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From the UN Agencies: UN-Habitat



Dear colleagues,

It is my pleasure to introduce the second Quarterly Newsletter of the UN MPTF in Somalia. As you know, the UN MPTF is an essential instrument in our collective ability to support the country's transition out of conflict.

For UN HABITAT, our participation in the UN MPTF has so far focused on the Joint Programme on Local Governance (JPLG) and on the Joint Programme on Youth Employment, which began officially in September 2015. While the JPLG continues to deliver tangible results, notably in the area of local revenue collection in places such as Hargeisa, Berbera and Bossaso, it is the UN's collective efforts to empower Somalia's Youth that I would like to emphasize today.

Immediately upon the programme's launch, and thanks to the support from many donors, we were quickly able to initiate plans for the establishment of a One Stop Youth Center in Mogadishu. Such plans have accelerated since the beginning of the year. Following a one day forum in January, which brought together close to 200 youth to take part in the design of the Center, I am happy to report that the Mayor of Mogadishu signed in February the agreement to begin construction of the Center on the Annagraph site. Construction is now well underway, and it should be fully operational by July. The construction of this center, with others being planned elsewhere in Somalia, also provides on the job training opportunities for many youth.

In the coming months, UN-HABITAT will also be conducting a survey on youth participation in local governance; the findings will inform an increased push on providing spaces for youth to get involved in decision making processes at the community and district level, and thus take on ownership of their country's future. Full empowerment of Somalia's diverse and energetic youth remains an essential condition for Somalia to successfully confront its challenges in the months and years to come, and to chart a path towards stability and prosperity for all its citizens.

– Doudou Mbye, Senior Technical Advisor OIC



UN MPTF Secretariat Update

- The first investment of USD2 million from the Peacebuilding fund into the National Window was secured and implementation with the Ministry of Finance has been initiated
- The Peacebuilding Fund also agreed to make an additional USD13 million available to the MPTF, in support of community recovery efforts.
- MPTF Secretariat welcomed Merita Jorgo as the MPTF Risk Manager. Merita will also manage the National Window process.
- The first annual report was issued to donors on 29 February.



Fund Capitalisation

Multi-year Pledges
USD 124 million

In-hand Contributions
USD 76.2 million



Denmark: **USD 19.1 million**



European Union: **USD 35.3 million**



Italy: **USD 2.9 million**



Norway: **USD 10.4 million**



Sweden: **USD 24.9 million**



Switzerland: **USD 6.4 million**



United Kingdom: **USD 13.3 million**



United States: **USD 0.5 million**



UN Peacebuilding Fund: **USD 11.2 million**

Highlights from the Joint Programmes



PSG1 Inclusive Politics

STATE FORMATION

In February, the State Formation project supported a second consultative workshop to discuss the role of the Independent Commission of Boundaries and Federalism (BFC) and work towards a strategic framework on federalism that suits Somalia's needs. The workshop, which was held in Mogadishu, is part of a series of initiatives that brings together important decision-makers and partners – including officials from various Federal Government ministries, development partners, academics and civil society members – to engage in a dialogue on the Commission's role in the federalism process and promote cooperation.

Khalif Abdikarim Mohamed, the BFC Chairman, emphasised the importance of public discourse in setting the priorities of the Commission: "The outcome of this BFC consultation should come from the public. The recommendations of the members of the public will be executed in order to create boundaries for the federal states and the best model of federalism for Somalia as it is for the public to decide which model they prefer. The consultation is going well and in the right direction and that is basically what today's workshop was all about."

The Ministry of Interior and Federal Affairs (MOIFA) of the Federal Government of Somalia, with the support of the State Formation Programme, conducted a workshop targeting civil society organizations (CSOs) and media in Kismayo in February. The workshop focused on promoting the understanding of federalism, governance and state formation/building in Somalia, and included discussions on the role of media and civil society in raising public awareness. More than 150 representatives of youth organisations, women's groups, other CSOs and local media participated in the workshop (about 40% women). Similar workshops were then held in Baidoa and Adaado in March.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

On 15th February, the parliamentary oversight committee presented the proposed amendment of the first ten Chapters of the constitution to the federal parliament. The event was attended by government representatives, Speakers of regional parliaments, political associations, civil society organisations and Somali lawyers. The Constitutional Review Programme financially supported the printing of 2000 copies of the report of the proposed amendments and facilitated the logistical arrangements for regional stakeholders attend this event at the federal parliament. The event also marked the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on guiding principles of cooperation between the legislative bodies, continuous

information sharing on legal drafting, and the establishment of a Speakers' Forum, which should meet at least once a year.

