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CONTEXTUAL ANALYSIS

FEDERAL LEVEL

Implementation of the Compact priorities continued in Q3 with key achievements by the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs especially in the area of legislation development and review. Associated with all aspects of work has been the MoJC extensive sessions of Somali stakeholder consultations and leadership of the PSG 3 Justice Working Group. Of major significance, the MoJC presented, following endorsement by PSG 3 Justice, the Somali Rule of Law Programme Priorities to the Somali Development and Reconstruction Facility (SDRF) Steering Committee on 31 August, which endorsed the priorities for the initial funding pipeline of the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund. Work commenced in Q3 to develop a programme of support to address these priorities. In Q3 Dr Ahmed Ali Dahir was appointed as the new Attorney General.

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In Q3 His Excellency the President Abdiweli Gas appointed a Legal Reform Committee that would work under the Ministry of Justice to collect and collate public views on necessary legal reforms and report in 4 months. The Committee has so far traveled to districts in Mudug and Nugal to collect public views on legal reforms.

Q3 saw the Justice Sector Working Group form the Sub-Committee on Pro-Longed and Arbitrary Detention whose mandate is to coordinate efforts by justice institutions especially the judiciary, police and corrections to ensure that persons in pre-trial detention, in remand/prison are not held illegally against the law and the constitution.

SOMALILAND

Ministry of Justice has, through its Judicial Reform Implementation Technical Support Unit, consolidated its leadership and firmly been able to advance a coordinated approach to justice sector reform. The Ministry organized a 3 day session for Justice sector institutions to plan and produce comprehensive list of priorities for the sector which will inform the designing of the UN Rule of Law and Security Programme in alignment with SPG3 for the Somaliland Special Arrangement. The meeting was co-chaired by the Minister of Justice and Head of UNDP Hargeisa Area Office. It was also attended by the EU representative on behalf of the Donors and key justice sector officials of Somaliland

RESULTS

SL	Indicator	2.2.1.2 Number of policies / reforms designed, enacted, and implemented	G
	Result	3: Legal Policy-making Guidelines validated and awaiting approval by Council of Ministers. Comprehensive Court Fee System policy & HJC operational manual approved by the HJC.	
	Comment	HJC will be supported to disseminate and implement the adopted Comprehensive Court Fee System. The approved HJC Operational Manual is expected to improve functionality of the Council in the future.	
SL	Indicator	2.2.1.1 Number of public servants that participated in organized trainings	G
	Result	194 (F:38,M:156) persons trained. 53 (F:8,M:45) trained under the advanced judicial training programme, 24 judicial interns (F:7,M:17), 50 (F:12,M:38) trained on legal aid access & Code of Conduct ; 42 (1F, 41M) on judicial Code of Conduct; 25 (10F, 15M) on implementing the Judiciary Reform plan	
	Comment	Judiciary/justice reform Implementation technical Support Unit of MoJ trained 25 members from key Justice Institution on M&E and data gathering frame works to enhance capacity of key justice institutions involved in implementation of the reform work plan	
SL	Indicator	2.4.2.3 Number of legal aid centre's supported	Y
	Result	8 including 5 in Maroodijeex region (4 in Hargeisa, 1 in Gabiley), 2 in Awdal Region (1 in Boorama and 1 in Boon) and 1 in Togdheer (In Buroa) were supported during Q3.	
	Comment	Planned support to Somaliland Lawyers Association legal aid centers in eastern regions of SL not delivered, but expected in Q4.	
SL	Indicator	2.4.2.2 Number of citizens receiving legal aid, disaggregated by gender	G
	Result	1134 (672M; 462F) which include 143 child, 183 IDPs, 63 refugees and asylum seekers and 15 from minorities were provided with legal aid in 1078. 422 (282 M, 160 F, 50 Child) persons had the charges against them dropped after receiving legal aid.	
	Comment	Legal representation was provided in 481(162 civil; 319 criminal) that were filed in court out of the total 1078 cases. 175 cases out of the 481 were disposed. The 175 cases involved 221 people (F:95, M: 126, Children: 15).	
SL	Indicator	2.4.2.5 Number of rape and SGBV cases, disaggregated by dismissals and convictions	G
	Result	129 (9M; 120F) SGBV victims reported cases to BaahiKoob centers and the Attorney General's Office. 61 cases went through formal criminal process (15 closed at the investigation, 19 under investigation & 27 submitted to prosecution) resulting in 15 convictions, 5 dismissal and 7 still pending.	
	Comment	The gains made by Baahikoob centers and SGBV Prosecution Units under the Office of the Attorney General need further consolidation through training and provision of important equipment such as forensic equipment and skills on forensic analysis.	
SL	Indicator	4.3.1.3 Number of cases that women win in courts or traditional mechanisms to protect their economic assets	G
	Result	42 cases related to the economic rights of women were decided in favour of women in cases in which legal representation was provided by legal aid providers.	
	Comment	Currently there is no system in place to collect data on cases on women's economic rights resolved by traditional or religious leaders.	
PL	Indicator	2.4.2.2 Number of citizens receiving legal aid, disaggregated by gender	G
	Result	1377 (F: 876, M: 501). Out of these 362 people (F: 232, M: 130) were provided with legal representation in 362 cases (186 Civil and 176 criminal). 197 (F: 127, M: 70) out of 362 were resolved, 18 (F: 5, M: 13) dismissed and 147 (F: 87, M:60) are pending. 19 children (F: 13, M:6) were served.	
	Comment	90% (326) of the cases involved IDPs and 25% (128) were SGBV related. Paralegals served 715 (F: 507, M: 208) people by providing mediation services, legal advice and referrals. 687 of the cases were resolved; 28 are pending. 300 people (F: 137, M: 163) participated in legal awareness workshops	

