



# **CAPACITY STATEMENT BUILDING SUSTAINABLE PEACE AND SOCIAL COHESION IN SOMALIA**

### Introduction:

Somalia's path to lasting peace remains complex due to historical grievances, social fragmentation, and recurring regional conflicts. These factors impede social cohesion and undermine efforts towards stability. Addressing these deep-seated issues demands a multifaceted approach that builds trust, foster collaboration, and strengthens community resilience.

### **World Vision's Role:**

World Vision (WV) is a leading humanitarian and development organization with a proven track record in peacebuilding and social cohesion. We leverage our global expertise and successful interventions to promote social harmony and inclusive governance in Somalia.

## **Our Approach:**



. Context-Specific Interventions:

WV prioritizes a blended politicaleconomic analysis in our interventions. This analysis considers how political dynamics, economic disparities, and historical grievances contribute to social fragmentation. This understanding guides our peacebuilding and social cohesion programming in specific regions.



**Strengthening Community-Based Systems:** Building strong community governance structures is crucial. WV empowers local communities and strengthens existing self-help mechanisms. This fosters bottom-up approaches to peacebuilding and social cohesion within our operational areas.



Empowering Civil Society and Government: We focus on enhance **Government:** We focus on enhancing the capacity of civil society and government actors to lead peacebuilding initiatives. This includes advocating for policies that promote sustainable peace, inclusive governance, and equitable access to services and protection for all Somalis.



**Political, Economic, and Conflict Analysis Tools:** World Vision Somalia

utilizes rigorous analysis tools like; Do No Harm (DNH), Making Sense Of Turbulent Contexts (MSTC) and Good Enough Context Analysis For Rapid Response (GECARR) to understand the root causes, dynamics, and stakeholder involvement in conflict-affected regions. This analysis informs targeted interventions that address these underlying issues.



5. Fostering Social Cohesion and Integration: WV tackles social

fragmentation through programs that address discrimination, exclusion, and marginalization. We advocate for highlevel policies to eradicate discriminatory practices and promote inclusivity. We also work with communities to shift mindsets and challenge harmful traditional norms.



**Community Engagement and Religious Leaders:** WV prioritizes community engagement, particularly with religious leaders, to ensure local voices are valued throughout the peacebuilding process.



We equip them with skills, knowledge, and resources for conflict prevention, management, and resolution.



8. Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening: WV collaborates with government institutions and civil society to share peacebuilding and social cohesion expertise. We provide training, technical assistance, and knowledge sharing to enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of local peacebuilding initiatives.



7. Youth and Gender Empowerment:
Recognizing the crucial role of youth and gender equality in peacebuilding, we prioritize programs that empower young people and promote gender inclusivity. We offer training, mentorship, and leadership opportunities to enable young people and women to drive positive change within their communities.

#### **Our Commitment:**

World Vision's unwavering dedication to sustainable peace, social justice, and community empowerment guides our peacebuilding interventions in Somalia. Through a blend of political-economic analysis, community-based approaches, and collaborative partnerships, we are committed to building peaceful and cohesive societies where all Somalis can thrive.

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