In mid-March, the first public outreach and general civic education initiative on the constitutional review process was conducted in Baidoa. During the three-day event, participants were given an opportunity to discuss the constitution review process, the role and mandate of the review bodies, the upcoming consultation process on political issues, and the proposed amendments to the completed Chapters of the Constitution.. The event was hosted by the Southwest State Administration, organised by the Federal Ministry of Constitutional Affairs.

PARLIAMENTARY SUPPORT

At the end of February, The Joint Programme staff visited the Borame regional Constituency Office in Somaliland to map the services these offices provide and identify areas that need improvement and related support requirements. The Constituency Office has established good working relations with the electorate and regional administration. It is not only a venue for discussion between parliamentary committees and the people, it also facilitates engagement for MPs with the public while on their outreach visits.

A workshop on Legislative Drafting was held in early March for the MPs of Galmudug State parliament. 50 participants including the speaker and his deputy attended the workshop. The MPs gained an understanding of legislative drafting and learned how to draft quality laws while considering the socio-economic, political and environmental factors affecting of the draft bills.

The Programme also provided a three-day induction workshop in late March to MPs of southwest state on principles of democracy and democratic society, and parliamentary business. The workshop was held in Baidoa and hosted 30 MPs (8 women and 22 men). As a result, MPs are expected to fulfil their responsibilities in protecting human rights, enacting quality legislation, and in representing and maintaining effective oversight over government institutions.

ELECTORAL SUPPORT

In February, the Joint Programme for Electoral Support facilitated in February different capacity building trainings and electoral workshops for members of the National Independent Electoral Commission (NIEC).

In Mid-February, the NIEC attended a strategic workshop for Arab Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs) in Jordan, organised by UNDP/GPEC's Arab States regional programme. As a demonstrable result of the workshop, the NIEC was

formally invited to join the Arab EMBs Organization as a member.

On 18 February, the Joint Programme conducted training on 'Gender Responsive Elections'. This training session is the first in a series of gender mainstreaming workshops, seminars and debates in electoral processes, aimed at creating awareness and understanding, as well as improving sensitivity and capacity of the Commissioners.

In late February, The Joint Programme, together with UNDP's State Formation Programme organised a Governance and Leadership workshop in Nairobi for the Commissioners of the NIEC, of the Boundary and Federation Commission (BFC), Ministry of Interior and Federal Affairs, and State Ministers from Kismayo and Gulmaduuq. The workshop aimed at enhancing leadership skills and underscoring the importance of governance structures and frameworks. It also enabled the different participants to establish informal relationships and exchange ideas.

In early March, the Joint Programme supported the NIEC on a voter registration study tour to South Africa hosted by the country's Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) for three of the Commissioners to familiarise themselves with how voter registration is conducted and the role and work of the IEC.



PSG2/PSG3 Security & Justice

RULE OF LAW & POLICE STIPENDS

In a commencement ceremony, held on 18 February 2016, the Somalia's Prime Minister Omar Abdirashid Ali Sharmarke laid the corner stone of what will become the 1,000-bed Mogadishu Prison and Court Complex (MPCC) in Mogadishu, Somalia. The programme has extended support to the Federal Government of Somalia in providing resources and technical expertise in the design and construction. The MPCC is being constructed on the north-western edge of the city alongside the Somali Custodial Corps Headquarters. The initial phase, Phase 1A, will include the construction of two courtrooms, self-contained accommodation for judicial staff, and a 240 bed high security prison block with a secure walkway to the court complex.

A consultative conference was held in Nairobi, Kenya in late March 2016 for the Federal Level Somali police authorities, resulting in an endorsed New Policing Model (NPM) and revised Heegan Plan. The consultative conference provided a knowledge-sharing platform to discuss critical issues involving the NPM and the required strategic support to implement the Heegan Plan. The revised Heegan Plan will be an inclusive long-term strategic planning document guiding actions

between 2017-2025.

