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The Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC) is not a commercial business, but we are convinced that it should be business-like in its planning and in delivering its mandate. This therefore is the Ministry's December 2017 update to our partners.

DECEMBER IN REVIEW

December was an important month for Puntland Ministry of Planning & International Cooperation. The objective of this short document is to briefly update all vital stakeholders regarding the Ministry's achievements. Throughout the ages, proper communication between both public and private institutions was essential to the success of said institution. This short document upholds this principle. Below one shall find brief descriptions and/or highlights of the achievements of the Ministry in the month of December 2017, segmented based on departments.

1 STATISTICS DEPARTMENT

Overall Mandate: All aspects of statistics policies and standards. Data collection and entries, and safeguarding all the statistical resources and studies.

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS December 2017

1.1 Advocacy and Promotion Workshop for SHDS

The Statistics Department of Puntland Ministry of Planning & International Cooperation (MoPIC) held an advocacy and promotion workshop for the Somalia Health & Demographic Survey (SHDS). The work-shop was attended by Somali traditional elders, religious leaders, members of the Puntland Parliament, officials from the Puntland Governmental Institutions, International Non-Governmental Organizations. The workshop was opened by the Minister of Planning & International Cooperation, Honorable Shire Haji Farah; Deputy Minister of Health gave some introductory remarks. The workshop was supported by UNFPA. UNFPA Garowe sub-office was represented by Ms. Jihan. The final outcome of the meeting was the endorsement and acceptance given by the Puntland traditional elders, signaling their understanding of the monumental importance of the Somalia Health & Demographic Survey. The Puntland traditional elders insisted on being fully involved with the entire course of the Survey.

1.2 Advocacy Workshop on Youth Mixed Migrants held in Tunisia

The Director General of Planning & International Cooperation, Mr. Hussein Abdi Jama attended the Advocacy Workshop on Youth Mixed Migrants held in Tunisia. The monumental event was attended by representatives of many countries that are directly or indirectly affected by youth mixed migrants. The event was also an opportunity for intellectuals, academics, government officials, and representatives of international implementing agencies to discuss the issue thoroughly and to formulate strategies to address youth mixed migrants.

1.3 SHDS Tools Finalization

In December 2017 'SHDS Tools and Manuals Finalization' workshop was held in Garowe. The objective of the workshop was to review tools and manuals for the survey. Both English and Somali versions of household questionnaires had been carefully reviewed and translated; review in Interviewer's and supervisors'/editors manuals had been also finalized. At the end of this workshop, the Supervisors/Editors/TOTs training workshop plan was devised, an agenda for the workshop was finalized, and the training and pilot survey period was agreed to be 12-28 December 2017 (16 days). Roles and responsibilities for the training workshop were clearly identified in the agenda documents.

1.4 Statistics Working Group Meeting

In this period, ordinary monthly Statistics working group meeting was held in Puntland. The main objective of the meeting was;

- To finalize the draft of TOR for Statistical Working Group
- To update members with regard to the achievements, challenges and way forward, as well as, ongoing activities, specifically the SHDS, with respect to the newly defined Statistical sector.
- To distribute forms for assessing the capacity of the statistics units of every institution in Puntland.

Directors of planning and statistics departments in Puntland institutions had attended the meeting. Director General of Planning & International Cooperation opened the speech by wholeheartedly thanking the audience for attending the meeting. The director also thanked UNFPA who supported the event. The meeting was lively and much needed, honest discourse. The various members of the Statistical Working Group kept reiterating certain main points and their comments noted.

Action Points

- The members in attendance pledged to main the Statistical Working Group meetings. The 2nd Meeting of the Statistical Working Group is set to occur 15 February. The terms of reference for the Statistical Working Group will be disseminated to all members, and will be reviewed with the intention to endorse the document at the 2nd Statistical Working Group meeting.
- Every institution was being requested to return completed forms distributed for capacity assessment for planning strengthening of the statistical capacity of the Puntland State.

1.5 Research with Universities

In December, MoPIC sat with UNFPA Garowe sub-office to discuss research methodologies and criteria for selecting university students to conduct mini researches on nomadic, youth migration and GBV (Rape). After discussion we agreed on methodologies and criteria for the selection of the teams from local universities who will conduct the researches. Then we met the universities and conducted some fruitful discussions-they were instructed to come up with research proposals for conducting those underlined mini researches and set date to present the proposals. Eventually three research leaders shared and presented proposals on GBV (Rape), youth migration and nomadic population.