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PL	Indicator	2.4.2.3 Number of legal aid centre's supported	G
	Result	5: 4 Puntland Legal Aid Centre offices in Garowe, Galkayo, Gardo and Bosasso and 1 Legal Clinic at the Puntland State University Faculty of Law (Garowe). 9 (F:2, M: 7) legal aid lawyers, 39 (F: 16, M: 23) paralegals and 7 (F: 4, M:3) interns provide legal aid services in these centres.	
	Comment	It was reported that following a military operation in the Bari region Al Shabaab fled the Galagala mountains. However, this has not resulted in any improved confidence amongst legal aid providers. The 3 villages reported in Q2 as being inaccessible remain so though they were accessible in Q1.	
PL	Indicator	2.4.2.1 Number of legal professionals that have received training on sexual and gender-based violence	G
	Result	16: 12 (F: 4, M: 8) paralegals and 4 (F:1, M: 3) lawyers working for the Puntland Legal Aid Centre were trained in sexual and gender based violence during a 3 day refresher training in Garowe. SGBV, the rights of women and human rights were some of the modules delivered during the training.	
	Comment	Participants were sensitized on the sensitivities around supporting SGBV victim through the judicial process from the time they report a care to the time the case is disposed off. The role of legal aid lawyers and paralegals in supporting victims was also discussed.	
PL	Indicator	2.3.3.1 Level of progress on establishing human rights institutions, safeguards, and oversight arrangements with a focus on enhancing women's security is "high", "medium", or "low"	Y
	Result	Medium: 4 names have been submitted to cabinet for consideration for appointment to the Office of Human Rights Defender. These appointments followed consultations with the Ministries of Justice and Constitution and H.E the President on the re-establishment of the Office of Human Rights Defender.	
	Comment	The establishment of the Office of the Human Rights Defender has the support of the Minister of Justice and Religious Affairs; the Minister of Constitution, Federal Affairs and Democratization and civil society organizations all of whom were consulted and agreed to support the process.	
PL	Indicator	2.2.1.2 Number of policies / reforms designed, enacted, and implemented	G
	Result	2: The Ministry of Justice developed a Legal Training Policy that is awaiting to be tabled before the cabinet. They also developed a Human Resources Policy to govern the recruitment and management of personnel at the Ministry of Justice.	
	Comment	The development of the Human Resource Policy is a product of technical support provided by the project through the provision of a Technical Advisor to improve the corporate functionality of Ministry.	
PL	Indicator	2.2.1.1 Number of public servants that participated in organized trainings	G
	Result	60 (F: 25, M: 35) justice sector public officials were trained on the Puntland Legal Aid Policy in dissemination workshops held in Gardo, Galkayo, Bosasso and Garowe.	
	Comment	In addition to the contents of the policy that include provisions some of which obligate public officials to facilitate access to legal aid, participants were also trained on the rights of an accused person and received information on the various legal aid providers that exist in Puntland.	
PL	Indicator	4.3.1.3 Number of cases that women win in courts or traditional mechanisms to protect their economic assets	G
	Result	157 cases relating to the economic rights of women were decided in favour of women. 87 of these were reported to legal aid providers who for legal representation in the courts and 70 were adjudicated by the Mobile Courts. These cases related to maintenance, dowry and alimony.	
	Comment	There is no system in place to collect data from informal (traditional/religious) justice systems.	
FL	Indicator	2.4.2.2 Number of citizens receiving legal aid, disaggregated by gender	G
	Result	510 (F: 120, M: 390) were provided with legal advice and representation. 339 (F: 47, M: 292) of these cases were resolved. 155 (F: 32, M: 123) are pending. 16 (F: 4, M: 12) were dismissed. The total number of people assisted included 123 survivors of SGBV, 118 IDPs, 148 minorities, and 41 children.	
	Comment	In addition, the paralegals of the 3 Legal Aid Providers contributed to settling disputes in 426 cases through mediation and arbitration at IDPs camps in Mogadishu and reached 3,086 (2,659 F: 427 M) people in legal awareness sessions.	

