

Quarterly Progress Report

Environment and Energy Project

(Atlas ID: 00060645)

Reporting Period	01 January to 31 March 2016
Government Counterpart	Office of Environment , Office of the Prime Minister
PSG	4: Economic Foundations
PSG priority	Priority 3: Promote the sustainable development and management of natural resources by developing legal and regulatory frameworks and building capacity in key Natural Resources Management (NRM) institutions
Focus Locations:	National
AWP Budget	USD 268,855
Available Funds for year	USD 268,855
Expenditure to date	USD 40,118

CONTRIBUTING DONORS:



ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ATLAS	UNDP's Enterprise Resource Planning System for Projects Management and Control
AWP	Annual Work Plan
CBO	Community Based Organization
CSOs	Civil Society Organization
FGS	Federal Government of Somalia
GEF	Global Environment Facility
IRENA	International Renewable Energy Agency
MOE	Ministry of Environment, Office of the Prime Minister
NAP	National Action Plan
ELD	Economics of Land Degradation
PREP	Poverty Reduction and Environmental Protection Programme
RRA	Renewable Energy Readiness Assessment
UNCBD	United Nations Convention on Biodiversity
UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
GIZ	Germany agency for International Cooperation
INCC	Initial National Communication on climate change
LOA	Letter of Agreement
DLDD	Desertification on Land Degradation and Drought
RE	Renewable Energy
NRM	Natural Resource management
PCEA	Post Conflict Environmental Assessment.
NTWGs	National Thematic Working Groups.

SECTION1 – KEY DEVELOPMENT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

On request of the Federal Ministry of Energy and Water, UNDP has finalized the validation of the Renewable Energy Readiness Assessment Report for Somalia. The national level assessment followed the guidelines of International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and is a prerequisite for applying for financial support from IRENA for the promotion of renewable sources of energy. In this regard the NAP/ELD report has also been finalized and submission to UNEP/GIZ anticipated in the end of April 2016.

To support the preparatory activities for the Initial National Communication (INC) on Climate Change, a National Coordinator has been hired and fully onboard.

SECTION 2 – PROGRESS AGAINST OUTPUTS & PLANNED ACTIVITIES IN ANNUAL WORK PLAN

OUTPUT 1 – Somalia meets its obligations as the signatory of UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Narrative update on Progress towards Output			
<p>The overall output of the Project on establishing an initial communication on climate change at federal level initiated and a national coordinator hired to support the INC preparatory activities. In addition, regional member states consultations planned in the second quarter of 2016 to establish a unified strategy in Somalia meeting the UNFCCC to which it's a signatory. The INC is to be prepared over a timeframe of 18 months. Progress to date against annual output target provides the level of current achievement.</p>			
Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Progress to date
Somalia prepares national communication on climate change following an inclusive approach	Somalia has not submitted initial national communication to climate change as signatory of UNFCCC	Initial National Communication on climate change(INCC) prepared/submitted	<p>The Initial communication on climate change (INC) process has been initiated at federal level and consultations from regional member states planned in the second quarter of 2016.</p> <p>A National Coordinator has been hired to support the INC Preparatory activities at national level.</p>
Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan		Progress Against Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold inclusive inception workshop 2. Complete the sector wise description of national circumstances 3. Establish center for Climate Mitigation, Research and Communication 4. Develop a GHG Inventory database and information management system 5. Conduct Post Conflict Environmental Assessment with baseline information to support multi-lateral environmental agreements 		<p>Not yet achieved but Reflected in the 2016 AWP and Progress will be reported over the upcoming quarters.</p>	
Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Circumstances Report 2. Reports on the Established Climate Mitigation, Research and Communication Center 3. GHG Inventory database and information management system update Reports 4. Post Conflict Environmental Assessment (PCEA) 			

Output 2 – Somalia meets its obligations as the signatory of UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

Narrative update on Progress towards Output			
<p>The output contributes towards the overall objective of the project in preparing a National Action Programme (NAP) to Combat Desertification. In addition, this output will produced an ELD report that will help the country align itself better to the UNCCD and mitigate impacts of desertification, land degradation and drought (DLDD). It is anticipated that the NAP/ELD report will be submitted to UNEP/GIZ by end of April 2016. Progress to date against annual output target provides the level of current achievement.</p>			
Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Progress to date
1. Somalia formulates and approves the NAP	Somalia has not prepared and submitted NAP to Combat Desertification as signatory of UNCCD	NAP finalized and submitted to UNCCD	NAP/ELD report finalized but has not yet been submitted to UNEP & GIZ for action.
Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan		Progress Against Activities	
1. Finalize NAP that includes gap analysis, recommendations for investments in Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought management initiatives and Land Degradation Neutrality targets		NAP/ELD Reports finalized and awaiting submission to UNEP& GIZ and progress update will be reported in the 2 nd Quarter of 2016.	
Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work plan • Approved NAP/ELD Report 			

