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CONTEXTUAL ANALYSIS

FEDERAL LEVEL

A reconciliation conference took place in September at Kismayo with the view of developing a road map for the Interim Jubba Administration to continue to build its capacity. The conference was seen as an opportunity to develop resolutions that are inclusive of all stakeholders, particularly women, youth and elders and support the state formation process.

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has appealed to its member states, friendly states, international organizations and non-governmental humanitarian agencies to provide urgent assistance to Somalia and prevent a food crisis of catastrophic dimensions. The OIC stated that depletion of water sources has led to the critical condition in the country, with its catastrophic effects on agricultural production and livestock.

The Youth Employment Flagship Program has been endorsed by the SDRF Steering Committee among the pipeline projects presented through the PSG 4 Working Group

PUNTLAND

During the quarter AS activity in Puntland has increased especially in the mountainous area of south Bosaso which prohibited the UN road movement between Garowe and Bosaso. Also AS direct threats to UN have increased which forced UN to decrease the staff ceiling to critical staff only for a specific period (in Ramadan). UN has started increasing the ceiling again but not to the normal level was maintained before the threat.

Also, there has been tension in the last weeks in the relations of Galmudug Administration with Puntland Government because of access to Galkayo airstrip. If the two parties do not manage to resolve the issue through dialogue, it could lead to violence which will force UN to come up with additional measures including travel restrictions. Although these measures are very critical as the staff safety is top priority but it will have impacts on the delivery of the projects' results and maybe compromise the direct and close monitoring of the projects.

SOMALILAND

The construction of number of roads in-between districts and regions in Somaliland that are supported by local communities, diaspora, private sector and partially by the Government of Somaliland is still ongoing. The new roads will connect Burao-Erigavo, Hargeisa-Salahley, Hargeisa-Baliguabdle, Kalabaydh-Wajale, Arabsiyo-Alaybaday and Hargeisa-Elsheikh. Construction of these roads is contributing for short term employment on the short run and will improve access between the different districts and regions which will have positive impact on the macro economy of Somaliland. At the same time it could have political implications specially the roads to connect Sanag and Sool with other regions in Somaliland.

On 9th and 10th of September two universities in Somaliland have celebrated the graduation of 2000 students. As there is no employment creation governmental plan for the graduates to the moment, this will exacerbate already existent unemployment problems in Somaliland.

RESULTS

SL	Indicator	3.4.2.1 Number of basic services and economic infrastructure rehabilitated, functioning and effectively sustained, disaggregated by type	Y
	Result	Projects for rehabilitation of 11 Berkeds in Odwayne & Burao districts, Earth road (450m long) in Hiranle, Irish bridge (50m) cross at Magab dry valley, construction of shallow well at Magab village and construction of stone gabions in Burao are on-going	
	Comment	The rehabilitation and construction works has started in August and could be completed by the end of the year.	
SL	Indicator	3.4.3.1 Number of skilled and unskilled workers provided with short term employment	Y
	Result	The on-going construction and rehabilitation works are creating short term employment for 584 people (127 of them are women). The generated workdays are 19,799 workday with average of 34 workdays per person	
	Comment	Out of 584 workers, 394 workers are unskilled workers and the rest (190) are skilled workers. Out of them, 127 are unskilled women workers.	
SL	Indicator	3.4.3.2 Number of medium to long term jobs created	Y
	Result	TOR for a study to assess the viability of establishing a business service center in Hargeisa and Garowe was developed and approved. Recruitment of International and National consultants to carry-out the study is in process.	
	Comment	The study will be completed by the end of the year. Based on the study findings and recommendations, maybe the project will establish BSCs to provide business advisory services to entrepreneurs with a especial focus on women.	
PL	Indicator	3.4.2.1 Number of basic services and economic infrastructure rehabilitated, functioning and effectively sustained, disaggregated by type	G
	Result	Construction of Stone gabions in Bander Bayle completed.	
	Comment	Construction of the gabions will protect the road and the houses and shelters on the bank of the valley that cross Bander Bayle from erosion. This will improve access to and from Bander Bayle during the rain seasons which use to cut off for days because of the road erosion.	
PL	Indicator	3.4.3.1 Number of skilled and unskilled workers provided with short term employment	G
	Result	Construction of the stone gabions through labour intensive techniques created 114 jobs (80 for men and 34 for women).	
	Comment	UNDP engineer was on monitoring mission to site in the first week of September to inspect if the work implemented has followed labour intensive techniques as planned or not. The engineer confirmed that the project was implemented as planned as per the approved BOQ and design.	
PL	Indicator	3.4.3.2 Number of medium to long term jobs created	G
	Result	Three projects in Eyl, Garacad and Hafun have concluded training of 500 youth (300 men and 200 women) in various vocational skills as well in micro-enterprise management. All the trainees received either start up kits or micro grants to set up their new enterprises or enhance existing ones.	
	Comment	Some trainees only received micro-enterprise training to enhance their skills in improving their current micro-enterprises.	
FL	Indicator	3.4.2.1 Number of basic services and economic infrastructure rehabilitated, functioning and effectively sustained, disaggregated by type	G
	Result	Rehabilitation of additional three facilities is in planning stage. The facilities are: Baidoa Hospital-phase II, Taleh School in Mogadishu- phase II, and Abdallah Deerow girls school in Baidoa.	
	Comment	Rehab of Taleh school includes installation of elevated water tank, garden and multipurpose playground and surrounding wall. Rehab of the girls school in Baidoa includes construction of additional 4 classrooms, admin office and 6 toilets. The school provides free education for IDP girls.	