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FL	Indicator	2.4.2.3 Number of legal aid centre's supported	G
	Result	3 legal aid offices in Mogadishu supported with a total of 11 (F: 6, M: 5) lawyers, 51 (F: 43, M: 8) paralegals and 20 (F: 10, M: 10) interns.	
	Comment	There are plans to expand the provision of legal aid services into the regions outside Mogadishu in 2015 and also plans to capacitate current legal aid partners as well as to qualify new ones to take this responsibility.	
FL	Indicator	2.4.2.5 Number of rape and SGBV cases, disaggregated by dismissals and convictions	G
	Result	123 SGBV cases reported to 3 legal aid partners of which 31 were taken to court (7 of the accused were convicted, 11 had their charges dropped and 13 are still pending). The remaining 92 survivors were provided psychosocial support and counseling.	
	Comment	The Office of the Attorney General is very keen to establish a dedicated unit to deal with SGBV cases to ensure that such cases are properly prosecuted.	
FL	Indicator	2.1.1.1 Number of required laws, disaggregated by draft by the legislative or executive branch, enacted by Parliament, and implemented by the executive	G
	Result	2 Laws: Policy and Legal Drafting Unit (PLDU) of MoJCA drafted the Judicial Organization Law and the Constitutional Court Establishment Act both of which have now moved to the consultation stages.	
	Comment	PLDU is also assisting other line ministries of the Somali government in drafting key priority laws which the government prioritized to be drafted and passed before the end of 2014.	
SL	Indicator	Number of legal professionals that have benefited from training or received scholarships	G
	Result	39 (F: 16, M: 23) in the scholarship programme at Universities of Hargeisa and Amoud. 15 (F:9, M:6) graduated law faculties in the two Universities , and this reduced number of students to be supported to 24 in Q4.	
	Comment	Of the 24 (F: 7, M: 17) remaining under the scholarship programme will all be studying at Amoud University	
SL	Indicator	Number of cases adjudicated by Mobile Courts	G
	Result	239 (96civ, 143cr) cases and. In Q3, MC served 516 (411M, 105 F/121 children.) 188 (63F; 125M) were in the Civ; 328 (42F; 268M/121child) were in Crime cases. 178 (52civ; 126crim) disposed: 45F were in executed cases.(# of executed civil cases not known	
	Comment	In addition to that Mobile Courts teams have undertaken 47 awareness sessions involving in 886 (716M; 170F) persons including 180children.	
SL	Indicator	Level of performance of the AG Office is "high", "medium" or "low"	Y
	Result	Medium: During the past six months (Q2 and Q3), Boorama Regional AG office has rendered 300 criminal cases , and disposed 197 thereto equivalent to 67% performance rate. The Office has also improved its ability to collect and record case related data for compiling detailed statistical report	
	Comment	Statistical report of Boorama Regional Prosecution Office shows that it has filed and prosecuted 300 cases consisting of 30 offenses such as 73 body injury, 38 threat, 27 misappropriation, 21 theft, 21 rape & attempted rape, 5 murder among others.	
SL	Indicator	Performance of the High Judicial Council in relation to oversight, accountability of sitting judges and prosecutors improved	Y
	Result	Medium: HJC has through its Judicial Inspection and Monitoring Unit inspected 10 courts and 3 prosecution offices. In this Q3, the inspection has discovered presence of illegal and unregulated court fees collected in the courts visited which affect individual's right access to judiciary services.	
	Comment	Based on the findings of the report of the Inspection Unit, HJC has undertaken important administrative measures: The council approved and adopted comprehensive court fee system and the Chief justice issued circular prohibiting collection of all illegal and unregulated court fees.	

