



The Somalia National Development Plan (2020-2024) prioritizes economic growth and poverty reduction, placing the role of the Somali diaspora at the centre of an economic development agenda that aligns with IOM’s Migration for Development in Africa (MIDA) programme, 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and the Global Compact for Migration. The Somali diaspora are actively engaged in transnational activities. Their unique role as development actors whether politically, technically, financially, or culturally has vastly contributed towards humanitarian and state rebuilding efforts. The remittance flows into Somalia estimated at 1.5 billion in 2018 are an indication of the deep connection of Somali diaspora with their country of origin.

IOM will require **USD 7 million in 2022** to implement an impactful **3-year MIDA program** with 100 assignments, comprising 50 diaspora and 50 local professionals to work under the mentorship of the diaspora experts as well as support the **International Diaspora Conference**.

MIGRATION FOR DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (MIDA) PROGRAMME

Since 2009, IOM has been implementing the Migration for Development in Africa (MIDA) programme. The overall objective of the MIDA programme is to strengthen the capacity of state institutions in key sectors of government, through knowledge transfer from Somali diaspora. IOM facilitates the recruitment and return of highly qualified Somali diaspora on short term basis to enhance institutional capacity. The MIDA programme is based on a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach and in this regard supports a broad range of sectors including: Health, Education, Water Resources, Planning, Investments and Economic Development, Labour and Social Affairs, Rule of Law, Immigration.



Since inception of the MIDA program in 2009, the MIDA programme has placed about 737 MIDA diaspora assignments at various public institutions throughout Somalia and achieved tangible results.



FRAMEWORK FOR DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT IN SOMALIA

IOM is supporting the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in developing a Somalia National Diaspora Policy which will be a framework to guide the Federal government’s engagement with Somalia diaspora to support sustainable development in Somalia. To further strengthen prospects for direct investments and support innovation by diaspora entrepreneurs, IOM is supporting the government in a fundraising effort to convene an international diaspora conference that will bring together influential and high profile Somalis from countries across the globe to deliberate and craft strategies to boost investments and development initiatives driven by Somali diaspora in cooperation with the federal government of Somalia.

