

Progress in Somalia country in 2022

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Somalis, particularly women and youth, benefit from and participate in functional, inclusive, accountable, and transparent democratic systems across all levels of government and governmental institutions.

In 2022 UN Women Somalia provided support to women to empower them to participate in the electoral process. The number of female parliamentarians dropped from 24 to 20% in the 2022 elections, however 2022 also saw the election of the 1st female deputy speaker of the House of the People. This is a critical win for the GEWE agenda in Somalia and reflects progress towards women's increased participation in democratic systems, including at the highest level of government in the Federal Government of Somalia. The first deputy speaker has declared her intention to leverage her power and influence to advocate for the full implementation of the GEWE agenda in Somalia, and specifically the passing and implementation of legislation that protects and promotes the rights of women and girls, including the right to live a life free from violence, including sexual and gender based violence (as outlined in the 2018 Sexual Offences Bill).

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Al-Shabaab is reduced and degraded, and respect, protection, and promotion of human rights, gender equality, tolerance, climate security, and environmental governance is sustained through strengthened security and rule of law institutions and improved accountability mechanisms and legal frameworks

The Federal Government of Somalia has declared war on al-Shabaab as part of the Government's stabilisation agenda. While the government has made some advances in liberating some parts of Somalia from al-Shabaab's control, the terrorist group remains a threat to peace and security in Somalia, and continues to undermine the rights of women and girls, consistently taking a cultural standpoint that contradicts the gender equality and women's empowerment agenda. Under the Joint Programme on Women, Peace and Protection, UN Women Somalia is working with the Ministry of Women and Human Rights Development at the Federal Government Level and at the Federal Member States to protect and promote the rights of women and girls in Somalia in the context of drought and conflict. The project will contribute to the strengthening of the capacity of security and rule of law institutions to prevent and respond to violations against women and girls, including conflict related sexual violence, the perpetrators who often include members of al-Shabaab.

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The UN system coherently and systematically contributes to progress on gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls

UN Women Somalia serves as the technical lead in the provision of support to state and non-state actors for the development and implementation of progressive and transformative policies and programmes in the pursuit of gender equality and women's empowerment. UN Women Somalia, under the Joint Rule of Law programme and the Joint Programme on Women, Peace and Protection has been providing support for the

implementation of strategic priority pillar 1 on inclusive politics and strategic priority pillar 2 on security and the rule of law under the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework. The interventions led and supported by UN Women are contributing to steady progress on the GEWE agenda in Somalia, including through building the capacity of female leaders to advocate for the adoption of policies and legislation that protects and promotes the rights of women and girls in Somalia and supporting the launch and implementation of the Somalia National Action Plan which calls for women's leadership and participation in the cycle of peace and security processes.

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Outcome: An integrated national Programme for human capital development is established, increasing access to market-based skills for all – including the most marginalized and vulnerable groups – and safeguarding their rights.

No change.