Output 3 – Access to Renewable Sources of Energy Improved

Narrative update on Progress towards Output			
The output contributes towards the overall objective of the project on improved access to Renewable source of Energy- finalized the RRA report and validation process, the output has also created the implementation of follow up projects and expected to start in May 2016.			
Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Progress to date
# of RE project launched/approved or produced for implementation	No project on RE in Somalia	1 RE project launched/approved or produced for implementation	RRA Report Finalized and Validated. Concept note to mobilise funding from OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) approved. Conceptual framework for a new programme on promotion of renewable energy finalised.
Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan		Progress Against Activities	
Finalize the Renewable Energy Readiness Assessment for Somalia and formulate follow-up project in line with the recommendations of the assessment		RRA validation completed Implementation of follow up projects is planned in the 2 nd quarter of 2016 and progress will be reported over the upcoming quarters	
Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements			
Project Work Plan RRA Report OFID Concept Note Conceptual Framework for new programme on Renewable Energy			

SECTION 3 – CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES (GENDER, HIV/AIDS, PEACE AND CONFLICT, HUMAN RIGHTS)

The actual implementation of activities is planned to commence in the second quarter of 2016 and the number of beneficiaries from RE initiatives would be reported on a gender-segregated data sets. The project implementation ensures an inclusive, participatory approach involving all key stakeholders including women and youth. Detailed sectoral analysis of climate vulnerabilities, impacts of desertification and the socioeconomic and gendered impacts will be prepared for water, agriculture, livestock and energy sector

SECTION 4– CHALLENGES/LESSONS LEARNT

There's a need to prepare an electricity law to establish a legal economic and institutional basis for renewable energy uptake and also conduct studies quantifying the benefits in terms of local jobs in the energy sector through econometric studies relating energy security to the broader economic benefits for Somalia.

Renewable energy, solar energy in particular, had very successful demonstration across different regions of Somalia. This was result of setting up of solar energy systems in public places. National and regional governments have requested UNDP to replicate the initiative in other locations. UNDP is planning to establish small and medium entrepreneurship around renewable energy products. This would be done in collaboration with the financial institutions (mainly banks) currently operating in Somalia.

SECTION 5 – RISK MANAGEMENT

This section can be used to update or use the risk logs developed during the project development stage and provide any mitigation measures being undertaken by the project.

Type of Risk ¹	Description of Risk	Mitigating Measures
Operational, Political	A low level of cooperation between executing institutions due to political divisions and the existence of distinct zones of Federal Somalia, new/emerging states, Puntland and Somaliland makes the coordination of policy development challenging.	<p>Management arrangements include one clear focal point for implementation, the GEF operational focal point. National thematic working groups (NTWGs) on climate change and desertification would be formed with a cross-sectoral representation, including, women groups, community elders, CSOs.</p> <p>Project will also house technical expertise in the national institution, office of the GEF focal point and Ministry of Planning, to ensure national ownership as the initial communication and action programme is developed.</p>
Operational	Security risks could affect project implementation, particularly clan-based conflicts over competing uses of natural resources.	Project implementation will ensure that customary dispute resolution mechanisms are used to resolve any conflicts. For instance, traditional elders, religious leaders and clan leaders will continue to be consulted on any major implementation decisions for national action programme to combat desertification. Project implementation will also ensure an inclusive, participatory approach involving all key stakeholders including women and youth and an equitable distribution of benefits.

¹ Environmental; Financial; Operational; Organizational; Political; Regulatory; Security; Strategic; Other.

SECTION 6 – MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

No oversight and Monitoring activities conducted but progress will be reported in the upcoming Quarters when actual implementations are anticipated to start.

Monitoring Activity	Date	Description & Comments	Key Findings / Recommendations

SECTION 7 – FINANCIAL REPORT

Donor	Total funds committed	Available resources for the year	Contribution as % of AWP	Expenditure	Balance ²	% Delivery	Comments
UNEP	167,500	167,500	62%	40,118	127,382	15%	
UNDP	101,355	101,355	38%	-	101,355	0%	
TOTAL	268,855	268,855	100	40,118	228,737	15%	

ANNEX 1: TRAINING DATA

No Trainings conducted during the reporting period

#	Target Group		Dates	# of participants		Title of the training	Location of training	Training provider
	Ministry. District or UN staff	Others		M	F			
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² Available resource for the year minus funds disbursed till now.