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CONTEXTUAL ANALYSIS

FEDERAL LEVEL

The nomination of the Prime Minister by the President and formation of the cabinet of the Federal Government of Somalia took place during Q4. This caused delay in implementation of many project activities particularly in the signing of LOAs. Nonetheless, with the formation of the new Government new opportunities have opened up to support the implementation of well-defined government priorities. PREP/HDEU had detailed discussions with a representative from the Ministry of Finance and Planning on the immediate priorities to support the Ministry towards the implementation of the Capacity Development for Statistics to rebuild the macro and socioeconomic data that will contribute to sound economic rehabilitation and recovery which is one of the President's six pillar plan.

PUNTLAND

The Puntland government has announced multi-party elections for 2014 - a positive step. The current political economy complicated by clan-based alliances and divisions, at all levels of government, coupled with limited competence of technical staff in the counterpart ministries and lack of updated information to support evidence-based planning and programming continues to be a challenge. The project has continued to play a key role in supporting production of the statistical information for evidence-based planning and policy making.

SOMALILAND

Somaliland has remained peaceful and stable during the 4th Quarter with the government's focus on development. Elections of the Councilors and Mayors in Somaliland took place during the Q4. The convening of the locally elected Councilors and Mayors at district level is expected to bring a positive change and legitimacy to local government. The campaigns leading to elections in Hargeisa, Burao and Berbera have resulted in some slowdown in the completion of the statistical booklets. The staffing of local councils and administrations is expected to change significantly and will be requiring training of new staff and this must be factored in the upcoming quarter.

RESULTS

SL	Indicator	3.1.1.2 Level of progress on institutionalizing a poverty monitoring and analysis framework within the Ministry of Planning is "high", "medium" or "low"	G
	Result	Poverty Monitoring and Analysis framework document and implementation strategy produced and endorsed	
	Comment	NA	
SL	Indicator	3.1.1.3 Population statistics are used in development planning	G
	Result	1. Abstracts: Hargeisa, Burao, Berbera produced 2. updating settlements, water points ongoing	
	Comment	NA	
SL	Indicator	3.1.1.1 Number of MDG progress reports prepared per zone in consultation with civil society	Y
	Result	Update of the draft Somaliland MDG report commences using preliminary findings from MICS 2010	
	Comment	Ministry of Planning made a decision to use the MICS preliminary findings despite delay in publishing Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey (MICS) report by UNICEF	
PL	Indicator	3.1.2.3 Level of participation by civil society representatives in planning meetings at local, district and national level is "high", "medium" or "low"	Y
	Result	Human Development press kits/campaign materials produced	
	Comment	Delayed launch of the NHDR in Mogadishu led to a delay in human development campaigns and distribution of campaign materials	
PL	Indicator	3.1.1.2 Level of progress on institutionalizing a poverty monitoring and analysis framework within the Ministry of Planning is "high", "medium" or "low"	G
	Result	Poverty Monitoring and Analysis framework document and implementation strategy produced	
	Comment	NA	
PL	Indicator	3.1.1.3 Population statistics are used in development planning	G
	Result	1. Abstracts: Galkacyo and Bossaso Validated 2. Updating settlements, water points and TNS ongoing	
	Comment	NA	
FL	Indicator	3.1.1.2 Level of progress on institutionalizing a poverty monitoring and analysis framework within the Ministry of Planning is "high", "medium" or "low"	G
	Result	Poverty Monitoring and Analysis framework document and implementation strategy produced and endorsed	
	Comment	NA	

RESULTS

FL	Indicator	3.1.1.3 Population statistics are used in development planning	G
	Result	Technical staff for population survey recruited and trained	
	Comment	Delay in training field staff to implement the survey due to logistical constrains and unavailability of slots	
FL	Indicator	3.1.2.3 Level of participation by civil society representatives in planning meetings at local, district and national level is "high", "medium" or "low"	Y
	Result	Human Development press kits/campaign materials produced and disseminated	
	Comment	Delayed launch of the NHDR led to a delay in human development campaigns and distribution of campaign materials	
SL	Indicator	Number of press kits produced and disseminated (Fact sheets, FAQs and overview of NHDR report)	Y
	Result	150 press kits produced in Q3 but dissemination delayed	
	Comment	Ministry of planning made a decision to produce Somaliland version of Human Development Report before proceeding with awareness campaigns	
SL	Indicator	Number of campagin materials postcards, brochures, scarves, caps, adult t-shirts, children t-shirts, pens, flask disks produced and disseminated as part of campaign materials	Y
	Result	4620 campaign materials produced in Q3 but dissemination delayed	
	Comment	Ministry of planning made a decision to produced Somaliland version of Human Development Report before proceeding with awareness campaigns	
SL	Indicator	Number of participants to the 2 conferences (inter-university competition and MDG forum)	Y
	Result	delayed	
	Comment	MDG awareness survey among the university community on-going and inter-university debate to take place after the survey.	
SL	Indicator	Number of MDG progress reports disseminated/received by government employees at the workshop	Y
	Result	Update of the draft Somaliland MDG report commenced using preliminary findings from MICS 2010	
	Comment	Ministry of Planning made a decision to use the MICS preliminary findings despite delay in publishing Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey (MICS) report by UNICEF	
SL	Indicator	Population survey methodology report prepared	G
	Result	Training completed for mapping of settlementthe and mapping initiated.	
	Comment		