Scholarships funded by the Joint Programme for law students are starting to show impact, as shown in the testimony of 52 year old Safiyo Jama Gayre, who is a student at the Puntland State University where she studies at the faculty of Sharia and Law. When asked about her motivation to become a lawyer, she replied:

"I am mother and grandmother, and I wanted my life to mean something more. Also, I am a person who loves school and would go forever if I could. This Scholarship changed my life and I am very grateful to the UN for that opportunity. I had always wanted to go to law school so I was able to fulfill a dream and in fulfilling that dream I am able now to be a role model for my children and grandchildren. I am the first member in my family with a law degree. I would like to inspire many Somali women to enter law school; it's never too late to create a life you love. I will be graduating this year and I am hoping to go anywhere in Somalia to be a lawyer".



PSG4 Economic Foundations

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SOMALIA

In addition to the launch of the One Stop Youth Centre in Mogadishu, described in the introduction, the Youth Employment Joint Programme has initiated, with support from the Somalia Agricultural Technical Group (SATG) a number of sector and value chain analyses on several focus sectors for youth employment: marine fisheries, sesame and dairy production. The SATG will organise a 3-day validation workshop for the sector profiles in the next three months.

A needs assessment is currently underway for TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training Development) centres in Mogadishu, Baidoa, Kismayo, Beletweyne, Berbera, Bosasso and Abudwa; these assessments will further inform the value chain and sector analyses, and curricula and training manuals are being reviewed. Training programmes, including training on labour market data and analysis for the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, will be implemented in the next three months. Community consultations for the identification of new urban infrastructure projects are ongoing in Jowhar, Kismayo and Abudwaq; in Berbera and Baidoa youth are already involved in the rehabilitation of roads critical to improve access to markets and social facilities.

With support from the Joint Programme, capacity building for youth leadership was provided in Q1 through the Young African Leadership Initiative on business and entrepreneurship, civic leadership and public management.

Infrastructure projects that started late last year in Kismayo, Cabudwag and Beletweyne now have an 80% completion rate. These projects have provided around 2,416 youth with short-term employment opportunities. The projects, focusing on water supply, have created 16 water catchments, which will increase water storage capacity for 58,000 animals for up to three months during the current dry period, as well as 13 canals which significantly increase irrigation of farm land and support crop yields.



Cross-Cutting

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Within the framework of the National Development Plan, the Capacity Development Programme has supported the regional consultations in Puntland and the Interim Regional Authorities in the South (IJA, ISWA, IGA). The consultations were held with government, private sector and civil society representatives. The Development Forum for Puntland, established on 30 December 2015, is tasked with the responsibility to coordinate development in Puntland and liaise with federal level coordination platforms for the National Development Plan and beyond.

The High-Level-Partnership-Forum, which took place in Istanbul in February 2016, was prepared by the Aid Coordination Unit, with support from the Joint Programme.

In early April, the Joint Programme will be hosting a workshop on the federal civil service law. During the workshop, the current draft of the law will be finalised and prepared for submission to the Cabinet.

JOINT PROGRAMME ON LOCAL GOVERNANCE (JPLG)

The JPLG Programme supported the launch of the Wadajir framework agreement in mid-March, a policy concept on local governance leadership in the newly formed regional administrations with focus on district council formation, rehabilitation, policy formation on local levels and creating systems on the ground. This is a first attempt of the federal government to streamline and coordinate local governance. JPLG is in the final stage of signing an agreement with both Somaliland and Puntland on government-led expansions. This strategy will inform and guide both governments on how to gradually take over local governance functions and responsibilities.

JOINT PROGRAMME ON ENABLERS

In the first quarter of 2016, the Joint Programme on Enablers continued to provide coordination, security and risk management support to the entire aid community in Somalia.

In particular, the Risk Management Unit (RMU) developed a risk management guide for local NGOs in Somalia, designed to support the design of context specific risk management strategies and policies within each organization.

The Risk Management Group agreed to accelerate analysis of various risks that may affect the SDRF Trust Funds, including security incidents and the political context. The objective in the next three months will be to increase the SDRF Steering Committee's ownership of, and engagement in this collective risk management process.

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