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FL	Indicator	3.4.3.1 Number of skilled and unskilled workers provided with short term employment	Y
	Result	The planned rehabilitation of the three facilities in Mogadishu and Baidoa will generate at least 460 job opportunities for 315 men and 145 women for average period 35-40 workdays per person .	
	Comment	It is expected that the project will generate short term jobs for skilled and unskilled workers in a ratio of 2 unskilled workers to one skilled worker (153 skilled and 307 unskilled)	
FL	Indicator	3.4.3.2 Number of medium to long term jobs created	Y
	Result	Preparation for livelihoods projects in Baidoa, Luuq and Kismayo to help IDPs/ returnees and host communities to have permanent source of income are still in process.	
	Comment	A joint UNDP/ UNHCR mission to Baidoa and Dollow conducted in August. Another joint mission to Kismayo and UNDP mission to Luuq to identify the community priorities is planned for October	
ALL	Indicator	SP1.1.1.A.1.1 Number of full-time equivalent jobs created for women 15 or more years old	G
	Result	216 women have completed business and skills trainings and provided with micro-grants to have permanent source of income	
	Comment		
ALL	Indicator	SP 1.1.1.A.2.1 Number of full-time equivalent jobs created for men 15 or more years old	G
	Result	284Men have completed business and skills trainings and provided with micro-grants to have permanent source of income	
	Comment		
ALL	Indicator	SP 1.1.1.B.1.1 Number of females benefiting from strengthened livelihoods	G
	Result	All the 216 women benefited from skills and business training provided with micro-grants for the strengthen their livelihoods	
	Comment		
ALL	Indicator	SP 1.1.1.B.2.1: Number of males benefiting from strengthened livelihoods	G
	Result	All the 284 men benefited from skills and business training provided with micro-grants and start-up tools for the strengthen their livelihoods	
	Comment		
ALL	Indicator	SP 1.1.2.A.1.1: Extent to which policies, systems and/or institutional measures are in place at the national and sub-national levels to generate and strengthen	Y
	Result	Hiring international expert and local consultant to conduct a study to assess the viability of business service centers in Puntland and Somaliland is in process. The study will be completed in the last quarter of the year.	
	Comment		

RESULTS

ALL	Indicator	SP 6.1.1.A.1.1: Number of women benefitting from other diversified livelihoods opportunities through UNDP emergency projects	G
	Result	Through rehabilitation of basic infrastructure, more than 100 women benefited from short term employment as casual workers in these projects	
	Comment	The total number of women benefited from short term employment since the beginning of the year is around 535 women	
ALL	Indicator	SP 6.1.1.A.2.1: Number of men benefitting from other diversified livelihoods opportunities through UNDP emergency projects	G
	Result	Through rehabilitation of basic infrastructure, more than 350 men benefited from short term employment as casual workers in these projects	
	Comment	The total number of men benefited from short term employment since the beginning of the year is around 1683 men	
SL	Indicator	Business Service Center established in Hargeisa and to provide referrals, advisory support and training to micro-entrepreneurs especially women	Y
	Result	Hiring of National and International consultants to conduct a viability study for business service centers in Hargeisa and Garowe is in process	
	Comment	The study will be ready in the last quarter of the year. If the study recommend establishment of the centers, establishment of the centers will be in the first quarter of 2015	
SL	Indicator	Road rehabilitated in Berbera district	G
	Result	The work in the road is on going. It is expected to be completed by the end of October.	
	Comment		
SL	Indicator	# of berkades in Burao and Odwayne districts	G
	Result	The work in the berkades is on-going and it could be completed by the end of October.	
	Comment	The projects intends to rehabilitate 11 berkades benefiting more than 50 extended families with more than 500 family members.	
SL	Indicator	Introduce flood protection intervention in Burao area	G
	Result	The work is on-going and it will be completed by November	
	Comment	The project is creating jobs for 210 workers (147 men and 63 women).	
SL	Indicator	# of people sustain their income through rehabilitation of productive infrastructure including fishing gears and water resources.	Y
	Result	300-The Ministry of Water Identified two earth dams and 9 berkades. UNDP engineer and the Ministry engineer are working on the BOQs and project design (drawings)	
	Comment	Rehabilitation will start in the last quarter of the year and could be completed in the first quarter of 2015. The earth dams will serve more than 300 pastoral households and their herds.	