1.6 Supervisors/Editors Training Workshop

In December 2017, Federal Government of Somalia with the support of UNFPA Somalia held Supervisors/editors/TOTs training workshop in Garowe from 12th to the 26th of December 2017. The Minister of Planning & International Cooperation, Vice Minister of Puntland Ministry of Health opened the speech. Dr, Bakhtior from Garowe sub-office and Acting Director of Planning were among those who made remarks. Both the Minister of Planning and Health wholeheartedly thanked the audience for attending and UNFPA, who supported the event.

Supervisors/editors received specialized training on how to observe interviews, how to edit questionnaires, and how to organize completed questionnaires for transport to headquarters (assuming paper questionnaires are used).

Furthermore, the supervisors received additional instruction in the following areas;

- Sample implementation and map reading, including a visit to a sample segment to practice reading the map, locating selected households and eligible women.
- Each and Every section in the questionnaires and manuals
- Principles and strategies for data quality monitoring.
- Team leadership, maintaining team morale, dealing with problems, and give feedback to staff etc.

1.7 Supervisors/Editors/TOT Training Workshop Completed

On December 27th 2017, the supervisors/editors training workshop has been officially closed in Garowe. In that day before pre-test started we received Minister of health of Federal Government of Somalia Hon. Dr Fosiya Abukar Nur with Puntland Minister Health Dr Abdinasir in conference hall. The Ministers emphasized the importance of the SHDS for the country and its people. Dr Fosiya said she is glad to see Somali Technical people training Somali participants with the support of UNFPA Somalia, we are here and there to support this important project to ensure Somalia gets reliable and accurate data for service delivery and decision making, she added.

On Monday and Tuesday, 25th and 26th of December, we conducted Pilot test covering the nearby areas selected from urban, rural, stratum in order to understand any challenges that might come up, have a feeling of how long it takes to finish questionnaires and to see if there are any sensitive issues arising from the questions asked. Information gained through this pilot will also help us improve the efficiency of the main survey.

We engaged seven teams with seven vehicles in conducting the test, five teams for covering urban areas and two teams directed to villages in Garowe district. The teams were equipped with the weighing scales, height measurement boards (stadiometers), Ferro Sulphates, Vitamin A, Paracetamol, ORS and other necessary items provided by Puntland Ministry of Health. The test was concluded

seven O'clock last night. We will review the questionnaires returned and share findings with you soon.

On Wednesday 27th December, after 16 days of comprehensive training and field practice, the Supervisors/editors/ToTs training workshop was successfully completed.

Puntland Minister of Planning and International Cooperation Hon. Shire Haji Farah closed the workshop with Ms Bahsan Said from UNFPA Garowe Sub-office. They both reiterated the importance the SHDS and they reminded the participants to effectively use the knowledge and skills gained from this comprehensive training workshop. The Minister gratefully thanked UNFPA Somalia, who always tries to empower Somali institutions in data collection and Statistics.

1.8 Desk Update Sampling Framework

Prior to a survey, a complete and up-to-date sampling frame is required in order to draw up a representative sample. For the purposes of the Somali Health and Demographic Survey (SHDS), a desk update of the frame has been carried out through the digitization of structures and Enumeration Areas (EAs) using a high-resolution satellite imagery.

In order to enhance the capacity of the Staff involved the update the sampling frame, UNFPA has organized a workshop in Kigali. The workshop was implemented through a combination of knowledge transfer and skills enhancement through hands-on sessions that cover sampling frame techniques.

The teams from MoPIC worked on the urban frame of their respective areas and verified the geodatabases. They also finalized the digitization of urban and large settlements in Puntland.

1.9 Updating the Settlements in the Sampling Frame

Due to population dynamics, settlements recorded in the PESS 2013 Sampling frame has been verified in order to know the existence of those settlements which may have changed on the ground in some regions. Following this, the list of the settlements has been updated before sample selection. This will entail consultations with the district authorities, elders and the Ministries responsible. New Settlements have been recorded, others have been deleted from the list as they no longer exist on the ground.

1.10 Consumer price index and Data Collection

The department has produced November Consumer price index and disseminated through the website, it has also continued to collected data in order to produce the F&F booklet, GDP, CPI and Gender booklet.

1.11 Gender workshop

The gender Statistics Team participated in a gender workshop led by Statistics Sweden, held in Kigali, Rwanda. The Overall objective of the workshop was to increase the knowledge of the gender concept and gender issues & to stimulate gender perspectives and to finalize the elaboration of the gender booklet. During the mission, a planning session for the launching of the booklet was also agreed upon.

