

## Quarterly Report: Support to Building Inclusive Institutions of Parliament in Somalia

<b>Reporting Period</b>	Second Quarter 2015
<b>Government Counterpart</b>	Somali National Federal Parliament (NFP), Somaliland House of Representatives (SL HoR), Puntland House of Representatives (PL HoR), Federal Ministry of Constitutional Affairs (MoCA), Puntland Ministry of Constitution, Federal Affairs and Democratization (MoCFAD), IRA
<b>PSG</b>	1: Inclusive Politics
<b>PSG priority</b>	<u>Priority 1:</u> Advance inclusive political dialogue to clarify and settle relations between the federal government and existing and emerging administrations and initiate processes of social reconciliation to restore trust between communities. <u>Priority 2:</u> Finalize and adopt a Federal Constitution by December 2015.
<b>Focus Locations:</b>	Federal level, Somaliland, Puntland, IJA
<b>2015 AWP Budget</b>	\$ 6,202,751
<b>Available Funds for year</b>	\$ 2,455,718
<b>Expenditure to date</b>	\$ 1,718,549

### CONTRIBUTING DONORS:



## ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AMISOM	African Union Mission in Somalia
AWP	Annual Work Plan
BTOR	Back-to-office report
CSO	Civil Society Organization
DFID	Department for International Development
EU	European Union
FGS	Federal Government of Somalia
GROL	Governance and Rule of Law Programme
HACT	Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfer
HoP	House of the People
HoR	House of Representatives
IBTCI	International Business & Technical Consultants, Inc.
ICRIC	Independent Constitutional Review and Implementation Commission
ISF	Integrated Strategic Framework
MIA	Mogadishu International Airport
MoCA	Ministry of Constitutional Affairs
MoCFAD	Ministry of Constitution, Federal Affairs and Democratization (PL)
MoF	Ministry of Finance
MPTF	Multi Partner Trust Fund (UN)
NFP	National Federal Parliament
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OPM	Office of the Prime Minister
PC	Provisional Constitution
PREP	Poverty Reduction and Environment Programme
PSGs	Peacebuilding and State building Goals
RBM	Results-Based Management
RoL	Rule of Law
RoP	Rules of Procedures
SDRF	Somalia Development and Reconstruction Fund
SIDA	Swedish International Development Agency
TA	Technical Assistance
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNSOM	UN Special Political Mission for Somalia
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WB	World Bank

## SECTION 1 – KEY DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

- The 6th session of National Federal Parliament (NFP) commenced in Quarter 2 and the foreseen legislative agenda expects to pass a number of new bills including Public Procurement Law, Anti-Money-Laundering Law, and Counter-Terrorism Law, Telecommunication law and some laws crucial for Vision 2016 implementation such as the political party law, approval of the BFC and the INEC Commissioners. Moreover, in this session, the parliament has started to implement a two-hour weekly TV program intended to inform the public about committee activities in terms of oversight and legislative responsibilities aimed at enhancing the transparency of the parliament activities. The NFP has also launched another TV program aimed at informing the public about government programs whilst the NFP requested the project provides support on these programs.
- **Project board meetings** were held for National Federal Parliament and Puntland HoR in May and June 2015. These meetings were aimed to discuss progress and achievements that UNDP and parliaments made in this quarter. Due to unforeseen operational restrictions it was not possible to hold the PBM for Somaliland Parliament during this quarter as initially planned.

It is worth noting that based on the Annual Work plans signed with the three Parliaments namely National Federal Parliament, the House of the Representatives of Puntland and the House of Representatives in Somaliland **Letter of Agreements (LoAs) have been signed** with all three Parliaments. First installment of LoA funds has been transferred and the three parliaments started implementation of the LoAs activities. With respect to the outcome of the ABRIMO capacity assessments all LoAs are accompanied by a risk mitigation plan and a capacity development plan.

- **Capacity building activities** continue to be delivered to the three parliaments by the project, as they are the core of the project activities and goals. Some of the trainings offered included: Basic research techniques for committee staff; preparation of legislative draft report; and advanced research techniques using the internet. The project also provided trainings on monitoring and evaluation aimed at equipping key parliamentary staff of the National Federal Parliament and the Puntland House of Representatives (HoR) on skills and knowledge to enable them perform their monitoring tasks and to assist in evaluation. In Somaliland the project delivered trainings for House of Representatives staff on Administrative and Financial Procedures, organizational structure and policy decisions, Hansard, Report writing and Record/Filing systems, Minute Taking and Rapporteur Techniques and Strategic planning workshop for Somaliland constituencies' offices. It is expected that these capacity development initiatives will contribute to the project's goal to enhance operational and technical capacity of the Somaliland HoR.

