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COI QUERY RESPONSE

SOMALIA – HEALTHCARE

The *Associated Press* in May 2025 states that: “...in Somalia...described as having one of the world's most fragile health systems as it wrestles with decades of insecurity.”¹

A report issued in May 2025 by the *European Union Agency for Asylum* states that: “The quality of healthcare services in Mogadishu (and elsewhere in Somalia) is poorly controlled. Private hospitals generally offer better services. Their costs are considerable...”²

In May 2025 the *European Union Agency for Asylum* notes that: “In terms of healthcare, primary barriers include lack of accessible health facilities, unaffordable costs, and unavailability of medicines and services.”³

In May 2025 the *International Journal for Equity in Health* states that: “The broader security situation has significant implications for the organization and delivery of healthcare services across the country. Somalia’s healthcare system remains highly fragmented, largely due to prolonged political instability.”⁴

The *European Commission* in April 2025 states that: “Access to adequate health care continues to be limited, particularly in rural and underserved areas.”⁵

¹ Associated Press (27 May 2025) US aid kept many hungry Somali children alive. Now that money is disappearing, p.1

² European Union Agency for Asylum (26 May 2025) Somalia: Country Focus, p.109

³ European Union Agency for Asylum (May 2025) Somalia: Security Situation, p.4

⁴ International Journal for Equity in Health (7 May 2025) Universal health coverage in fragile and conflict-affected States: insights from Somalia, p.2

⁵ European Commission (14 April 2025) European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations, Somalia, p.1

This document also states that: “The country’s health system faces critical shortages, and only 1/3 of the existing health facilities are functional.”⁶

A report released in February 2025 by the *Danish Immigration Service* states that: “The health care landscape in Somalia is fragmented. The majority of hospitals and clinics in the country is located in the Banadir region and therefore Mogadishu has more hospitals and clinics than any other of the federal member states. There has been an increase of private for-profit health clinics in Mogadishu. Most of these facilities have been established by members of the diaspora and foreigners who are willing to invest in building new infrastructure. However, the mechanisms to control the quality of health care services are limited in Somalia. The quality of care is ascribed to be better in private hospitals, but the cost of services is high and the poor parts of the population are unable to pay for services provided by private hospitals.”⁷

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