



# **SOMALIA EDUCATION STATUS REPORT 2012**

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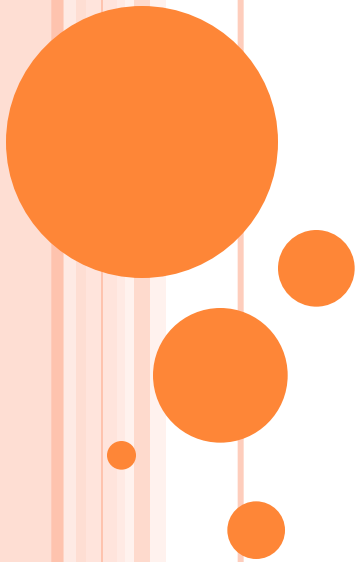
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## PERCENT OF THE POPULATION IN LITERACY

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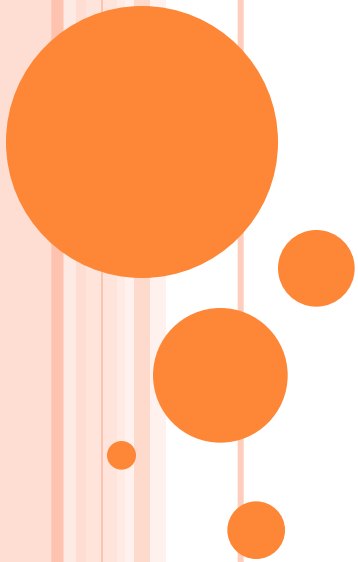
Somalia's protracted crisis has had a devastating effect on education. Only an estimated 20 percent of the population is literate.



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Somalia has one of the weakest and most poorly funded educational “systems” in the world.



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Political fragmentation and ongoing instability, insecurity, the widespread destruction of education infrastructure and lack of learning materials and trained personnel, combined with chronic poverty, pose serious challenges to agencies and organizations working to improve the educational opportunities in the country.

## **LEVELS OF EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

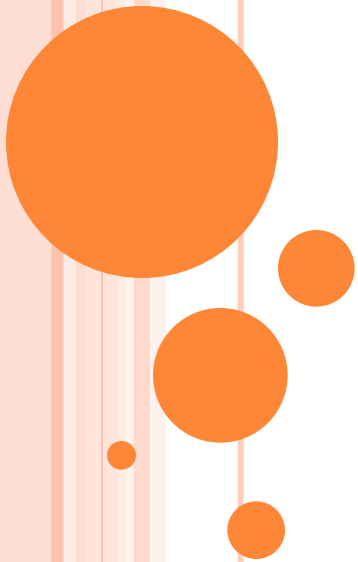
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**Low levels of education and literacy is a major socio-cultural factor. School enrolment remains low, with a gross enrolment in primary school of only 31%. Overall female adult literacy rate is estimated to be 25%.**

## **RATE OF CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL**

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**Approximately 1.8 million children aged between 5-17 years are out of school in South and Central Somalia alone, according to rapid assessment conducted by the Education Cluster in ten regions in 2011.**



## STATE OF TEACHERS

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Of concern to the education cluster are reported cases of teachers abandoning the teaching profession in some parts of Somalia due to lack of incentives. The cluster is currently undertaking a rapid assessment to establish the schools affected and the number of teachers who have left.



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**ANY QUESTIONS**