To further enhance and strengthen the relevance and quality of capacity building activities, the UNDP parliamentary support project carried out a **capacity building needs assessment** in Mogadishu for the Young Graduates of NFP in May 2015. With the project support, these young graduates (YG) work in several departments, units and committees of the NFP to restore the main functions of the

parliamentary administration and support the parliamentary committees among others. Consequently, this assessment gathered data to determine what training and knowledge have been developed and what gaps can be overcome in the future in selected areas. The results of the assessment aimed at highlighting needs to be bridged and thus informed the preparation of training components and facilitated the development of a training program for young graduates.

- A milestone towards improving the security of the Parliament has been initiated. **The process for security upgrade** of the National Federal Parliament perimeter wall was initiated, with the endorsement by Parliamentary leadership of the technical drawings and required documentation for and UNFDP launch of the solicitation and bidding process. This process is estimated to be concluded during next quarter and the construction towards November 2015.

Significant developments have also been registered for the Constitutional Review Process, namely the conduct of two Project Board Meetings that culminated in the approval of a revised PIP extending the activities of the project from 4 to 6 months. Additionally, National Federal Parliament is also an integral part of the implementation of this project as signaled by the inclusion of the NFP Speaker as co-chair of the project board. UNDP and UNSOM have joined hands to provide the technical support to the state formation process in Kismayo, from the support to the drafting of the charter of Constitution to future steps including support to the newly formed regional assembly.

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

### OUTPUT 1 – NFP, SOMALILAND AND PUNTLAND SUPPORTED TO ENACT QUALITY LEGISLATION AND TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT OF EXECUTIVE.

#### Narrative update on Progress towards Output

- The 6th session of NFP began in Quarter 2 and has a very ambitious legislative agenda that includes bills such as Political Parties Law, Public Procurement Law, Anti-Money-Laundering Law, and Counter-Terrorism Law, to which the project is contributing with technical assistance.
- During this quarter the project commenced initiatives to support National Federal Parliament (NFP) to collect, compile, achieve and publish past and current legislation were implemented and will continue in next quarter. As a first step the project in cooperation with the parliament's Information Management Center (IMC) conducted an assessment on what legislation is available and in which language. During this and next quarter, the project will work with the NFP, PL and SL parliaments to identify all existing Somali legislation and respective archives.
- In Mogadishu, 50 NFP Committee clerks and staff trained on research work for legislative drafting and analysis, including legislative-history research and research techniques using internet. (M: 40; F: 10).
- Templates for Committee work plan and report previously developed were approved by the parliament and can now be used by Committee staff to assist Committees' developing their work plans. 50 Staff of the NFP committees have been trained on it and are now able to utilize the approved work plan for their particular tasks. This will help them perform their work smoothly and easily. (M: 39; F:11).
- In Somaliland, 6 trainings were conducted for HoR staff including constituencies office staff (M: 32; F: 7) on Organizational structure and policy decisions, Administrative and Financial Procedures, Hansard, Report writing and Record/Filing systems, Minute Taking and Rapporteur Techniques, Coordination and Monitoring Duties, Strategic Planning.

Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Progress to date
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parliament effectively engaged in budget cycle, incl. undertaking oversight of key ministries expenditures</li> <li>2. NFP Research office and Library established with UNDP support</li> <li>3. No. of priority laws of NFP 5th session approved.</li> <li>4. No. of committees with workplans and reports produced in</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Little capacity amongst MPs to effectively engage in parliamentary business</li> <li>2. No research unit exists</li> <li>3. Legislative priorities for 5th session established and agreed between NFP and Executive</li> <li>4. Few NFP committee work plans in place</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At least 3 oversight missions conducted</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes. 2015 budgets approved by the parliament of NFP, PL and SL. Based on this Parliament developed an overall analysis of these Budgets. In addition, training on Administrative and Financial procedures offered to Somaliland HoR staff by international consultant tasked to provide technical and advisory support to the Somaliland HoR.</li> </ol>

