

REGIONAL PROFILE: BAY REGION

The Bay region is situated in the center of southern Somalia, surrounded by Bakool in the northwest, Gedo on the west side, Middle Juba in the south, and Lower Shabelle on the east side.

EDUCATION

AMURT is operating eight primary schools, reaching up to the fourth grade, educating 3,200 students with 70 teachers and 23 other staff. Two of the schools are located in Baidoa and four in Berdale. The schools' infrastructure consists of existing government buildings and community-built structures. UNESCO and UNICEF assist in AMURT's efforts by providing training for teachers, and school kits and supplies, respectively. AMURT foresees activities running through at least December 1994. CONCERN, UNESCO, and UNICEF are also prominent in education.

Independent of joint activities with AMURT, UNICEF runs two additional educational programs in Bay. There is a women's educational program consisting of training and the supply of training materials, particularly in the areas of small income-generating activities, such as weaving and handicrafts, and domestic education. A Psychological Social Support

program for children who have suffered traumatic experiences during the civil war has just commenced. This capacity was established after field data collected by UNICEF-produced evidence of such a problem. UNICEF hired consultants to train teachers to be able to identify students suffering from traumatic experiences.

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