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SL	Indicator	Number of Districts with access to formal justice either through the presence of permanent courts or routine visits by Mobile Courts	G
	Result	37 which includes 15 with permanent court facilities and 22 with appointed judges but no permanent court facilities. Mobile Courts serve 25 districts.	
	Comment	The number of districts served by Mobile Courts include the 22 without court facilities and 3 from the 15 that have permanent court facilities.	
PL	Indicator	Number of Cases adjudicated by Mobile Courts disaggregated by gender	G
	Result	193 (F: 70, M: 123) (88 criminal cases; 105 civil cases) in 16 districts of Puntland. 149 (F: 49, M: 93) of these cases were resolved and 51 (F:12, M:39) were successfully enforced.	
	Comment	MCs conducted 8 legal awareness sessions in which they explained to rural residents how they can file cases with the courts, how the Mobile Courts work, and addressed important areas of law such as those that deal with land disputes. The awareness sessions reached 354 people (F: 175, M: 179).	
PL	Indicator	Performance of the High Judicial Council in relation to oversight, transparency and accountability of sitting judges and prosecutors improved	Y
	Result	Medium: The Inspection Unit of the High Judicial Council inspected 7 courts and 1 Prosecutor's Office: the Mudug Appeal Court, the Galkayo 1st Instance Court, the Burtinle 1st Instance Court, the Dangorayo 1st Instance Court, the Eyl 1st Instance Court and the Garowe 1st Instance Court	
	Comment	The also inspected the Nugal Appeal Court and the Mudug Prosecutor's Office. The inspection reports are instructive about the state of the judiciary in the Puntland. There findings are recommendations revolved around 3 main issues: infrastructure/equipment; quality of judges; and, work ethic.	
PL	Indicator	Number of legal professionals that benefited from training or received scholarships	G
	Result	63 (F: 24, M:39) scholarships were provided this academic year. 43 of the students are in second year going to 3rd year and 18 are 3rd year students.	
	Comment	18 (F: 7, M: 11) students have completed their fourth years studies and are expected to graduate late this year or early 2015.	
PL	Indicator	Number of districts with access to formal justice either through the presence of permanent court facilities or routine visits by Mobile Courts.	Y
	Result	20 districts out of 39 are served by 20 district courts and 8 appeal courts. They sit in Garowe (the State Capital) but are able to service the regions through the Mobile Courts. The Mobile Courts were able to reach 16 districts in Q3 as compared to 11 districts in Q2.	
	Comment	In order to expand the general reach of the formal justice system the judiciary needs to hire more judges and invest more in judicial personnel. In Q3 the Project supported the HJC to hire 5 apprentice judges who would eventually be absorbed by the judiciary under government payroll.	
FL	Indicator	Number of legal professionals that have received legal training and/or benefited from scholarships.	G
	Result	50 (F:25,M:25) in the scholarship programme at Mogadishu University of which at the start of academic year in September, 37 started third year and 13 their second year studies.	
	Comment	Students are performing well in their studies and discussions are underway with the University to expand the scholarship programme and include more beneficiary groups including persons with disabilities.	
FL	Indicator	Number of districts with access to formal justice either through the presence of permanent courts or routine visits by Mobile Courts	Y
	Result	12 out of the 16 districts of the Mogadishu have functional district courts. However, 7 of these work outside their home districts for security reasons. They are temporarily based the Benadir Court.	
	Comment	Plan is for mobile courts to start in 2015 in Mogadishu and other regions in South-Central Somalia as part of an overall of the expanded UN Joint Rule of Law programme.	