<p>Parliaments</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. At least 3 trainings on legal drafting implemented in Somaliland Parliament</li>   <li>3. Minimum 3 priority legislation process supported in each Par</li>   <li>4. At least 2 study missions and participation to international/regional conferences facilitated and implemented</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. One (1) training on Research work for legislative drafting and research including legislative-history research and research techniques using internet conducted 50 Committee staff (M:40; F:10) of NFP. In addition, research was conducted which determined the status of historic legislation in the NFP.</li>   <li>3. Drafting of 3 priority legislations being supported by the project: Procurement Law, Counter-terrorism law and Anti-Money-Laundering Law.</li>   <li>4. One study mission participated by three MPs of the Somaliland HoR in June. The three-day conference was organized by the World Bank and UNDP in Jamaica on the topic: Strengthening Legislative Oversight to Foster Accountability, Transparency, and Sustainable Development, particularly with regards to parliamentary oversight on budgeting and government spending.</li>   <li>5. Conducted training on developing</li> </ol>
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		5. Minimum 3 NFP committees supported to undertake public hearings	committee workplan, familiarization of template and hands on session for 15 parliamentary committees (M: 40 F: 10).
		<b>Progress Against Activities</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity Result 1.1: NFP MPs capacity built to understand and discharge their constitutional mandates</li> </ul>		<p>Activity Result 1.1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Federal Parliament staff (M:39 F: 11) were trained on Basic research for committee staff and preparation of legislative draft report and committee work plan in April. These staff are now familiar with and able to develop their own work plan and equipped to support the NFP MPs to discharge the duties.</li> <li>To support the NFP 6<sup>th</sup> legislative agenda, the project initiated technical assistance in key priority legislation that includes the recruitment of an expert for the Procurement Law. Effective work to take place in Q3. Project also collaborated with UNODC to provide in Q3 support for the counter-terrorism and anti-money-laundering laws, supporting through desk-reviews, amendments to the draft bills, and workshops to discuss the review and possible amendments. In what concerns the Public Procurement Law, the project is completing the recruitment of an expert that will conduct the review and support with the amendments during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. UNDP and UNSOM have joined efforts to support parliament to assist the parliament to prepare a draft of the National Security Commission. UNDP Parliament Development Consultant and Legal Officer held meetings with the Committees of Interior, Judicial and Religious Affairs, and Finance and budget to analyze the priority bills for this session and required support, as well as UNDP possible support.</li> </ul> <p>In mid-June , a new project staff member joined the project. The project recruited a UNDP legal and constitutional specialist who started coordinate the support to the committees with regard to their legislative work.</p>	

- Activity Result 1.2: NFP Women MPs supported to strengthen the role of women in decision-making
- Activity Results 1.3: NFP Youth MPs supported to strengthen the role of young MPs in decision-making
- Activity Result 1.4: NFP Parl. Committees formed and capacity of MPs developed to promote transparent and participatory law-making and effective Executive oversight

#### Activity Results 1.2:

- The parliament project in collaboration with HIV project, Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment project supported to invite the women caucus and SL MPs to participate in a transformational leadership for results training in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The participants attended this training were MPs and senior government officials (M: 27 F: 4). The aim of the training was to enhance the existing capacities and develop leadership skills, by supporting participants to conceive new 'breakthrough initiatives' which leads to more gender sensitive policy reforms and representation at all levels of the government.

#### Activity Results 1.3:

- This activity is scheduled to take place in Q3/4, with the support of the UNDP Parliamentary Development consultant.

#### Activity Result 1.4:

- NFP parliamentary committee clerks and staff participated in a multi-day workshop to develop the research skills required in support of MPs and committees. Further training was provided on advanced research techniques using the internet. These templates and knowledge are now important tools to be used during the 6<sup>th</sup> session and in the scope of the missions of the UNDP Parliamentary Development Consultant mentoring "office hours" will be established to follow up on application of these tools.
- Project conducted training on developing committee workplan, familiarization of template and hands on session for 15 parliamentary committees (M: 40 F: 10). Templates for committee work plan and committee report developed and approved and can now be used by committee staff to assist committees developing their work plans. Such a planning is important to also include foreseen public hearings and give due consideration to the required timeframe needed to prepare and hold this important instrument of public consultation, which will feed in to the implementation of legislative