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PL	Indicator	Statistical Act and Stratig Plan for Statistics formulated and ratified.	G
	Result	1. The Strategic Plan for Statistics reviewed and finalized. 2) Draft Statistical Act developed	
	Comment	The statistical Act to be finalized and will be presented to the Cabinet in February 2013	
PL	Indicator	Number of NHDR reports disseminated through various communication channel (i.e. the workshops, hand-over etc)	Y
	Result	400 copies produced in Q3 but dissemination delayed	
	Comment	Dissemination was awaiting formal launch of NHDR in Mogadishu and thereafter Garowe	
PL	Indicator	Number of press kits produced and disseminated (Fact sheets, FAQs and overview of NHDR report)	Y
	Result	150 press kits produced in Q3 but dissemination delayed	
	Comment	Dissemination was awaiting formal launch of NHDR in Mogadishu	
PL	Indicator	Number of participants to the 2 conferences (inter-university competition and MDG forum)	Y
	Result	Health and ICT MDG thematic workshops held with 100 participants from public and private sector	
	Comment		
FL	Indicator	Number of NHDR reports disseminated through various communication channels (i.e. the workshops, hand-over etc)	Y
	Result	400 copies produced in Q3 but dissemination delayed	
	Comment	Dissemination was awaiting formal launch of NHDR in Mogadishu. Launch could not take place before the new government settled down	
ALL	Indicator	Number of postcards, brochures, scarves, caps, adult t-shirts, children t-shirts, pens, flask disks produced and disseminated as part of campaign materials	Y
	Result	5420 campaing materials produced in Q3 for PL and SC but dissemination delayed	
	Comment	Dissemination was awaiting formal launch of NHDR in Mogadishu	
ALL	Indicator	Number of MDG comic booklets published and disseminated	Y
	Result	Final version of MDG Comic submitted to the printers for publishing	
	Comment	The comics will be ready in the 1st quarter of 2013 and dissemination will be undertaken immediately after that.	

RESULTS

ALL	Indicator	Number of policy makers trained on Human Development	R
	Result	postponed	
	Comment	Training to take place during the first quarter of 2013 due to engagement of key government officials in the preparation of the budget and formation of government.	
ALL	Indicator	Joint Program document on capacity for development of statistics in Somalia developed	Y
	Result	Draft Capacity Development for Statistics in Somalia prepared and circulated.	
	Comment	The Joint Programme was shelved. Endorsement and comments on draft Capacity Development for Statistics in Somalia project document to be implemented by UNDP received from UNDP Senior Management	
SL	Indicator	Number of staff consulted/participated in the validation of Poverty Monitoring and Analysis System Framework Document	G
	Result	40 technical staff from the government, civil society, and private sector	
	Comment	NA	
SL	Indicator	Number of staff consulted/participated in the validation workshop of (Buraq, Hargeisa and Berbera)	G
	Result	40 technical staff from the government, autonomous agencies and the private sector.	
	Comment	15 in Buraq, 15 in Hargeisa, and 10 in Berbera	
PL	Indicator	Number of staff consulted/participated in the validation of Poverty Monitoring and Analysis System Framework Document	G
	Result	28 technical staff from the government, civil society, and private sector	
	Comment	NA	
PL	Indicator	Number of press kits produced and disseminated (Fact sheets, FAQs and overview of NHDR report)	Y
	Result	150 press kits produced but yet to be disseminated	
	Comment	Distribution of press kits delayed due to delay in launching of NHDR in Mogadishu	
FL	Indicator	Number of press kits produced and disseminated (Fact sheets, FAQs and overview of NHDR report)	Y
	Result	600 press kits produced but yet to be disseminated	
	Comment	Distribution of press kits delayed due to delay in launching of NHDR in Mogadishu	

RESULTS

FL	Indicator	Number of staff consulted/participated in the validation of Poverty Monitoring and Analysis System Framework Documen	G
	Result	55 technical staff from the government, civil society, and private sector	
	Comment	NA	
ALL	Indicator	Number of MDG comic booklets published and disseminated	G
	Result	MDG comic booklet finalized and printed	
	Comment	NA	
ALL	Indicator	Number of campaign materials: postcards, brochures, scarves, caps, t-shirts, pens, memory sticks, produced and disseminated as part of campaign	Y
	Result	10,040 items of campaign materials produced	
	Comment	Distribution of human development campaign materials delayed due to delay in launching of NHDR in Mogadishu	



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ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

FEDERAL LEVEL

Detailed discussions were held with representatives from Ministry of Finance and Planning on the immediate priorities to support the Ministry towards the implementation of the Capacity Development for Statistics to rebuild the macro and socioeconomic data that will contribute to sound economic rehabilitation and recovery.

