

Somalis live in extremely challenging livelihood conditions: 43% of the population lives on less than US\$1 a day; and 73% survive on less than US\$2 a day<sup>1</sup>. 65% of the population depend on remittances from relatives abroad, subsistence farming and livestock, with limited opportunity to earn wages. The fishery sector is under-developed and is penalized by poor conservation and transportation means.

Demographic Information	Very Poor	Poor	Middle	B
Percentage Population by Wealth Group	10	30	45	
Population	5,910	17,730	26,600	
Average Household Size	7	7	8	

Source: UNDP Somalia, 2005

The food security situation continues to deteriorate as a result of cumulative effects of cyclical and scarce rainfall, increased livestock asset losses, reduced number of marketable animals, decreased milk production and high cereals prices. Lack of alternative livelihood opportunities, together with scarce education and employment possibilities exacerbate the situation and heavily affect the population and the youth in particular.

## CISP's livelihood efforts



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<sup>1</sup>FNSAU 2010