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity Result 1.5: NFP MPs and Committees supported to perform planning and oversight role in the Budget Cycle, ensuring budgets are designed and implemented effectively, equitably, transparently and accountably</li> <li>• Activity Result 1.6: Establish and build capacity of NFP Legal &amp; Research Unit to support MPs</li> <li>• Activity Result 1.7: Support Somaliland and Puntland to develop and implement priority legislative agendas</li> </ul>	<p>agenda and analysis of particular draft bills.</p> <p>Activity Result 1.5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A UNDP Parliamentary Budget and financial oversight consultant was foreseen to undertake a mission to NFP to support the NFP, and in particular the subject matter Committee, in their role of oversight of state budget. However, security conditions did not permit this mission to take place, hence it has been postponed for the second quarter.</li> <li>- The participation of SL HoR Members of Parliament in the international conference organized by World Bank and UNDP in Jamaica on the topic: Strengthening Legislative Oversight to Foster Accountability, Transparency, and Sustainable Development, will allow them to better discharge their oversight mandate on budgeting and government spending, drawing on vest practices and lessons learned from discussions and the experience of 15 other countries.</li> </ul> <p>Activity Result 1.6:</p> <p>UNDP Parliament Development Consultant has delivered training on legislative research and drafting. UNDP Research Officer is now working closely with NFP staff in Research and Legal areas and has delivered training on internet research techniques. As a first step the project in cooperation with the parliament’s Information Management Center (IMC) conducted an assessment on what legislation is available and in which language. During this and next quarter, the project will work with the NFP, PL and SL parliaments to identify all existing Somali legislation and respective archives.</p> <p>Activity Result 1.7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A workshop on Organizational structure and policy decisions conducted by UNDP consult was participated by Somaliland HoR staff including head of departments (M: 7 F: 2) in April. The consultant also developed reporting and record management guide which was endorsed by the Secretary General of SL HoR as a way to improve the capacity of Hansard and Archives, which are</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity Result 1.8: Support NFP, Somaliland and Puntland to collect, compile, achieve and publish past and current legislation</li> </ul>	<p>important for ensuring the filling and archiving of the results and works from the committee's and Plenary sessions. .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- With the support of UNDP, two female (one MP and one staff) from the Puntland parliament travelled to participate an international conference on gender issues held in Tunisia in order to enhance their understanding of electoral systems and processes from a gender perspective.</li> </ul> <p>Activity Result 1.8:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Initiatives to support NFP, Somaliland and Puntland to collect, compile, achieve and publish past and current legislation were implemented and ongoing. Research was conducted which determined the status of historic legislation in the NFP. A search for missing gazettes is underway whilst some were already found of and it is expected that they will be made available online on the NFP website. An order was placed to procure Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software to convert scanned image documents of past legislation into editable formats and action plans to translate Italian gazettes were drafted.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sources of evidence for the above results are project staff monitoring BTORs, Training attendance sheets, training reports/curricula, consultants reports, Consultants Deliverables, minutes of the Parliamentary sessions, NIEC law.</li> </ul>	

**OUTPUT 2 – NFP AND PARLIAMENTS OF SOMALILAND AND PUNTLAND ESTABLISHED AS AN EFFECTIVE INSTITUTION, WITH A FUNCTIONING ADMINISTRATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE AND LEADERSHIP SUPPORTED TO DISCHARGE THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATES TO FAIRLY, INCLUSIVELY AND TRANSPARENTLY MANAGE THE BUSINESS OF PARLIAMENT AND LEAD THE PARLIAMENTARY ADMINISTRATION.**

**Narrative update on Progress towards Output**

- Support Services were provided to Office of the Speaker, MPs, Committees, departments and units by Young Graduates in order to rebuild the core functions of the parliamentary administration. Support to Parliament Leadership also included the recruitment of a policy advisor to the Speaker and the initiation of a recruitment for a national constitutional expert. The UNDP Policy advisor to the Speaker has provided substantive advice on legislative calendar, state formation and constitutional review.
- Capacity of parliamentary staff in all 3 parliaments increased after they received number of training such M&E, LoA Management, Administrative and Financial Procedures, etc.
- In response to ABRIMO’s Risk Assessment UNDP consultant developed Financial and Procurement Procedure and conducted 2 days training for the department of Admin and Finance for Somaliland House of Representatives. In addition the SL HoR contracted a company to follow up ABRIMO recommendations with regard to amending procedures and regulations.
- Puntland HoR has contracted a national consultant who has started to implement the ABRIMO recommendations. NFP started the recruitment of a similar expert. Both national experts will be paid by the project.
- Risk mitigation plans were developed for NFP, SL and PL even though capacity development plans for each parliament to respond to the capacity assessment findings. WThe work of above consultants will be mentored by a UNDP national consultant who is in charge of coordination, quality control and to facilitate synergies.

<b>Output Indicators</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Annual Target</b>	<b>Progress to date</b>
1. # of members of Parliamentary leadership supported to manage the business of the Chamber 2. Staff capacity increased to provide support services to Office of the Speaker & MPs 3. NFP, Somaliland and Puntland Strategic Plans inclusively	1. New NFP Parliamentary Leadership have limited capacity to manage parliamentary business 2. 45 young graduates were hired in 2013. 3. No current Strategic Plan for the Somaliland or Puntland	1. 2 members of Parliamentary leadership supported to develop agendas, order of business, etc.	The UNDP Policy Advisor for Speaker hired and undertook activities for Q3, namely drafting of several policy papers and the Parliamentary calendar with main activities until end of September 2016,