PUNTLAND

The MDG thematic forums on ICT and health were very popular because it provided a forum for stakeholders from same sector to discuss issues of mutual interest. These kind of forums are going to be adapted for the other zones as well as for the other MDG thematic areas.

SOMALILAND

It became necessary to undertake an MDG awareness survey among the student community which led to postponement of the inter-university debate. The survey findings will establish the current level on awareness on MDGs among the student community in Hargeisa and Amoud universities before undertaking sensitization through debates. The two universities agreed to undertake the survey at no cost.

PARTNERSHIPS

The main partners are Ministry of Planning, Municipalities and Universities. The Ministry of Planning is our main implementing partner and has contributed staff time, computers and office space in the implementation of the project activities. Municipalities provided data and staff during compilation of municipality statistics while Universities of Hargeisa and Boroma provided access to student database to be used as a sampling frame for sample survey design. The capacity of our partners remains limited and we have been undertaking on-the-job-training in data management (sample survey design, data collection, compilation, review and analysis). Partnership with universities emerged during this period and could be potential in research on MDG related fields that benefit the community directly while enhancing academic standards.

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PEACE AND CONFLICT

The Poverty Monitoring and Analysis System validation workshop in Garowe provided a platform for staff from government entities, civil society and private sector from Puntland and TFG administration of Somalia to discuss their common concerns and aspirations.

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GENDER

The MDG awareness workshops held in the towns of Garowe, Bossaso, Galkaio, Galdogob, Dangorayo, Bander Baeyla, Gardo and Eyl in Puntland reached 480 participants comprising: youth: 144 (30%), women's groups: 144 (30%), others: 192 (40%) including business men, elders, religious leaders, government representatives. The municipal statistical books for Hargeisa, Burao, Berbera, Garowe, Bossaso and Galkacyo have been structured to disaggregate data by gender, where possible, in the analysis, to provide a clearer picture of the state of women in socio-economic development in their respective districts.

UPCOMING QUARTER

Support will mainly focus on institutionalization of Poverty Monitoring and Analysis System (PMAS) in Somaliland; and dissemination of NHDR findings, post 2015-discussions on development agenda and development and finalization of strategic development plans on statistics throughout Somalia. The potentials risks to the implementation and institutionalization of the PMAS is lack of statistical information base like the National Accounts Statistics, population census and disaggregated distributional data on socioeconomic welfare indicators to formulate and monitor quantitative macroeconomic and poverty reduction strategies and to track the progress on the MDGs. Human security will still be faced in dissemination of NHDR findings particularly in the rural areas of Central and Southern parts of Somalia. Support to universities in undertaking MDG related research, that benefit the community directly, at post graduate level maybe considered funding permitting.



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REFLECTIONS / LESSONS

The preparation of the Somaliland and the Somalia integrated Poverty Monitoring and Analysis Systems Framework Document 2012 and the Zonal MDG progress reports was fraught with many daunting challenges. The capacity of the government institutions tasked with preparing the background papers was very weak and this significantly affected the projected timeline. In spite of vigorous trainings offered to the institutions and efforts made to guide the institutions the capacity continued to remain limited. In spite of these challenges, UNDP continued to engage very closely and provided the intellectual and technical inputs to ensure national ownership of the process.

Owing to different regional contexts, the same exercise had to be repeated three times i.e., consultations, engagement of government counterparts, trainings, which not only proved to be cumbersome, but also took a lot more time and effort. Coordinating the process in three different entities was quite challenging.

Holding MDG thematic forums in Puntland increased the participation of stakeholders in the respective sectors. These kinds of forums proved popular because stakeholders from the same sector were provided a forum to discuss issues of mutual interest. It would therefore be interesting to replicate the same in other areas of Somalia.

It became necessary to undertake sample survey among the university community to establish baseline information before conducting the inter-university debate on MDG awareness. This would ensure that project achievements are correctly measured. Universities were in agreement with this approach and quickly provided the necessary information to design the survey.

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TOTAL (DISBURSEMENTS + COMMITMENTS)	653,420.00
BALANCE OF FUNDS	(3,420.00)
% DELIVERY (AGAINST APPROVED BUDGET)	98