

MIDA — Migration for Development in Africa: Somalia's Diaspora Skills-Return Programme

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Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

IOM's MIDA programme has placed 800+ diaspora and local professionals in Somali institutions since 2008; its Finland-backed phase (2023–2025) supported 200+ diaspora experts and 126 local mentees, though return figures vary by source and placements are short-term.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-14

[International Organization for Migration \(IOM\), with the Federal Government of Somalia and Finland \(MIDA FINNSOM\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-14

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