

**Question for written answer E-007458/2013
to the Commission**
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Subject: Aid to Somalia

Since the outbreak of civil war in 1991 and the fall of the last national government, Somalia has split in two, with the north of the country unilaterally proclaiming its independence and calling itself Somaliland.

The Mogadishu government controls only part of Somalia and in Somaliland the Isaaq clan, which makes up some 35 % of the population, is monopolising power and engaging in harsh social and political discrimination against the other clans in the region.

So the situation in Somalia is dire in many respects and EU aid must focus as much on governance as on education, economic development and food security. More than EUR 215 million will be allocated to Somalia by the end of 2013 under the 10th European Development Fund (EDF).

1. Has any EU development aid been assigned to areas not under the control of the central government in Mogadishu?
2. If so, do the non-recognised authorities in Somaliland receive any support (financial, practical or other) from the European Union?
3. Is the Commission aware of the harsh discrimination suffered by Somaliland clans other than the Isaaq clan?
4. What steps is the Commission taking to ensure that EDF aid is of benefit to all of the Somali population, in particular all of the clans in Somaliland?