areas of origin, en route, and in areas of settlement.</p>	<p># of monitors located in the conflict affected districts.</p>	<p>Protection and Return Monitoring Network in conflict affected districts</p>	<p># of monitors located in the conflict affected districts.</p>		<p>15</p>	<p><i>Protection monitoring conducted in conflict affected districts and/or assessment reports that have been developed and shared with partners or key stakeholders</i></p>
<p><b>Protection Cluster Objective 3: Protection of Civilians</b> Support humanitarian actors across all sectors on emerging threats to the safety of civilians and that they are systematically addressed through appropriate coordination mechanisms in conflict affected areas.</p>	<p># of Protection of Civilian Analysis conducted</p>	<p>Protection of Civilians</p>	<p># of Protection of Civilian Analysis conducted</p>	<p>Reports</p>	<p>20</p>	<p><i>Protection of Civilians analysis / reports that have been conducted and shared with the key partners and stakeholders</i></p>





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