

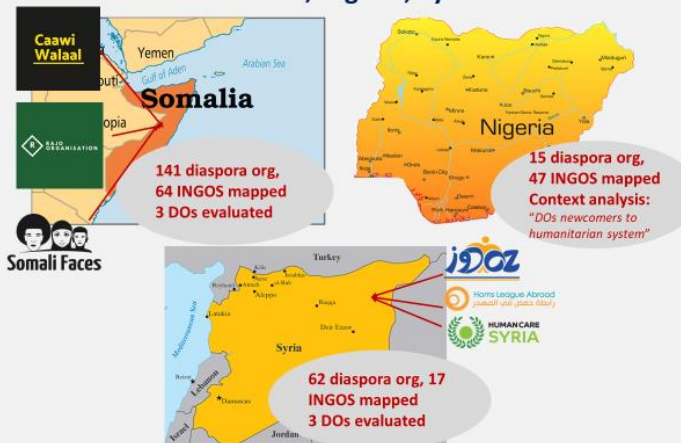
Project name	Diaspora Emergency Action and Coordination (DEMAC)
Project dates	01 May 2017 – 30 September 2019
Project Partners	Danish Refugee Council, AFFORD, Berghof Foundation
Beneficiaries	50 diaspora organisations
Donors	DG ECHO, DANIDA, HLA

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

INCREASED EVIDENCE AND KNOWLEDGE ON DIASPORA HUMANITARIAN ENGAGEMENT

Through research, concrete diaspora interventions and networks with local partners and affected communities in Syria, Somalia and Nigeria and neighboring countries were identified and evaluated with a view to substantiate the posited added value of diaspora engagement in humanitarian crises.

Focus on humanitarian diaspora organisations (DOs) in Somalia, Nigeria, Syria



Replacing mistrust with evidence on Diaspora contributions

Diaspora emotional humanitarianism:

- Filling a gap in term of rapidity and access (Syria, Somalia)
- Locally-led response: reactive to local needs with local responders
- Highly trusted and valued by affected populations,
- Naturally work on both ends of the humanitarian-development nexus
- Cost-effective and maximizing aid
- Not visible and not engaged in coordination structures
- Amplifying voices of communities
- Using innovative and flexible approaches

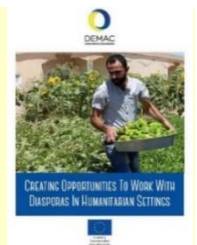
Interest in Diasporas from humanitarian community:

- Links with community and local partners,
- Access
- Participation & Accountability to Affected populations
- Protection,
- Localization of aid,
- Humanitarian-development nexus
- Transfer of skills,
- Advocacy

There is clearly more pressure on diasporas to fall in line with existing structures than flexibility to allow new actors with a different profile to join the humanitarian effort

DEMAC report "[Creating Opportunities to Work with Diasporas in Humanitarian Settings](#)"

- **16 recommendations** for diaspora organisations (DOs), DEMAC, donors, governments
- **+500 targeted recipients** of the DEMAC report
- **Public presentations** with Danish Institute for International Studies (Copenhagen) & the Global Protection Cluster - Child Protection Area of Responsibility (Geneva)
- **DEMAC report shared** on humanitarian networks ([ReliefWeb](#), [ALNAP](#), IOM platform [iDiaspora](#))



+50 DIASPORA ORGANISATIONS HAVE IMPROVED TECHNICAL & OPERATIONAL CAPACITY TO PREPARE AND RESPOND TO HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES

- **239 users** of the [DEMAC eLearning](#): **10 diaspora humanitarian courses** available in English and in Arabic at [Kaya](#)
- **21 Syrian participants** in webinar on consortium management with DRC
- **44 diaspora participants** in webinar on data exchange with HDX and DRC
- **14 diaspora organisations** received two days training on MEAL & ToT (Berlin)
- **12 diaspora organisations** received three days training on Core Humanitarian Standards, duty of care and security (London)
- Mentoring and peer to peer learning opportunities arranged: **three local organisations in Syria and Somalia** received mentoring support from three diaspora mentors
- **14 local Nigerian organisations** recognized opportunities to benefit from collaboration with Nigerian diaspora in training, technical support



IMPROVED LINKS & COORDINATION BETWEEN DIASPORAS AND HUMANITARIAN SYSTEM



Targeted formal humanitarian and diaspora-led humanitarian actors recognize their complementary roles and are better able to leverage each other's capacity, resources and expertise for the overall humanitarian response effort.

- **Diaspora focal points in Syria and Somalia** have been operational since March 2018 to improve humanitarian coordination and share information with diaspora actors engaged in humanitarian response.
- **60 participants reflected on how to enhance collaboration with diasporas in humanitarian response** with the contribution of DEMAC as part of OCHA's 2017 Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week.
- **60 Somali & Syrian DOs** participated in **seven humanitarian coordination workshops** in five European countries.
- **30 humanitarians** discussed opportunities to work with diasporas in humanitarian settings during a seminar organised by DEMAC with the Global Protection Cluster Child Protection AoR and UNICEF in Geneva.
- After a concerted effort **five Somali DOs connected with DEMAC** were granted a total of **USD 620.483** from the Danish Emergency Relief Fund (DERF) to respond to the floods in Somalia in 2018.
- DEMAC have established regular skype calls with **three Syrian umbrella networks** in Europe (VDSH e.V./Germany, SCAN/UK, CODDSY/France)
- **14 members of DOs, UN, INGO** participated in the future of DEMAC workshop to frame the permanent platform.
- **A Joint DFID grant proposal** was submitted by an INGO and two Somali diaspora organisations.
- **Diasporas & DEMAC** mentioned in the **Somali Humanitarian Country Team "Centrality of Protection" Strategy**.
- **After joint advocacy efforts**, the Global Compact on Refugees programme of action mention explicitly Diasporas as stakeholder group.

WORLD HUMANITARIAN SUMMIT FOLLOW-UP WITH DIASPORA ORGANISATIONS ENSURED

DEMAC supported 15 out of 43 diaspora organisations that endorsed the Diaspora WHS commitments to live up and achieve the 17 commitments.



- **Four diaspora organisations** reported progress and achievements in three Core Responsibilities: *"Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity"*, *"Leave No One Behind"*, *"Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need"*
- **12 diaspora organisations** gained access to training opportunities
- **Two DEMAC Sierra Leonean diaspora organisations introduced to IOM** to take part in a health professional initiative
- **DEMAC progress report** available on [Agenda for Humanity](#)

DEMAC NETWORK AND OUTREACH

- **App. 70 diaspora org.** are actively connected & engaged with DEMAC
- **1,7 K users** of the DEMAC portal in September 2019
- **473 Humanitarian recipients** of DEMAC Emails
- **348 Humanitarians** received 5 DEMAC Newsletters
- **70 diaspora org. & 40 local organisations** registered on demac.org
- DEMAC is a member of the **H2H network**



588 followers
794 Tweets
1128 Likes



248 followers
78 Friends