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FL	Indicator	Performance of the Judicial Service Council in relation to oversight, transparency and accountability of sitting judges and prosecutors improved.	Y
	Result	The adoption of the Judicial Services Commission Act on 30 June is a milestone in establishing mechanisms for vetting, licensing and appointing judicial personnel and ensuring accountability and oversight in the justice sector.	
	Comment	Public consultations are underway to appoint the 9 members of the Judicial Service Commission.	
SL	Indicator	Number of Site Visits and Monitoring Visits by Managers and Project Staff	G
	Result	62: Project Staff, the Head of the Area Office and the GROL Programme Manager visited partners and project sites 62 times to monitor the implementation of Project activities and to provide training.	
	Comment	Monitoring visits provide an opportunity to provide technical and advisory support as well as learning and responding to emerging situations that may impact on the implementation of Project activities.	
PL	Indicator	Number of Site Monitoring visits by Managers and Project staff	G
	Result	60: Project staff visited partners including attending workshops to monitor the implementation of project activities.	
	Comment	Site visits also provide an opportunity for problem solving and continuous training of partners. Staff continue to be trained on how best to capture results in their monthly reports using gender disaggregated data and photographs.	
FL	Indicator	Number of site visits by Managers and project staff.	G
	Result	36: The UN Integrated team conducts twice weekly site visits and national project officers spend at least one day each week working within MoJC to provide technical support.	
	Comment	Partners continue to receive technical and advisory support to improve the quality of their work and specific attention is given to partners who need capacity building. Capacity assessment exercise for all project partners is expected to be done in Q4.	

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ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

FEDERAL LEVEL

In South Central the Judiciary Organization Law, Constitutional Court Establishment Act and Establishment Act for Anti-corruption Commission drafted; Training on legal drafting delivered for Policy and Legal Drafting Unit (PLDU) staff; Legal drafting Code/Legislative Framework drafted; and, Inventory of Somali Laws Developed. In addition, JISU staff were trained on justice sector reform and project cycle management. A comprehensive security and state of infrastructure assessment was completed for Benadir Courts Compound and plans were finalized for both security related infrastructure enhancements and non-security refurbishments. JISU held a series of roundtable consultations meeting for key justice sector stakeholders on the development of the Rule of Law Implementation Plan.