<p>developed and implementation progressed</p> <p>4. Pre/Post assessment by contracted company indicates improvements against HACT criteria</p>	<p>Parliaments</p> <p>4. Capacity assessments showed significant risks with regard to parliaments' financial / operational abilities (HACT criteria)</p>	<p>2. Training provided to 20 members of staff of Office of the Speaker, and Administration, Finance and IT departments</p> <p>3. 2 Committee support systems, and Parliamentary financial management systems in place and working effectively</p>	<p>The process to recruit a National Constitutional expert to support the Speaker's officer has also been initiated.</p> <p>1. A total of 126 MPs and Parliamentary staff of NFP, Mogadishu and Puntland (M:100; F:26) have been provided training since early 2015 which include M&amp;E, LoA Management Administrative and Financial Procedures, Organizational structure and policy decisions among others.</p> <p>In Puntland and Mogadishu 2 Monitoring and Evaluation trainings conducted for PL House of Representative and NFP Staff (M: 16 F: 7) and NFP Staff (M: 36 F: 8) respectively. These trainings were aimed at equipping key parliamentary staff of NFP and PL HoR on skills and knowledge to enable them perform their monitoring tasks and to assist in evaluation.</p> <p>2. Parliamentary financial and procurement management systems developed by UNDP</p>
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		<p>4. 50% of recommendations re high/significant risks implemented</p>	<p>consultant and conducted 2-day training for the department of Admin and Finance for Somaliland House of Representatives.</p> <p>3. The monitoring of the implementation of these recommendations is scheduled to take place in Q4</p>
Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan		Progress Against Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity Result 2.1: Capacity of NFP Parliamentary Leadership strengthened to effectively and efficiently manage Parliament</li> </ul>		<p>Activity Result 2.1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project concluded the recruitment of an international consultant for Parliament leadership to provide technical support and policy guidance to the speaker of the NFP in terms of legislative function of the parliament, its oversight role as well as its contribution to the constitutional review process anticipated to happen in 2015.</li> <li>The Advisor has so far done start up activities including Parliamentary calendar with main activities until end of September 2016, prepared policy papers, submitted drafts for State Formation Policy Documents and Legislation, as well as participated and supported the retreat held in Naivasha with the Oversight Committee Technical Review, for the Technical Review of Provisional Constitution.</li> <li>With the support from Project, NFP developed Terms of Reference (ToR) for a national Constitutional Expert, which have already been advertised. This consultant will support the office of the speaker in the constitutional review process, namely in matters related to Federalization and Democratization processes, which imply a heavy workload added to the office. Recruitment process is underway and expected to be completed in the upcoming Q3.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity Result 2.2: Somaliland and Puntland Parliaments develop and monitor implementation of 2013-16 Strategic Plans + Implementation Plans</li> </ul>		<p>Activity Result 2.2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNDP consultant drafted five draft guidelines for Somaliland HoR to</li> </ul>	

strengthen the internal systems and process of the five departments of SL HoR as well as to respond to the findings of the ABRIMO assessment and to institutionalize and codify standard operating process

- Somaliland HoR has contracted a specialized company which will follow up the remaining recommendations of the ABRIMO assessment.
- Puntland HoR recruited a national adviser who will prepare all necessary organizational and procedure changes in lien with the ABRIMO assessment.
- The work of all three parliaments related to follow up of the ABRIMO assessments is coordinated and quality -controlled by a UNDP national consultant.
- The Project M&E officer also provided a training in May to staff of the PL HoR on Basic M&E procedures. (M: 16 F: 7 in PL)

All of the above activities support the Parliaments to more efficiently manage their activities, and monitor their progress against the planned activities, timeframe and resources in the strategic plans.

- Activity Result 2.3: NFP Parliamentary staff reorganized and mentored to provide high quality services to MPs

Activity Result 2.3:

- The project has continued to support and mentor the 45 Young graduates' staff who work as parliamentary staff in different committees, departments and units.  
UNDP has also been providing financial support to Young graduates in terms of paying their salary for every month as well as internet facilities for National Federal Parliament. Support Services are provided to Office of the Speaker, MPs, Committees, departments and units by these Young Graduates in order to rebuild the core functions of the parliamentary administration. Often these graduates get ongoing capacity building in