2 AID COORDINATION DEPARTMENT

Overall Mandate:	All aspects of aid coordination, agencies and NGOs registration, and SWGs. Oversight the implementation of the project in the regional. Facilitating visas for international staff of INGOs and agencies.
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DEPARTMENT OF AID COORDINATION MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS December 2017

2.1 Puntland Development Forum (PDF)

The Puntland Development Forum (PDF) is the Puntland State of Somalia's Aid Coordination system; a State analogue of the Somalia Development and Reconstruction Facility-the Federal State Aid Coordination system. The PDF aims to tackle the challenges of overlap and duplicity, ineffectiveness and inefficiencies, lack of communication, coordination and overall direction. The PDF groups the activities of the government and its development partners into six thematic groupings: Governance, Justice, Security, Infrastructure, Social and Livelihood. These sectors are all-inclusive and fully represent the Stakeholders of those sectors.

As of the 30th of December 2017, every sector held its inaugural meeting at the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, where the terms of reference and a six month calendar of meetings were endorsed by the chair, co-chair and members of each sector; as well as, a second and in some instances a third meeting. During the latter meetings, some sectors, such as the Justice Sector decided to map the challenges explicit and implicit in their sector, with the objective of producing solutions written in the form of concept notes. While other sectors, such as the Infrastructure Sector, produced a draft full project proposal. The Infrastructure Sector discussed the details of a project proposal titled: "Puntland Fishery Industry Catalyst Project (PFICP)." The Security sector developed a "Security Sector Strategic Framework," that shall act as a guiding document aligned with the Revised Puntland Development Plan (2017-2019), the Somalia National Development Plan (2017-2019), and International Sustainable Development Goals.

One of the main objectives of the PDF is to develop highly-technical project proposals on behalf of the Puntland Government. The process under which this objective is achieved is as follows:

- A. The relevant government institution develops an idea and presents the idea written in a concept note format at its relevant PDF sector.
- B. The Ministry of Planning & International Cooperation develops the concept note in a full project proposal.
- C. MoPIC presents this project proposal at the relevant PDF sector meeting.
- D. MoPIC submits the project proposal to the relevant line Ministry for feedback.
- E. The relevant line Ministry then presents a second draft of the project at the Sector meeting
- F. The relevant line Ministry then submits the project proposal to an NGO or UN Agencies whose mandates align with the activities proposed by the project for final edits

- G. The final version of the project is presented by both the relevant line Ministry and the UN Agency or NGO that finalized the project at the next PDF sector meeting

In the month of December specifically, four sector working groups, namely Infrastructure, Social, Security and Governance were held, while Justice and Livelihood were not. Livelihood is undergoing agreed upon changes in chair leadership and the newly selected chairs shall commence their leadership by conducting meetings in the month of December.

2.2 Puntland MoPIC Deputy Minister meeting with Donors in Nairobi

The Deputy Minister of Planning & International Cooperation, Honorable Said Farah Mohamoud, had productive and fruitful meetings with 11 donors in Nairobi. Puntland MoPIC is committed to strengthening its relationships with donor countries in order to develop the Puntland State of Somalia. Puntland MoPIC, in consultation with the Puntland Government, developed the Revised Puntland Development Plan (2017-2019). As such, the Deputy Minister advocated and urged the donors to fill any budgetary gaps regarding the Puntland Development Plan, and to support its implementation mechanism, the Puntland Development Forum (PDF).

2.3 Aid Coordination Report in Puntland, Somalia 2017 Finalized

Puntland has made milestones in regarding to establishing development plan and aid coordination mechanism. MOPIC is in charge for managing and coordination aid assistance in order to improve effectiveness and efficiency of aid assistance. To this end, the MOPIC established systems and mechanisms that facilitate coordination of aid assistance. Development plan, aid coordination departments, aid coordination policy, PDF are among effort was made by the MOPIC to enhance aid coordination. Although these endeavors are in place, but it did not yet reach desired result towards aid management in terms of Paris declarations. However, mentioned above attempt lay down basic foundation to aid coordination in Puntland/Somalia.

Despite mentioned above action, there are various challenges that hampered aid coordination, among them weak-coordination between government and donors/development partners, limited data on projects, limited ownership, limited of civil engagement of projects implementation and others. Limited fund for monitoring of projects, donor/development oriented-projects, which might not in line with the development and limited capable human recourses were among challenges faced by the MOPIC towards aid management.

