



# Weekly Report

## Federal Republic of Somalia

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*“The problem with Somalia is that it has been in crisis for over 20 years...people more or less roll their eyes and think: ‘Pirates, terrorists, hunger and death, what can I do about that?’”, said Oxfam representative.*

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### ***Somali food crisis threatening the lives of 50,000 children***

- Aid agencies say that 50,000 children are “at death’s door” and 2.9 million Somalis are at risk of hunger as failing rains, severe malnourishment, continuing conflict and poor sanitation persist.
- Twenty three charities have united to appeal to the world for the urgent \$822 million shortfall in humanitarian funding with Somalia receiving only 12% of what it needs this year.
- Aid agency representatives fear a return to the famine conditions between October 2010 and April 2012 in which an estimated 258,000 people died including 133,000 under the age of five.
- Source: The Guardian

<http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2014/may/08/somalia-food-crisis-children>

### ***At least six killed in a bomb explosion in Somali capital, Mogadishu***

- al-Shabaab carried out the bomb attack and killed a prominent former government official.
- Police are uncertain if the attack was an improvised explosive device attached to the vehicle or left on the road and detonated by remote control.
- The attack left civilian and policemen among the dead.
- Source: BBC

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-27268938>

### ***Somalia is the world’s worst place to be a mother***

- The State of the World’s Mothers report from Save the Children revealed that over half of all maternal and child deaths occurring in countries are correlated with armed conflict and natural disasters, Somalia being home to both in extreme levels.
- Statistics of mortality rates indicate that it is more dangerous to be a woman or child than an armed fighter in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- The report concludes that Somalia is the worst place in the world to be a mother and was released the week North America prepares to celebrate Mother’s Day.
- Source: International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics

<http://www.figo.org/news/somalia-‘world’s-worst-place-be-mother’-0012195>