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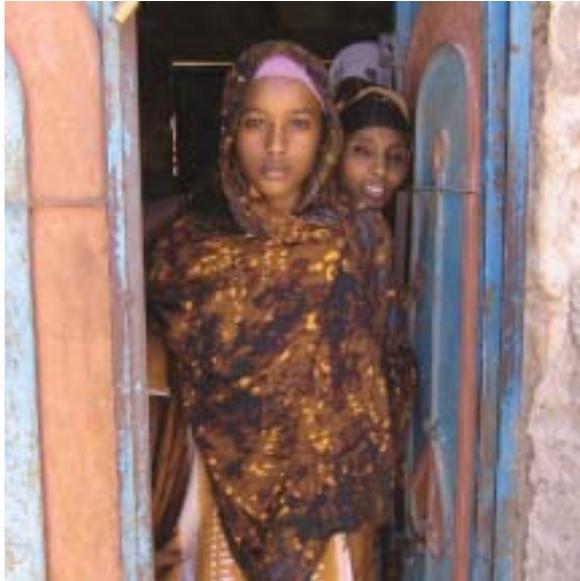
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Abbreviations and Acronyms

AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
CCA	Common Country Assessment
CCF	Country Cooperation Framework
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
DHL	Document Handlers Limited
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation
FEWS NET	Famine Early Warning Systems Network
FSAU	Food Security Assessment Unit
HDI	Human Development Index
HF	High Frequency
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
IDP	Internationally Displaced Persons
IFRC	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
LICUS	Low Income Countries Under Stress
MCH	Mother and Child Healthcare
MDG	Millennium Development Goals
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
OPD	Out Patient Department
PCF	Post Conflict Fund
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
SWB	Somalia Watching Brief
TBA	Traditional Birth Attendant
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children’s Fund
UNIFEM	United Nations Development Fund for Women
WBI	World Bank Institute
WHO	World Health Organisation

Foreword

It gives us great pleasure to present this Socio-economic Survey Report on Somalia, conducted in 2002. This report is the outcome of a multi-sectoral nationwide household survey, the first of its kind in Somalia for over two decades. The report provides statistics on demographic and housing characteristics, access to basic services, household income and employment, modes of communication and women's participation in family decision making and community-level activities, among other things. Individually, these statistics provide valuable information on different facets of socio-economic characteristics, and together they reflect to a certain extent, the well-being of an average Somali household.



Timely availability of reliable disaggregated data on demographic, economic and social sectors is critical to planning, programming and informed policy and decision-making in the Somali context. Baseline statistics on an array of development indicators and their periodic updates are essential for efficient programme formulation, monitoring and impact assessment. Even before the civil war, there was a scarcity of economic and social statistics at a disaggregated level on Somalia, which was worsened by the civil war and the collapse of planning and economic management institutions. After identification of the current needs, UNDP and the World Bank are now jointly implementing a programme under the Somalia Watching Brief, which is co-financed with the World Bank's Post Conflict Fund, to set up data collection systems, strengthen Somali statistical institutions and support the establishment of a statistical database to monitor socio-economic conditions and macro-economic situations. This report is the first in a series of joint Bank/UNDP statistical reports to build up the socio-economic database addressing the data needs and gaps felt by the Somali and

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international community. These Watching Brief activities will be subsequently built upon and strengthened through the joint Bank/UNDP re-engagement strategy for Somalia, with the collaboration of other development partners.

We are grateful to the team headed by Dr. K.N.S. Nair, Programme Coordinator, Somalia Watching Brief and Poverty Reduction and Economic Recovery Programmes, UNDP for undertaking and completing this task. Special thanks are due to Ms. Mariam Alwi, the National Coordinator, Mr. Richard Ng'etich, Data Processing Associate, UNDP and Ms. Priya Gajraj, Somalia Officer, World Bank. We would also like to express our gratitude to Messrs Maxwell Gaylard, UNDP Resident Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator and Randolph Kent, Former UNDP Resident Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator. We would also like to acknowledge the support of a number of World Bank colleagues, in particular the Conflict Prevention and Reconstruction team, Low-Income Countries under Stress (LICUS) unit, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management network, and the World Bank Institute. Our thanks are also due to a number of UNDP colleagues, in particular Mr. El-Balla Hagona, Ms. Susan Kavanagh, Mr. Dirk Boberg, Mr. Eddie Boyle, Mr. Abdusalam Omer, Mr. David Allen and Ms. Laila Shamji for their support. The survey was implemented with the participation of functional Somali administrations, which we would particularly like to thank for their collaboration. A number of organisations and SACB partners extended their support at different stages from formulating the questionnaire to drafting and reviewing the report, in particular FAO, FEWS NET, FSAU, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNIFEM, WBI and WHO. We are thankful to all of these institutions as well as to the Statistical Working Group for their assistance.

It is envisaged that this initiative will accelerate the compilation of a poverty profile and mapping of poverty in Somalia. Over time, rebuilding critical macro-economic and socio-economic data will be essential to understanding and monitoring the macro-economic situation and for informed policy formulation to best meet the Somali needs.



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Somalia at a glance - 2002

Estimated population		
	Somalia (Million)	6.8 (7.5, pre-war)
	Urban (%)	34 (23.5)
Unemployment status (%)		
	Somalia	47.4
	Urban	61.5
	Rural and nomadic	4.7
Child employment (5-9 years) %		
	Somalia	
	Male	9.7
	Female	8.2
	Urban	
	Male	4.3
	Female	1.9
	Rural and nomadic	
	Male	16.1
	Female	15.7
Per capita household income (\$)		
	Somalia	226
	Urban	291
	Rural and nomadic	195
Extreme poverty (share of population with per capita income less than \$1 PPP per day, %)		
	Somalia	43.2
	Urban	23.5
	Rural and nomadic	53.4
Adult literacy (%)		
	Somalia	19.2 (24)
	Urban	34.9
	Rural and nomadic	10.9

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Gross primary school enrolment rate (%)		
	Somalia	16.9
	Boys	20.8
	Girls	12.7
Population with access to at least one health facility (available and affordable, %)		
	Somalia	54.8 (28)
	Urban	62.7
	Rural and nomadic	36.4
Population with access to safe (treated) water (%)		
	Somalia	20.5 (29)
	Urban	53.1
	Rural and nomadic	4.1
Population with access to sanitation (sanitary means of excreta disposal, %)		
	Somalia	49.8 (18)
	Urban	93.0
	Rural and nomadic	28.2
Housing characteristics/structure (%)		
	Permanent	24.1
	Semi-permanent	56.5
	Temporary	19.3
No. of radios per 1000 population		
	Somalia	98.5 (4)
	Urban	139.0
	Rural and nomadic	78.2
No. of telephones per 1000 population		
	Somalia	14.9 (1.92)
	Urban	35.6
	Rural and nomadic	4.5

Note: Figures in parenthesis correspond to pre-war period (1987-1990)