So, therefore, Puntland MoPIC enlisted the services of a consultant to delve deeper into this topic, providing analysis, and recommendations that the institution will implement. The zero draft version of the report was internally circulated within Puntland MoPIC. The final version will be disseminated widely during the month of December. The report was made possible through support providing by UNDP.

2.4 Tax Facilitation Office (UN Non-Staff Taxation) & Registration Office

During the month of December, the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MoPIC) Tax Facilitation Office was extremely successful in continuing and normalizing the collection of taxes from United Nations Non-Staff employees. The Ministry works closely with the Ministry of Finance and the United Nations Agencies to be able to fulfill this achievement.

MoPIC Tax Facilitation Office does not collect taxes per se, but rather facilitates this vital activity on behalf of the Ministry of Finance. For instance, MoPIC determines which individuals employed by the United Nations is obligated to pay a certain tax rate, compiling this list, deciphering the salary grade of those individuals, and providing them with a guideline document that explains the necessity of the public tax being sought, and the mechanism through which an individual needs to pay said tax. These facilitation activities ensure the Ministry of Finance fulfills its very significant mandate of public tax collection. All of UNODC eligible employees under the UN Non-staff employee tax scheme have begun fulfilling their tax obligation and Puntland MoPIC is confident these tax abiding individuals shall remain tax compliant throughout their contracted tenure..

MoPIC Tax Facilitation Office continues to facilitate the collection of taxes from International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) staff, premises, and vehicles.

MoPIC Registration Office has registered five local, non-governmental organizations and renewed two international, non-governmental organizations that fulfilled Puntland State of Somalia's NGO registration requirement.

2.5 Promoting Inclusive Markets in Somalia (PIMS) Review Meeting

The Aid Coordination department of Puntland MoPIC conducted a review meeting of the Promoting Inclusive Markets in Somalia (PIMS) project. Review meetings of this nature provide the Ministry and by extension the Puntland Government and the public it serves, the ability to understand whether or not a project is progressing as specified in its project documents, without investing in the extensive labor and substantial time needed for a proper and detailed monitoring exercise. Reviews are akin to normal, regularly scheduled patient check-ups in the medical spear. The Ministry asks the lead agent of the project to provide explanations of the overall picture of the project and results gained versus results planned in the project details, and any clarification for setbacks and shortcomings.

3 OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

Overall Mandate: Administrative management of the ministry and provision of internal services; administrative control of regional and district offices

DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS December 2017

3.1 Reconstruction of Puntland MoPIC Building Plans & Budget Finalized

The Puntland Ministry of Planning & International Cooperation (MoPIC) will be undergoing a reconstruction of its facilities shortly; the plans and budget have been finalized. The main motivation behind the reconstruction is to create more office spaces to enable the Ministry to host its growing number of staff and to present a better image to the world given the fact that Puntland MoPIC is the gatekeeper of the Puntland State.

3.2 Annual Report 2017

Puntland MoPIC drafted its annual report for the year of 2017, highlighting its major achievements, challenges and strategies for achieving a stellar 2018. The ministry has made tangible achievements despite the challenges and obstacles that affected Puntland-The SIIMA drought, economic breakdowns and other social problems. The ministry in pursuit to its mandate of policy development made outstanding and remarkable achievement by enacting new policies, reviewing old policies and implementing policies already in place. The ministry finalized the M & E policy, Statistics act, Puntland Development Plan, contributed to federal level Non-Governmental Organizations Bill and Civil service reform act as well review the structure of the ministry.

4 PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Overall Mandate: All aspects of State planning, governmental planning coordination. Handling the media and communication to the public.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS December 2017

4.1 World Bank CIP Mid-term Review Meeting

The World Bank Capacity Injection Project (CIP) in collaboration with the Puntland Government conducted a mid-term review of the World Bank project. The mid-term review was attended by Senior Puntland Government officials, including Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Chief of Staff, Director Generals, Chairmen of various Puntland institutions, Accountant General, Audit General, State Bank Governor, and other senior officials responsible for coordinating the World Bank Capacity Injection Project (CIP). A mid-term review is an essential activity for any project, it enables the project implementers and the Government to assess if the project has reached its intended outputs for the first half of the project, to note any challenges, to develop strategies to mitigate those challenges in order to ensure that the project reaches its intended outcomes.