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PL	Indicator	Economic empowerment of # of youth and women in Eyl, Bander Bayle and Graa'd through social rehabilitation programme, skills training and provision of micro grants and start-up tools (PL)	G
	Result	The empowerment programme of 500 youth (216 women and 284 men) completed.	
	Comment	The beneficiaries benefited from literacy training, vocational skills training, business management training and provision of micro-grants and start up tools to sustain their livelihoods.	
PL	Indicator	# of roads rehabilitated in Hafun and Gabions to protect a road will be constructed in Bandr Bayle	G
	Result	1 - The road rehabilitation and Stone gabions structure completed and handed over to the local communities.	
	Comment		
FL	Indicator	# of basic infrastructure facilities including schools, roads, markets, health and centers will rehabilitated in Mogadishu and Baidoa	Y
	Result	Second phase rehabilitation of Taleh School in Mogadishu and Baidoa hospital is in process. Also rehabilitation of girls school in Baidoa is planned	
	Comment	The girls school in Baidoa will be supported through adding a new 4 class rooms, Admin office, water tank and 6 toilets. All the additional enrolled girls will be daughters of IDPs/ Returnees families and will have the education service for free.	
FL	Indicator	Number of participatory capacity building plans developed for refugees/ returnees/ IDPs in Kismayo, Luuq and Baidoa.	Y
	Result	A joint UNHCR/ UNDP missions to Baidoa and Dollow to assess the needs of Baidoa and luuq communities conducted. A mission planned to Kismayo twice and cancelled because of flights arrangements	
	Comment	The missions to Baidoa and Dollow (Luuq) ends up wih list of priorities and potential projects. Another mission to Luuq by national staff is planned in October. A joint mission to Kismayo is planned on 20 October (depends on flights and accommodation availability)	
FL	Indicator	Number of women and men benefitting from livelihood skills training activities in Baidoa, Luuq and Kismayo	R
	Result	Implementation postponed to 2015	
	Comment		
ALL	Indicator	# of direct/indirect beneficiaries from infrastructure developed in SC, PL and SL.	G
	Result	Since the beginning of the year at least 2218 people (535 women and 1683 men) benefited from short term employment. Also another 3000 student benefited from the school rehabilitation. In addition more than 500 HHs benefited from the roads, gabions and water berkades	
	Comment	The family members of the direct beneficiaries are more than 40,000 people who benefited indirectly from the project.	

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ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

FEDERAL LEVEL

A new initiative under LED has been developed jointly by UNDP Somalia and UNHCR following a joint Mission to Dollow and Baidoa. The joint initiative entitled Integrated Community Protection and Empowerment Project Somalia intends to protect and empower communities of displacement and return through measures aimed at increasing access to basic services, expediting economic recovery and fostering sustainable employment growth in three distinct areas namely, Kismayo, Baidoa and Luug. A concept note for US\$7.3 Million was developed jointly and submitted to the UN Human Security Trust Fund for funding. In addition, a joint proposal with the Community Security Project entitled Alternative Social and Economic Opportunities to Piracy for US\$2.6 Million was submitted to the Anti-Piracy Trust Fund.

PUNTLAND

This quarter witnessed the gradual consolidation of all activities under the Alternative Livelihoods to Piracy Project in Puntland (Phase II) funded under the Shipping Companies Consortium. Provision of startup tools and grants to beneficiaries who have finished their employable skills trainings were given in Eyl, Hafun and Garacad. In addition, the construction of Stone Gabions in Bander Bayle have been completed allowing access to and from the town as well as protecting houses and shelters on the banks of the valley. All of these initiatives helped in creating short term jobs, 149 jobs (F: 39, M: 110). In addition, the skills enhancement training activities will help in creating over 500 micro-enterprises with over 30% supporting women entrepreneurs.

SOMALILAND

The focus in Somaliland during the quarter has been on the rehabilitation of basic infrastructure, namely the construction and restoration of Berkeds, Earth Road and stone gabions. These initiatives will improve the social and productive infrastructure of over 83,000 households directly and indirectly. They have also contributed to providing short term employment to 584 people (F:127, M:457).

In terms of new initiatives, the process of identifying consultants to assess the viability of a business services center in Hargeisa has begun. An international and a national consultant will both be deployed to undertake the assessment towards the last quarter of 2014.