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Q3 saw the expansion of the Manual Case Management System initially piloted at the Garowe Courts to now include the Gardo Courts. The procurement of the necessary equipment has been done and the coordinator is setting up systems at the Gardo Courts to make case management operational. In addition, the Justice Sector Working Group formed two important sub-committees: The Pro-Longed and Arbitrary Detention Sub-Committee and the Human Rights Sub-Committee with clear TORs. It is expected that both sub-committees will contribute to improving access to justice for persons in pre-trial detention and other vulnerable groups. The Ministry of Justice appointed the Legal Reform Committee, demonstrating the Ministry's growing capacity to provide strategic direction to the justice sector in Puntland

SOMALILAND

The Inspection Unit of the high Judicial Council conducted inspection missions to courts in Hargeisa, Buroa, Berbera and Boorama and submitted a report to the Council highlighting obstacles that citizens are facing in their quest for justice e.g. illegal and unregulated court fees. Based on the report, HJC convened 5 days workshop on the progress and challenges on the case management reform and enforcement of the Judicial Code of conduct. The outcome of the workshop led to the issuance of a circular by Chief Justice prohibiting collection of all forms of illegal court fees. The Circular also set direction on managing and collection of legally prescribed court fees. The HJC has approved and adopted long pending draft of comprehensive comprehensive court fee system.

PARTNERSHIPS

The Federal Government of Somalia appointed a new Attorney General in Q3. The Project through the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs will support the new Office of the Attorney General through the provision of Technical Advisors, supporting the placement of law students as interns to support the work of the Technical Advisors and the provision of equipment and other logistical support.

As part of an overall UNDP Somalia Country Office effort, the project is in the process of putting in place new and strengthened oversight arrangements for implementing partners, including undertaking capacity assessment for existing partners and better incorporating capacity development support into agreements based on the result of the capacity assessment. Also in anticipation of the new rule of law programme and the expansion of project support to the regions outside Mogadishu, the project is also putting in place plans and preparations for qualifying new capable NGOs to partner with the project in implementing the new programme. Capacity building training for implementing partners will be given priority to ensure effective and efficient delivery of agreements.

The Justice Sector Working Group in Puntland through it's Pro-longed and Arbitrary Sub-Committee recently formed and the Human Rights Sub-Committee have demonstrated how partnerships and coordination in the justice sector can be moved to the higher level to begin focus on sector-wide obstacle to justice.

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PEACE AND CONFLICT

Under the Compact PSG 3 Justice the issue of judicial personnel and courthouse security is identified as a key area to be addressed. Building on security assessment reports undertaken in Q1 and Q2 and stakeholder consultations a series of initiatives commenced in Q3 to address these issues starting with a pilot project including Custodial Corp training for static security, a workshop on judicial protection and finalization of documentation for security infrastructure improvements for the Benadir Regional Court Complex and associated equipment purchases. In Q4 more capacity development will occur combined with the commencement of similar activities in Puntland. Support has been provided to the MoJC to develop a rule of law infrastructure strategy for discussion with all stakeholders to focus attention on the need for rule of law delivery of services to Somalis in the regions and districts and to further reinforce and support the priorities identified under PSG 3 Justice.

GENDER

The project continues to work to improve the participation of women in the justice sector at all levels and to improve the way women experience the justice sector as consumers of justice services. The project continues to build the capacity of female law students and graduates through training and the provision of scholarships; and, to cultivate the acceptance of women as competent legal professionals by providing spaces where they can act the role as interns or in service with Women Lawyers Associations or through job placements. As a contribution to the protection of the rights of women the project continues to support the provision of legal aid services with special emphasis on women as a vulnerable group. In order to improve the capacity of the justice sector to protect the rights of women justice sector personnel were trained in SGBV and continue to support Women Lawyers' Association who have a special focus on providing legal aid to women.

UPCOMING QUARTER

Federal level: The Office of the Attorney General will be supported, and infrastructure and equipment relating to security justice sector will be provided.

Puntland: In Q4 we expect to train 33 Court Registrars on Case Management. It is also the time we expect a finalization of the judiciary needs assessment and the strategic plan for the justice sector in Puntland. The Legal Reform Committee under the Ministry of Justice and Religious Affairs is expected to complete its state-wide collection and collation of public views on necessary legal reforms in Puntland.