4.2 Participated Puntland Coaching and Mentoring Policy

The Planning Department staff participated in the Puntland Coaching and Mentoring Policy workshop. The aim of this workshop is to establish effective and efficient coaching and mentoring management programs and system that enhances best practices for training and using them to achieve the goals and objectives of the organizations represented.

4.3 Prepared Puntland Priorities Project for development plan of Qatar fund.

The Planning Department of Puntland MoPIC, utilizing all the intellectual capital available at the Ministry, to develop a document clearly articulating the most pressing priorities that the Puntland State believes if invested in will unleash great economic growth in the local economy. The Puntland State's appreciation for the investment of Qatar in Somalia is beyond words.

4.4 Collect & Evaluate Puntland Government Institutions work plan of 2017

Puntland MoPIC in its effort to lead the strategic planning for the Puntland State requires certain key ingredients, this includes a deep understanding of the progress Puntland Government institutions have made with regards to their work-plans of 2017.

4.5 Collected Puntland Government Institutions work-plan of 2018

Puntland MoPIC Planning Department developed the Revised Puntland Development Plan (2017-2019) through a grass-root endeavor, utilizing the input, guidance and feedback of all Puntland Government institutions. Annual Strategic Plans or work-plans for each Puntland Government Institution is the next logical step in proper strategic planning. The annual work-plans allow institutions to specify which components of the greater three-year development plan to tackle and translate these components (i.e. outputs) into activities with timeframes.

4.6 Prepared the planning department work-plan (2018-2019)

An institution or individual without a plan is one without direction, whose actions and/or activities can only be labeled reactionary at best. Puntland State of Somalia has developed its three year development plan, the Revised Puntland Development Plan (2017-2019). This state plan is then segmented into annual strategic plans for the various Puntland Institutions. Each institutions strategic plan is the compilation of each of its department's work-plans. Puntland MoPIC is no different. The planning department at MoPIC during the month of December prepared its work-plan for 2018-2019.

5 MONITORING & EVALUATION DEPARTMENT

Overall Mandate:	All aspects of monitoring and evaluation standards and knowledge base. Conducting M&E for projects and providing support to the projects.
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DEPARTMENT OF M&E MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS December 2017

5.1 Participating Result based management framework workshop organized by MOPIED Somalia

The Monitoring & Evaluation Department of Puntland MoPIC was courteously invited and actively participated in a result based management framework workshop organized by FGS MOPIED. The workshop emphasized and aimed at instilling the principles of results-based decision making and the need for frameworks, instruments of implementation for policies, to utilize data, accurate and timely, in rational decision making.

5.2 Joint Monitoring Mission for ADESO projects with line Ministers

The department of Monitoring and Evaluation trained field staff to conduct joint monitoring for ADESO projects. Prior to the mission the department prepared tools to be used to collect data. The mission's aim was to ascertain whether the interventions and projects implemented are contributing to the intended impact and result.

The enumerators were drawn from different line ministries and government agencies who were stakeholders and partners with the respective implementing agencies. The enumerators were selected based on their past engagement of field mission and data collection techniques. The mission was successful and the Monitoring and Evaluation department of the Ministry reviewed the report and crosschecked whether the result from the field matched the indicators on the project document.

5.3 ME training for ME Staff and other department for capacity improvement

The department conducted capacity improvement training for M&E staff within the department, as well as, M&E personnel from other Puntland institutions. Monitoring & Evaluation is an active and critical component in implementing the theory and principle of accountability, and displaying the results to the public, an exercise in transparency. Accounting for the success, shortcomings, and failure of certain activities, outputs defined in the project documents rests mostly upon the shoulders of the M&E staff of Puntland institutions, underlying the paramount importance of training these staff to the ME capacity of the Puntland State.

5.4 Consultation meeting of ME policy and ME framework with experts and advisors

The Monitoring & Evaluation department of Puntland MoPIC revised the Puntland State Monitoring & Evaluation Policy and the M&E framework utilizing the services of a consultant. In order to ensure the quality of the work of the consultant and as a general practice of any research endeavor, the labor of the consultant was shared with experts and advisors within the Ministry to strengthen the final output. Through several days of internal consultations, the team assembled provided necessary input and received clarification to their inquiries from the consultant.

6 SELECTED PICTURES



Supervisors/Editors Training Workshop



Meeting with African Development Bank



Coordination meeting upcoming projects



Discussion on Annual Report 2017



Public Administration Forum in Mogdisho



High level meeting with Aid Providers

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