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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 November 2017 update to our partners.

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This Month in Review

November 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 and the public 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 November 2017, segmented based on departments.

1 STATISTICSDEPARTMENT

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 November 2017

1.1 Recruitment of on-job trainees Workshop- Cooperation project Somali Statistical Authorities-Statistics Sweden

To improve the staffing situation at the Somalia Government statistics departments, Statistics Sweden organized a three-day consultation workshop participated by the DGs and administrators from the various levels of government's statistics departments. The three days' mission included meetings and working sessions with different stakeholders led by Director Generals from the FGS, Puntland and Somaliland.

The main objective of the mission was to improve the staffing situation at the different Somali statistical departments by ensuring if the recruitment, management, integration and performance evaluation of the on-job trainees have been carried out according to the agreements.

1.2 SHDS Tools Technical Review and Master Training of the Trainers (ToTs) Workshop

UNFPA with the support of UK-DFID organized a joint SHDS workshop from 1st -15th November with the technical staff from Planning and Health Ministries of the Somali authorities. The purpose of the workshop was to improve the quality of the survey tools as well as to enhance the capacity of Master ToTs in readiness for the SHDS field staff training. The participants for the workshop were experts from different fields such as Medical doctors, Statisticians, Demographers, HMIS experts etc.. They were drawn from the Ministries of Health and Planning of the respective Somali authorities and the Nairobi UNFPA technical support unit.

During the workshop participants familiarized themselves with the questionnaire modules and questions therein, they also reviewed the questionnaires and translations, while provided appropriate inputs and comments for improvement by ensuring that the tools are culturally sensitive and appropriate for the Somali context. The team went through the skips and filters to ensure that they understand the complex linkages of different questions and how they can be harmonized. Finally, the team were equipped with necessary skills for them to lead the technical part of the survey.

1.3 SHDS Meeting for Director Generals of Ministries of Planning and Health from FGS and FMS.

In line with July Garowe meeting recommendations and suggestions resulting from the meetings in Mogadishu and Kigali, the Ministries of Planning and Health of FGS organized a one day meeting in Mogadishu. The main objective of the meeting was to ensure that the DGs of the Ministries of Planning and Health of the FMS fully understood the essence and importance of the SHDS; its expected results of statistical data that will be generated; to update them on the progress of the SHDS activities; also to consult with them on how best we can work together to achieve the intended goals of the survey.

The Ministries of Health and Planning of Federal Government of Somalia officially opened the meeting. Both of them have highlighted the importance of the Survey.

1.4 Puntland GDP estimate

The Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation and the Sweden Statistics -SCB Project held several training and consultation meetings to support the department of statistics in producing the Puntland GDP annual data. Finally, the Statistics department produced the GDP report for the last five years (2012-2016). A consultation meeting will be held with stakeholders before the report is published.

1.5 Department of Statistics 2018 annual work plan

Puntland statistics system is getting more into the spotlight, hence requiring re- locating of the statistical function to reflect its frontline position in Puntland and national development plan.

This 2018 work plan is ongoing activity that was started through participatory processes that included consultative meetings with DoS management, heads of sections, and staff at all levels. The purpose of this work is to maximize equity in strategic planning and stimulate ownership and usability of the plan by all staff.

1.6 CPI interview guideline Skype training

Statistics Sweden organized Skype meeting of CPI interview guidelines training with Somali directories of statistics: FGS Puntland, and Somaliland statistics departments' CPI staff. The aim of this meeting was to improve the capacity of the CPI team. The Puntland participants of the meeting were CPI data collectors, data entry personals, data analysts and the head of economics statistics section. During the meeting Puntland CPI team was familiar with training and actively participated.

1.7 18th November 2017 Commemoration of African Statistics Day

Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation–Department of statistics with the support from UNFPA organized a colorful and highly organized commemoration of the African Statistics Day. The event was attended by distinguished guests from the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, representatives from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance, Think tanks representatives like SIDRA Executive Director, and national universities.

The DG thanked the distinguished guests, the organizers and the participants from the respective institutions. The DG highlighted how significant it is to commemorate this day. The DG mentioned that the African Statistics day was initiated in 1990 by the subsidiary body of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the joint African conference of planners, Statisticians and Demographers. The theme of the year was ‘Better lives with better economic statistics.’ Ministry of Planning and International cooperation has successfully held the event since 2005.

Keynote speakers were given the platform and a presentation on youth statistics in Puntland was presented by the statistics department of Puntland

1.8 Launching Somalia High Frequency Survey Wave 2(SHFSW2) in Puntland

The World bank, in coordination with MoPIC, has prepared for the implementation of the Somalia High Frequency Survey Wave 2(SHFSW@) in Puntland which has been launched in Garowe on 18th of November 2018.

The project Primary objective is to ensure the collection of socio-economic and perception data of the Somali population.

The project will also include a distinct capacity-strengthening component to progressively enhance the government’s ability to collect and analyze such data.

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 November2017

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 November 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 November 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 Aid Effectiveness Report 2017

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.

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

During the month of November, 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 The World Food Programme 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. All of the FAO and UNDP eligible employees under the UN Non-staff employee tax scheme have begun fulfilling their tax obligation.

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 one international, non-governmental organizations that fulfilled Puntland State of Somalia's NGO registration requirement.