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity Result 2.4: NFP and Somalia Parliaments of Somaliland and Puntland security infrastructure and security processes strengthened</li> </ul>	<p>various areas by UNDP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In response to verification exercise conducted by IBTCI to the Young graduates, they have received several capacity building trainings on M&amp;E, Basic research and preparation of legislative report in this quarter.</li> <li>- The project conducted a <b>capacity building needs assessment</b> in Mogadishu for the Young Graduates of NFP in May 2015. These young graduates (YG) work in several departments, units and committees of the NFP to restore the main functions of the parliamentary administration and support the parliamentary committees among others, both as heads of departments of units (house affairs, information management, plenary services) or as valuable advisors of committees. Consequently , this assessment gathered data to determine what training and knowledge has been developed and gaps that can be overcome in the future in certain areas. The results of the assessment were aimed at highlighting needs to be bridged and thus assist and inform the preparation of training components and facilitate the development of a training program for young graduates.</li> <li>- NFP initiated the recruitment of a consultant to prepare all necessary changes related to the ABRIMO capacity assessment.</li> </ul> <p>Activity Result 2.4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The work of security upgrade for the National Federal Parliament has commenced. The parliamentary leadership endorsed the technical drawings and other required documentation for the construction of parliament perimeter wall.</li> <li>- UNDP procurement unit launched solicitation and bidding process for the construction of perimeter wall and invitation bids were sent out to pre-selected bidders. Procurement process to identify potential contractors for the security upgrade is in progress, several companies attended the pre-bid and conducted site visits to the parliament building. It is expected that construction commences in August 2015</li> <li>- In Somaliland, UNDP engineering unit developed a detail construction design for Somaliland parliament security upgrading based on security specialist assessment report. The parliament endorsed the final Bill of Quantity and</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity Result 2.5: Long-term strategy to achieve financial sustainability and to reduce dependence from external financial support (NFP, Somaliland HoR, Puntland HoR)</li> </ul>	<p>structural design of the security construction works. The engineering unit is working on the development of bidding documents for the parliament to advertise and invite pre-qualified local companies to submit their interest and prices in the next quarter.</p> <p>Activity Result 2.5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The project continued to provide support about administrative costs of the NFP, SL and PL but also direct funding to ensure the availability of the much needed human, financial and materials resources that sustain the functioning of the three parliaments but it is foreseen that more sustainable approach will be planned in the future.</li> <li>- It is planned for Q 3and 4 to recruit a short-term consultant to provide guidance to all thee parliaments re cost cutting and establishing a stronger financial basis.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sources of evidence for the above results are, information posted on UNDP Somalia Facebook and Twitter, project staff monitoring BTORs, Consultant reports, report on the verification exercise conducted by IBTCI, training reports, Guidelines/ checklist for the committees, report of the Capacity Assessment conducted by ABRIMO, UNDP Parliament Support project capacity building needs assessment.</li> </ul>	



**OUTPUT 3 – MPs THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ARE EMPOWERED TO REPRESENT AND REMAIN ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE AND TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN A WAY THAT PROMOTES NATIONAL UNITY, INCLUDING YOUNG PEOPLE AND WOMEN, PARTICIPATIVE & REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY AND MORE EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO POLITICAL DECISION-MAKING.**

**Narrative update on Progress towards Output**

- During this quarter the National Federal Parliament conducted 7 outreach visits to lower Jubba, Galgaduud, Bay, Lower Shabelle and Hiiraan regions. Reports of these visits indicate full participation in all visited areas such as community elders, religious leaders, youth and women, authorities regions / districts, local NGO's and businesses. Security, health, education, political resolution of the conflict, unemployment, infrastructure, environment, were amongst the topics of discussion.
- Oversight missions were carried out in Somaliland regions by several parliamentary committees of HoR namely Public Works and Roads Committee, Judiciary, Justice Constitution and Human Right Affairs Committee, Security And Intelligent Affairs Committee and Environment, livestock, Natural Resource Affairs. These four committee's created oversight awareness of the work of the parliament and showed that the HoR has great interest to represent their regions. Furthermore, these outreach activities have promoted engagement of the regional/district government offices with their representative at local level. MPs will table their reports in the next session.
- In Puntland, constituency visits and oversight missions were conducted by MPs and Parliamentary Committees in five regions particularly Sanaag, Bari, Mudug, Nugaal and Sool in order to assess the condition of the community in terms of health, security and social issues thereby report the findings from the missions to the parliament during current 35<sup>th</sup> session.

<b>Output Indicators</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Annual Target</b>	<b>Progress to date</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improved understanding of key Public target groups of the role of Parliament and MPs</li> <li>2. Parliaments supported to develop and implement communication and outreach strategies with a particular focus on youth, women and marginalized groups.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Limited understanding by public of role of Parliament in national democracy</li> <li>2. No outreach and communication strategies in Parliaments. Very limited outreach to population</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Communications and Outreach Plan developed for NFP to raise awareness with public</li> <li>2. At least one targeted outreach campaign for women and youth groups organized</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 7 outreach visits conducted by NFP;  Plan developed and implemented. At least 4 outreach visits conducted by SL HOR.  In Puntland, the HoR conducted 5 constituency visits and oversight</li> </ol>

			<p>missions.</p> <p>2. 3 outreach visits of NFP targeted women and youth groups.</p>
Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan		Progress Against Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity Result Area 3.1.: MPs from NFP, Somaliland and Puntland Parliaments supported in their outreach and constituency work</li> </ul>		<p>Activity Result 3.1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Somaliland oversight missions were conducted in 4 regions Togdheer, Saahil, Sool and Awdal by several parliamentary committees of HoR including Public Works and Roads Committee, Judiciary, Justice Constitution and Human Right Affairs Committee, Security and Intelligent Affairs Committee and Environment, livestock, Natural Resource Affairs. These four committee’s created oversight awareness of the work of the parliament and showed that the HoR have great interest to represent their regions. Also this outreach activities have promoted engagement of the regional/district government offices with their representative at local level.</li> <li>In Puntland, constituency visits and oversight missions were carried out by MPs and Parliamentary Committees in five regions particularly Sanaag, Bari, Mudug, Nugaal and Sool in order to assess the condition of the community in terms of health, security and social issues thereby report the findings from the missions to the parliament during current 35<sup>th</sup> session.</li> <li>During this quarter the National Federal Parliament conducted 7 outreach visits to lower Jubba, Galgaduud, Bay, Lower Shabelle and Hiiraan regions. Reports of these visits indicate full participation in all visited areas such as community elders, religious leaders, youth and women, authorities regions / districts, local NGO’s and businesses. Security, health, education, political resolution of the conflict, unemployment, infrastructure, environment, were amongst the topics of discussion.</li> </ul>	

