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CONTEXTUAL ANALYSIS

FEDERAL LEVEL

Campaigns leading to elections of the Speaker of Parliament and President of the Federal Government of Somalia took place during Q3. The period leading to these elections were characterized by uncertainty and tension. This caused delay in implementation of many project activities particularly in the signing of LOAs. Activities that could be implemented through NGOs were undertaken. The technological advancement in radio communication in Mogadishu enabled live broadcast of the entire International Youth Day workshop proceedings.

PUNTLAND

The political climate in Puntland has been conducive for implementation of the planned project activities, but due to a lack of competent technical staff in the counterparts, implementation of projects continued to pose challenges. With weak institutional and human capacity and poor infrastructure, support for evidence-based planning and programming continues to be a challenge. The project has continued to a play key role in supporting production of the statistical information for evidence-based planning and policy making.

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The continued political stability and presence of adequate staff in the line ministries and local governments provided a conducive environment for implementation of project activities during Q3. Engagements with counterparts were productive. There were changes, however, at the leadership of the planning and statistics department of the Hargeisa municipality. Its implication was not immediately clear. The campaigns leading into mayoral elections in Hargeisa, Boroma, Burao and Berbera have resulted in some slowdown in the compilation of information for the statistical booklets. The campaigns have, however, been peaceful and are not predicted to have serious implications on activities being undertaken together with the municipalities.

RESU	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"			
	Result	Draft (PMAS) framework document and implementation strategy produced.	G		
	Comment	NA			
SL	Indicator	3.1.1.3 Population statistics are used in development planning			
	Result	1. Abstracts: Hargeisa, Burao, Berbera validated 2. Technical staff for population survey recruited	G		
	Comment	NA			
	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"			
SL	Result	Medium: Youth attended International Youth Day in MOG; HD press kits / campaign materials produced			
	Comment	The delayed launch of the NHDR led to a delay in human development campaigns and distribution of campaign materials			
	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"			
PL	Result	Draft (PMAS) framework document and implementation strategy produced.	G		
	Comment	NA			
	Indicator	3.1.1.3 Population statistics are used in development planning			
PL	Result	1. Abstracts: Garowe ready to print 2. Technical staff for population survey recruited	G		
	Comment	NA			
	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"			
FL	Result	Draft (PMAS) framework document and implementation strategy produced.	G		
	Comment	NA			
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"			
	Result	Medium: International Youth Day workshop held in MOG; HD press kits / campaign materials produced			
	Comment	The delayed launch of the NHDR led to a delay in human development campaigns and distribution of campaign materials			

RESU	RESULTS			
SL	Indicator	Number of people trained on data collection for the 'Somaliland in Figures' team		
	Result	10	G	
	Comment	NA		
SL	Indicator	Number of staff consulted/participated in developing PMAS		
	Result	21	G	
	Comment	Consultations held with technical staff from the government, civil society, and private sector		
	Indicator	Number of municipality planning and statistical staff trained (Burao, Hargeisa and Berbera)		
SL	Result	26	G	
	Comment	10 in Burao, 6 in Hargeisa, and 10 in Berbera		
	Indicator	Number of NHDR reports disseminated through various channels		
PL	Result	400 copies of Somalia NHDR ready for dissemination		
	Comment	Dissemination delayed due to delay of the launch		
	Indicator	Number of staff consulted/participated in developing PMAS		
PL	Result	18	G	
	Comment	Consultations held with technical staff from the government, civil society and private sector		
	Indicator	Number of municipality planning and statistical staff trained (Bosasso, Galkacyo and Garowe)		
PL	Result	30	G	
	Comment	10 in Bosasso, 10 in Galkacyo, and 10 in Garowe		
	Indicator	Number of press kits produced and disseminated (Fact sheets, FAQs and overview of NHDR report)		
PL	Result	150 press kits produced but yet to be disseminated		
	Comment	Distribution of press kits delayed due to delay in launching of NHDR		

