VALUES

The following core values guide our work in Somalia:

- Simplicity
- Peace
- Integrity
- Community
- Equality
- Stewardship

Binding these tenets together is the Quaker belief that there is that of God in each person, leading us to respect the work and dignity of all people.
AFSC strategic priorities in Somalia

Established in 2008, AFSC’s Somalia Peace Program works with civil society organizations to help youth develop innovative and creative ideas for building lasting peace while ensuring the inclusion of all people regardless of clan or ideology. In particular, youth who are vulnerable, have a disability, or are from a minority clan are encouraged to participate. Local authorities, business leaders, and traditional leaders play an essential role in these efforts.

AFSC supports young Somalis as they actively promote nonviolence and innovative community-based initiatives, support their families through income-generating activities, and educate their communities on peaceful coexistence.

Because Somalia faces ongoing conflict, engaging young people can be a positive way to divert them from recruitment by armed groups. While the fragile and transitional situation in Somalia presents significant challenges and risks, it also holds great potential for achieving positive results.

AFSC’s Somalia Peace Program has four strategic priorities:

**Priority one**
Create a platform for youth, elders, and religious leaders to interact and work together to build peace in Somalia

**Priority two**
Increase the role of girls and women in changing the conflict narrative in Somalia

**Priority three**
Create youth forums and safe spaces that promote active engagement in civic issues

**Priority four**
Offer livelihood opportunities for youth