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## Rehabilitation of SAACID's Mogadishu TB Clinic

In mid-2005, SAACID made a general appeal to donors operating in Somalia to help it secure funds to rehabilitate its Mogadishu TB clinic. The clinic had been eaten out by termites and was in a very poor state.

SAACID could not secure any donors until the Australian government agreed to provide US \$5,000 through its Kenyan High Commission in February 2006.

Initially, it was thought that this would be enough to rebuild the structure in wood. After further consultation with local engineers and builders, it was agreed not to rebuild the structure in wood, but concrete block. This would significantly reduce further risk of termite infestation.

SAACID continued to try and secure a second donor to support the programme. One donor agreed, but never provided the necessary funds.

By May, SAACID decided to utilise funds from very scarce education financial resources and devote it to the rehabilitation, as the integrity was then critically failing.

Further delays in the rebuilding of the TB clinic were caused by increasing tension and heavy fighting between US-backed warlords and the Union of Islamic Courts (UIC). By mid-June, the US-backed warlords had been defeated, and building contractors felt that it was safe enough to begin the rebuilding of the clinic.

By mid-July the rehabilitation was completed and the clinic was re-opened. SAACID is still seeking a donor to help it replace the shortfall in its education budget.