2.4 Somalia Development & Reconstruction Facility Aid Architecture Meetings

The Somalia Development & Reconstruction Facility (SDRF) Aid Architecture is the implementation mechanism for the Somalia National Development Plan (2017-2019). The structure is simple but effective if properly utilized. In the month of November, Puntland MoPIC participated in three tiers of the SDRF Aid Architecture, namely the SDRF-Steering Committee, National Development Council and Pillar Working Groups. The SDRF-Steering Committee meeting occurred on 29th of November 2017 in Mogadishu. Puntland State of Somalia was quite well represented by the Puntland MoPIC State Minister Ahmed Ibrahim Awale. Two major highlights of the meeting included endorsement of several projects and programs addressing the priorities articulated in the NDP and preparation for the December 5th Somalia Partnership Forum. The National Development Council occurred on the 26th and 27th of November in Mogadishu; Puntland State of Somalia was represented by MoPIC State Minister Ahmed Ibrahim Awale. Several Pillar Working Group meetings occurred during the month of November, where annual work-plans for each pillar were discussed thoroughly.

3 OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

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

DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS November 2017

3.1 Annual Somalia Public Administration Forum (Supported by the World Bank)

The Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) in partnership with the World Bank Capacity Injection Project held the Somalia Public Administration Forum. The Forum was attended by high dignitaries from the FGS, Federal Member States, and Benadir Regional Authorities, including Ministers, Parliamentarians, and Permanent Secretaries; in attendances included academics, intellectuals, other civil servants, and representatives of civil society. The objective of the forum was to create a platform for all stakeholders to discuss the most pertinent public administration issues in a technical working session.

4 PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS November 2017

4.1 Prepared the planning department work-plan (2018-2019) Bringing together Individual Ministry, Long, Medium-Term and Annual Plans

Within the context of the Puntland Development Plan, each Ministry prepares an annual plan for the start of each year and a progress report at the end.

Together with the Planning & M&E Units in the ministries, MOPIC drafted a common protocol for preparing and documenting each of these; along with appropriate indicators and milestones for determining progress.

All annual plans and progress reports will be archived by MOPIC: from these we will prepare a consolidated synopsis, containing the distilled essence of each in a user-friendly style together with overarching analysis and commentary; and place it on the Ministry's website in English and Somali. Medium and longer-term plans and reports will be dealt with in a similar fashion.

4.2 Preparing Puntland Annual Plan 2018

It is the responsibility of the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation to support, facilitate and coordinate the planning activities of other ministries.

We believe that this mandate is best served by a clear and agreed statement of Government policy on what the extent of this should be and what ministries should reasonably expect from MOPIC in this regard.

MoPIC is in process of collecting Puntland MDAs 2018 plans which will be compiled and published on MoPIC website on English and Somali versions.

4.3 Conducted Pastoral Resilience Study and Early Recovery and Strategic Resilience Survey (supported by UNICEF)

The Puntland Government conducted a Puntland Joint Government and Interagency Pastoralist Resilience Study and Early Recovery and Strategic Resilience survey supported by UNICEF. A training seminar was conducted during the month of October, training and equipping the participants with the proper tools to adequately conduct a survey, which was then completed in the month of November.

Puntland State of Somalia as in other parts of Somalia is known to be susceptible to natural disasters such as droughts, torrential rains/ floods, and freezing temperatures. In Puntland, six consecutive seasons of failed and poor rains have resulted in a severe drought situation in all its regions. This is baseline study noted above will be an essential first step in protecting the people of Puntland State by providing policy makers the crucial data for making rational, evidence-based decisions in a timely manner.

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.

DEPARTMENT OF M&E MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS November 2017

5.1 Hiring Consultant to Review and Finalize Puntland Monitoring and Evaluation Policy, M&E Framework as well as develop other M&E Systems.

The Monitoring and Evaluation Department of MoPIC has been planning for an extended period of time to develop and implement the appropriate monitoring and evaluation system to oversee the entire Puntland programs/ projects implemented by Governmental and non-governmental institutions. Puntland MoPIC utilized the services of a consultant to review and finalize the Monitoring and Evaluation Policy, Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and to develop another important M&E system.

Those documentations will improve and simplify M&E department's abilities to fulfill their departmental mandates, including overseeing the activities, in an effective, efficient and ethical manner within the project and programs administered by Puntland Government Institutions and their non-governmental organization partners.

5.2 Joint Monitoring Mission for Diakonia, ADRA, and World Vision Projects/Programs

The department of Monitoring and Evaluation trained field staff to conduct joint monitoring for Diakonia, ADRA and World Vision 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 took a total of 13 working days to complete including training days, field days and compilation of the report.

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 Update on Drought Impact Need Assessment/ RRF among Federal Government, Federal Member States and International Community

Puntland State of Somalia actively participated in a meeting amongst the Federal Government of Somalia, Federal Member States and their international community partners updating each other with respect to the progress achieved on the implementation of the Drought Impact Need Assessment/ RRF.

5.4 Conduct consultation meeting on the Revised M&E Policy, M&E Framework, as well as, to revise CIP M&E system

Puntland MoPIC M&E Department held an internal consultation workshop for other experts within Puntland MoPIC to present the revised M&E Policy, M&E Framework, as well as, the revised World Bank Capacity Injection Project (CIP) M&E system.

6 SELECTED PICTURES



Sweden statistics consultation workshop to improve the staffing situation statistics department of Puntland and all of Somalia



State Minister Ahmed Awale at the National Development Council meeting in Mugdisho



Commemoration of the African statistics day



SHDS Tools Technical Review and Master Training of the Trainers (ToTs) Workshop



Minister shire meeting with the director General and the Ministry Directors



High level Meeting on Tax facilitation

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