PARTNERSHIPS

The key partner for LED in this quarter was UNHCR Somalia which participated with the Project team in a joint mission to Baidoa and Dollow to assess potential interventions that could be funded jointly in those areas targeting IDPs and returnees. The joint mission has resulted in jointly developing a proposal for US\$7.3 Million for funding through the Human Security Trust Fund. Moreover, joint initiatives with UNHCR will start in those areas using other sources of funding such as from Italy. LED will focus its work on community empowerment, while UNHCR will focus on protection related activities.

Another key partner of LED is Community Security Project, which has jointly with LED submitted a project for US\$2.6 Million to the Anti Piracy Trust Fund for activities intended to provide social rehabilitation and economic empowerment to communities in five target areas, two of which are in the Central Region of Somalia and three in Puntland. This project is a continuation of the partnership between LED and Community Security Project in Eyl, Alola and Bargal in Puntland and Balanbal and adjacent towns in Mudug region in the Central Regions of Somalia. All of these projects are funded by the Consortium of Shipping Companies, while the project in Eyl is also co-funded by the Government of Japan.



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PEACE AND CONFLICT

The essence of LED activities are intended to reduce conflicts and tensions among communities and between communities and local authorities. Enhancement and improvement of basic infrastructure, access roads, provision of short and long term employment opportunities are all elements that lead to reduced conflicts, specially conflicts over limited resources. The joint initiative between UNDP and UNHCR will positively contribute to peace building and reduction of conflicts as provision of livelihood support, protection mechanisms and access to improved basic infrastructure will create a conducive co-existence environment between the host communities and IDPs as well as among the IDPs themselves as more resources, basic services and livelihood opportunities would be availed. Engaging beneficiaries and key community leaders in the design of interventions is critical to reducing conflicts and this approach has been adopted in formulating the initiative with UNHCR as well as in others.

GENDER

All community based activities under LED target both women and men. However, women are provided with at least 30% of all short term employment job opportunities and in some cases more than 50% depending on the nature of the intervention.

The UNDP Gender Unit is working with LED to undertake a viability assessment for the establishment of two Business Service Centers in Somaliland and Puntland. The Centers would serve both men and women with focus given to vulnerable women. The assessment is expected to start in the last quarter of this year.

During a recent joint mission to Baidoa and Dollow and in meetings with women organizations, the issue of women engagement in skills development training activities was raised and the mission recommended to the women organizations to work on identifying skills that are more rewarding financially, aside from the traditional tailoring and tie and dye trainings which have the tendency to marginalize women.

UPCOMING QUARTER

The upcoming quarter is quite challenging as it is the last quarter of the year with most activities folding and only a few new ones proceeding to 2015. LED has been engaged in a number of initiatives that are expected to bear fruits as far as resource mobilization is concerned and it is expected that the result of those efforts will be revealed in the upcoming quarter. Any positive feedback will translate in additional work to finalize project documents, subject them to internal and external reviews and approval processes and initiate pre-implementation procedures. Most of the new initiatives, if approved, would most likely be implemented in 2015 and this means the development of the 2015 Annual Work Plan for LED will reflect these new realities. Discussion and drafting of the 2015 AWP will begin in the last month of the upcoming quarter so that the Project could begin the new year with an approved AWP.



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REFLECTIONS / LESSONS

UNDP Somalia is currently rolling out Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfers which requires detailed micro assessment of implementing partners (both Government and NGOs) to understand risks involved in cash transfers. This is the first step which will contribute to developing Risk Management plans for partners, and will include as Assurance measures Third party monitoring and spot checks on partners.

Efforts were also made to bring to light the approved second phase of the Alternative livelihoods to Piracy Project which is funded by the Consortium of Shipping companies. It is expected that implementation will start soon.

CUMULATIVE PROJECT FINANCIAL SUMMARY	
APPROVED BUDGET	3,134,379
TOTAL (DISBURSEMENTS + COMMITMENTS)	1,562,014
BALANCE OF FUNDS	1,572,365
% DELIVERY (AGAINST APPROVED BUDGET)	50%

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LIST OF ACRONYMS USED

- ALTP – Alternative Livelihoods to Piracy
- AWP – Annual Work Plan
- BOQ – Bill of Quantities
- BSC -- Business Service Centre
- CSP – Community Security Project
- JPLG – Joint Programme for Local Governance
- LED – Local Economic Development
- MCG – Micro Capital Grant
- MoE – Ministry of Education
- OIA – Office of Investigation and Audit
- OIC – Organization of Islamic Cooperation
- PREP – Poverty Reduction and Environmental Protection
- PSD – Private Sector Development
- VTC – Vocational Training Center