Somaliland: The ongoing Judicial Internship and Advanced Judicial Trainings are expected to conclude in Q4. In addition to that we are expecting the adoption of the draft Law on making policy guidelines by the Somaliland Council of Ministers and the establishment of new Prison Receptionist Desks in Berbera and Gabiley Prisons.

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REFLECTIONS / LESSONS

Following the 31 August endorsement of the Somali Rule of Law Programme Priorities by the SDRF the MoJC, led by the Joint Implementation Support Unit (JISU), developed the Rule of Law Implementation Plan to implement the priorities. Significant consultations have been undertaken on this plan. Concurrent to the development of this plan, and fully aligned, there has been the development of the Somalia Joint Rule of Law Programme for police, justice and corrections for 2015 - 2016 to be implemented by the UN under the Global Focal Point Rule of Law arrangements. The programme will undergo further consultations during Q4.

During Q3 the project conducted workshops and focus groups throughout Somalia to facilitate a review commissioned by DFID of the mobile courts, legal aid and legal awareness services supported through the project. Information gathered on lessons learned and the review report will inform the development and implementation these important delivery of services in future programming.

The government, especially through the respective Ministries of Justice, has shown strong and committed engagement with the planning and implementation of project activities, making it easier to achieve development results. For example, in all three regions the respective Ministers of Justice have been very supportive of activities that aim to improve the participation of women in the justice sector at all levels with an initial push to have law graduates get job placements and internships on a 50% basis. These initial steps are breaking new ground for women and contributing significantly to the realization of achieving a justice system that treats all as equal before the law, irrespective of a person’s gender and their social categorisations. It is also contributing to the transformation of Somali society from a gender perspective.

Building on achievements reported in Somaliland in 2013, investments in legal education have produced impressive results in Puntland. In Q3 of 2014 32 out of the 45 UNDP sponsored law students that graduated from the PSU in March 2014 are now serving in the justice sector in various capacities: 7 in the courts (including 1 Supreme Court Judge, 1 Judge and the Chief Registrar); 3 at the Attorney General’s Office; 4 in legal aid centres; 5 in parliament; 3 in Ministries; 1 in the office of the president; 2 with the Police Service; 5 with the Puntland Custodial Corps (Correctional Service); 1 with INGO and 2 with Local NGOs. Notable amongst this group are the current Minister of Justice and Religious Affairs (MOJRAR) and the Minister of Public Works. This support to legal education continues to make it possible to inject new skills into the justice sector every year. Also in Puntland, in Q3 support was provided to the High Judicial Council to hire and train 5 apprentice judges who are expected to be absorbed by the judiciary on successful completion of their apprenticeship.

CUMULATIVE PROJECT FINANCIAL SUMMARY	
APPROVED BUDGET	7,843,128
TOTAL (DISBURSEMENTS + COMMITMENTS)	4,536,042
BALANCE OF FUNDS	3,307,086
% DELIVERY (AGAINST APPROVED BUDGET)	58%

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LIST OF ACRONYMS USED

A2J:	Access to Justice
AGO:	Attorney Generals Office
AWP:	Annual Work Plan
HJC:	High Judicial Council
IDLO:	International Development Law Organization
IDPs:	Internally displaced persons
JSC:	Judicial Services Council
MC:	Mobile Courts
MOJ:	Ministry of Justice
PLAC:	Puntland Legal Aid Centre
PSG:	Peace and Statebuilding Goal
PSU:	Puntland State University
RoL:	Rule of Law
SDRF:	Somali Development and Reconstruction Facility
SGBV:	Sexual and Gender Based Violence
SOLLA:	Somaliland Lawyers Association
SWLA:	Somaliland Women Lawyers Association
TORs:	Terms of Reference
MoJC:	Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs
JISU:	Joint Implementation Support Unit
PLDU:	Policy and Legal Drafting Unit
UoH:	University of Hargeisa
UN:	United Nations
UNSOM:	United Nations Assistance Mission for Somalia