

“A Refugee Camp in the Heart of the City”
Fact Sheet: SOMALIA

Internally Displaced People (IDPs)	1 million (sixth highest in the world) ¹
Refugees	457,000 (sixth highest in the world) ²
Refugees fled to	Kenya, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Yemen, South Africa
Conflict began in	1991
Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) began working there in	1991
MSF staff on the ground	654
MSF activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary health care • Treatment of malnutrition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War surgery • Water-and-sanitation programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccination • Epidemic responses
MSF concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of humanitarian space to reach large parts of the country due to insecurity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeting of aid workers • Violence against civilians • High rates of malnutrition among children • Difficulty for population to reach health structures because of fighting

- Insecurity overshadows all of MSF's work in Somalia. The past year has seen an escalation of violence as fighting intensified between the Transitional Federal Government, groups linked to the Union of Islamic Courts and various other armed factions, particularly in the capital, Mogadishu.
- Thousands of people have fled Mogadishu and now live in makeshift shelters with limited access to food and clean water, leading to increased medical needs in a country with an already weakened health system.
- MSF has 14 projects in 11 Somali regions. In 2007, MSF's medical teams performed more than 2,500 surgical operations, 520,000 outpatient consultations and admitted around 23,000 patients to hospital.

For more information visit www.doctorswithoutborders.org/somalia

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¹ SOURCE: Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre: "Internal Displacement: Global Overview of Trends and Developments in 2007" (April 2008). For latest data visit <http://www.internal-displacement.org>

² SOURCE: UNHCR: "2007 Global Trends" (June 2008)