Protracted Complex Emergency: Somalia

Southern Somalia has experienced recent droughts (2011-12) and floods (2013) during a protracted conflict. War between the Al Shabaab rebel group and Somali and African Union forces drastically increased in 2010, and co-occurred with multiple additional forms of political violence throughout the state. As a result of this violence, over two million people are affected by humanitarian emergencies and crisis. 1.1 million are IDPs (15% of the population in the South) and 492,000 refugees live in Kenya. Within these IDPs, 50,000 are estimated to have been displaced by environmental concerns. The 2010 famine led to 258,000 deaths, with over one million people at stressed and crisis levels for food security. The displacement of population from Somalia to Kenya has led to increased conflict over resources in bordering region. Poverty in Somalia is deep and widespread: 43% of the population live on less than $1.25 a day.