RESU	RESULTS			
FL	Indicator	Number of NHDR reports disseminated through various channels		
	Result	600 copies of Human Development Report for Somalia 2012 published; yet to be disseminated		
	Comment	Dissemination delayed due to delay in the launch of the Report		
FL	Indicator	Number of staff consulted/participated in developing PMAS		
	Result	17	G	
	Comment	Consultations held with technical staff from the government, civil society and private sector		
	Indicator	Number of press kits produced and disseminated (Fact sheets, FAQs and overview of NHDR report)		
FL	Result	100 press kits produced but yet to be disseminated		
	Comment	Distribution of press kits delayed due to delay in launching of NHDR		
	Indicator	Number of MDG comic booklets published and disseminated		
ALL	Result	Final draft of the MDG comic booklet prepared		
	Comment	Several changes from stakeholders delayed finalization and printing.		
	Indicator	Number of campaign materials: postcards, brochures, scarves, caps, t-shirts, pens, memory sticks, produced and disseminated as part of campaign		
ALL	Result	10,040 items of campaign materials produced but yet to be disseminated		
	Comment	Distribution of human development campaign materials delayed due to delay in launching of NHDR		
	Indicator	Population survey methodology finalized		
ALL	Result	The methodology was shared with the government and the international community.	G	
	Comment	NA		
	Indicator	Joint program document on capacity for development of statistics in Somalia developed		
ALL	Result	A draft joint program document on capacity for development of statistics in Somalia was developed		
	Comment	The draft document is under discussion, and UNFPA has been tasked with leading the population survey		



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ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

FEDERAL LEVEL

The Somalia Human Development Report 2012 was launched in New York on 28 September 2012. Speakers: H.E. Elmi Ahmed Duale, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Somalia; Dr. Sima S. Bahous, Assistant Secretary General UNDP; Mark Bowden, UN Resident Coordinator for Somalia; David Clapp, UNDP Country Director for Somalia; Siram Pande, Report Coordinator; and Adnan Hirad, Somali national.

PUNTLAND TBC

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PARTNERSHIPS

The Ministries of Planning in the 3 administrations; the municipalities of Hargeisa, Burao and Berbera in Somaliland; the municipalities of Garowe, Galkacyo and Bossaso in Puntland are key counterparts. The project worked closely with the Ministry of Labour, Sports and Youth (MOLSA) in collaboration with ILO in the implementation of the Labour Force Survey and the assessment of the Vocational Training Centres and job market assessments whose objective is to improve government policy on employment and identify the best investments in skills training for youth.

The project is a member of the UN Technical Task Force for the Population Estimation Survey which is chaired by UNFPA.

The project engaged youth in the 3 administrations to work together on the design of the 'Youth Charter' and build inter-regional networks. Somali youth in Kenya initiated a process of forming an umbrella youth group with representation from all Somali youth organizations. Further collaboration with the Centre for Research and Dialogue led to a successful International Youth Day workshop in Mogadishu



PEACE AND CONFLICT

The International Youth Day workshop in Mogadishu provided a platform for youth from the 3 administrations of Somalia to discuss their common concerns and aspirations.

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Following up on discussions held in Q2, HDEU held discussions with mayors in Somaliland to take advantage of the ongoing civil service reform and entrench gender balance in the recruitment of young female graduates and also promote the participation of women in political issues at the municipal level. The NHDR and MDG Progress Reports 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 Somalia. During the International Youth Day workshop in Mogadishu, one of the key facilitators from CRD was a young woman, which inspired the young female workshop participants. Future engagement with partners should seek to encourage the involvement of women in UNDP funded activities

UPCOMING QUARTER

The recent peaceful elections of President and Speaker for the Federal Government of Somalia and subsequent peaceful transition will enable the project to implement a number of activities which had been postponed due to the uncertain political environment.



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REFLECTIONS / LESSONS

The preparation of the Somalia Human Development Report 2012 was fraught with many daunting challenges. The capacity of the local institutions tasked with conducting the field survey and preparing the background papers was very weak and this significantly affected the projected timeline. In spite of the best efforts made to guide the local research institutions and researchers through a concept paper and a detailed outline for the report, the capacity continued to remain limited. In spite of these challenges, UNDP continued to engage very closely and provided the intellectual and technical inputs for the survey and the background papers to ensure national ownership of the process. The local research institutions did not have the capacity to clean the data and this had to be done centrally in UNDP, which took a long time to accomplish.

Since Somalia is not an integrated country and the south central is so unstable, the same exercise had to be repeated three times i.e., consultations, background papers, engagement of government counterparts, 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.

Another challenge faced by the authors of the Somalia Human Development Report was not being able to hire the required expertise – conflict, gender and youth experts - because of bureaucratic and procedural delays. After the completion of the final draft, there was too long a period that was wasted before internal comment started coming in. These comments came in after the report was edited. Once the report was published, the delay in launching it was another problem because of the turmoil associated with the transition in government in Mogadishu and possibly because it could have been handled better.

CUMULATIVE PROJECT FINANCIAL SUMMARY		
APPROVED BUDGET	600000	
TOTAL (DISBURSEMENTS + COMMITMENTS)	450048	
BALANCE OF FUNDS	149952	
% DELIVERY (AGAINST APPROVED BUDGET)	75	