- Activity Result 3.2: NFP, Somaliland and Puntland Parliaments develop and implement a communications and outreach strategy, with a particular focus on reaching out to women, youth and marginalized groups

- Activity Result 3.3: Develop NFP website to promote transparency and participation in parliamentary business, incl. with diaspora

#### Activity Result 3.2:

- UNDP consultant developed in previous quarter a Communication and outreach strategy for the SL HoR has been developed and submitted to the Parliament Leadership, with the overall objective of improving public perception and understanding of the House of Representatives. This is still under consideration of Parliament Leadership and waiting for approval.

#### Activity Result 3.3:

- During the 6th session, the parliament has started to implement a two-hour weekly TV program intended to inform the public about committee activities in terms of oversight and legislative responsibilities as it would enhance the transparency of the parliament activities. NFP is launching another TV program aimed at informing the public about government programs. The parliament asked UNDP whether they could support these TV programs. To support this effort, and under the existing LoA, the project supported the NFP with the recruitment process of 2 media officers. Process is due to be completed in Q3.
- The need to upgrade NFP website was identified as priority. The website – which is currently down following a hacker attack - is available in both Somali and English languages; however, UNDP planned to support the enhancement of the website as whole with particular emphasis laid on the English content of the website. First priority for Q 3 will be to get the web site up and running.
- UNDP has started an ICT Needs Assessment that aims at determining the level of ICT services available for the NFP as well as determining current NFP ICT needs in terms of both software and hardware facilities as well as the content and the security of the website. In addition, the ToR incorporates activities designed to upgrade the website in such a way that it will support both normal website and e-library services.

#### Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements

- Sources of evidence for the above results are monthly newsletters, project staff monitoring, Draft Communication and Outreach strategy, BTORs, Consultant reports, and Parliament website <http://www.parliament.gov.so/index.php/en/>.

## OUTPUT 4 – SUPPORT TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW PROCESS (SOON TO-BE STAND-ALONE PROJECT)

### Narrative update on Progress towards Output

- Oversight Committee held a retreat in Navaisha, where UNDP Policy Advisor the Speaker and Constitutional Expert were amongst the panel of experts providing technical advice.
- During the second quarter, Constitutional Review Project Board Meetings were held in Mogadishu to discuss on how to move forward particularly on PIP framework and Budget. Ceremony of signature of the Project took place on 17 June 2015.
- Draft Letter of Agreements (LoA) were developed and shared with the Ministry of Constitutional Affairs, Independent Constitutional Review and Implementation Commission (ICRIC) and Parliament Oversight Committee for their review and signature. These LOAs are expected to be signed by institutions so that activities can resume in the Q3, as foreseen in PIP. MoCA staff have also been trained on LoA management in order for them to know the implementation modalities, deliverables expected, roles and work to be performed by both UNDP and the Ministry.
- UNDP and UNSOM have joined hands to provide technical support to the Constitution process in Kismayo. A Drafting Committee has been formed from all clans and a draft Constitution / Charter developed.
- Support continues to be provided to the Ministry of Constitution, Federal Affairs and Democratization (MoCFAD) of Puntland. UNDP Organizational development consultant works daily with MoCFAD staff, providing technical advice and mentoring.

Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Progress to date
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Key legislation required by the PC drafted, debated in Parliament and enacted</li> <li>2. Public consultations undertaken in support of post-PC law-making process</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provisional Constitution (PC) passed and requires significant additional legislation to implement</li> <li>2. Provisions in PC envisage establishment of Provisional Constitution and Implementation Oversight (PCIO) Committee to spearhead amendments to the PC before finalization</li> <li>3. PC requires new Independent Provisional Constitution Review &amp; Implementation Commission to be set up</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Drafting commenced on 10-15 key issues</li> <li>2. Training of MPs undertaken on key issues</li> <li>3. Legislation tabled &amp; debated on 5-10 key issues</li> <li>4. Media continues to be engaged and capacity developed</li> <li>5. Public awareness campaign undertaken more broadly</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-3. Oversight Committee held a retreat in Navaisha, whereby UNDP consultants were amongst the panel of experts. This review culminated with the categorization of articles into groups: technical, political/contentious issues and longer-term revision.</li> <li>4-5. UNDP consultant assisted MoCA, OC, ICRIC in planning, budgeting and to draft ToRs</li> </ol>
<b>Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan</b>		<b>Progress Against Activities</b>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support to MoCA to establish a constitutional review department</li>   <li>• Support to MoCFAD (Puntland) – capacity building</li>   <li>• Support to Interim Juba Authorities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNDP developed draft LoA's and shared with the Ministry of Constitutional Affairs, the Independent Constitutional Review and Implementation Commission (ICRIC) and Parliament Oversight Committee for their review and feedback. These LOAs are expected to be signed by both institutions so that activities can be implemented in Q 3. UNDP and the national stakeholders have already had several meetings to finalize details on their respective roles and responsibilities in the implementation of the activities foreseen in the PIP..</li>   <li>• Support continues to be provided to the Ministry of Constitution, Federal Affairs and Democratization (MoCFAD) of Puntland. UNDP Organizational development consultant works daily with MoCFAD staff, providing technical advice and mentoring. Some of the achievements of this quarter for the MoCFAD include the support to the development of a comprehensive capacity building action plan and two month work plan; development of an improved organization structure (organogram) completed; Developed job descriptions for key civil service positions; drafted policy on employee background check and standard recruitment process put in place, including recruitment action plan and new staff orientation training. The project also organized and funded the participation of MoCFAD delegations at the PSG 1 meetings and PIP board meetings</li>   <li>• UNDP and UNSOM have joined hands to provide the technical support to the Constitution process in Kismayo. UNDP consultant supported the development of the draft Constitutional Chart. A Drafting Committee has been formed from all clans. The Committee will involve all communities and opinions in Jubbaland, and will be conducted in an open and transparent manner and would comprise a comprehensive public radio communications campaign, and all region public consultation phase. A Constituent Assembly is scheduled for August 2015, and already the plans are in place to convene 300 voting delegates to adopt the Provisional Constitution of Jubbaland. A consultative meeting will even be held in Nairobi to listen to their views. The Drafting Committee will continue to hold public hearings right up until the Constituent Assembly itself. During Q3 UNDP is planning provide technical support to the newly formed Jubbaland Assembly during its start-up phase.</li> </ul>
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**Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements**

- Sources of evidence for the above results are monthly newsletters, project staff monitoring, BTORs, Consultant reports, Consultants Deliverables, approved PIP for Constitutional Review Process.

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

- During this quarter, a total of 223 MPs and Parliamentary staff have attended capacity building trainings of which 43 were females. The provided trainings included M&E, Administrative and Financial Procedures, Organizational structure and policy decisions among. The participation of women in these trainings ensures equal sharing of knowledge and development of capacities, which will lead hopefully to equal career progress and opportunities in the future.
- With the support of UNDP, two female (one MP and one staff) from the Puntland parliament travelled to participate an international conference on gender issues held in Tunisia in order to enhance their understanding of electoral systems and processes from a gender perspective. They are expected to transfer knowledge and share concepts discussed at the conference with MPs and secretariat staff. This experience and knowledge sharing is expected to contribute to the enhancement and strengthening of women political participation, particularly in crucial processes such as elections which are the fundamental for a stable and democratic state.
- The parliament project in collaboration with HIV project, Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment project supported to invite the women caucus and SL MPs to participate in a transformational leadership for results training in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The participants attended this training were MPs and senior government officials (M: 27 F: 4). The aim of the training was to enhance the existing capacities and develop leadership skills, by supporting participants to conceive new 'breakthrough initiatives' which leads to more gender sensitive policy reforms and representation at all levels of the government.



## SECTION 4 – CHALLENGES / LESSONS LEARNT

1. As in previous quarter, security remains a challenge both to UNDP and NFP. Mitigation measures of the project include:
  - Upgrade of the Security Perimeter of the Parliament Building;
  - The implementation of the AWP is a mixture of UNDP Direct Implementation and implementation through a LoA by the national counterpart;
  - Alternative locations where to held trainings and other capacity buildings activities, particularly in Mogadishu.
  - Assist parliaments to recruit national consultants embedded in their offices to strengthen administrative structures.
  
2. Despite its success, the Young Graduates programme still has challenges and short- comings that need to be addressed to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of parliamentary services. Project has developed a Questionnaire for Capacity Building Needs Assessment distributed to the Graduates to identify training needs for skills and knowledge development.
  
3. The results of the capacity assessments conducted showed a number of deficiencies and gaps in the areas of staffing, financial controls, procurement, reporting and information systems within the Parliaments of Somalia. The Project agreed to support capacity development activities to address these deficiencies, to develop and implement risk mitigation measures. Amongst these capacities activities it is worth noting the delivery of LoA management training in Mogadishu and Somaliland to counterparts, and M&E for Mogadishu and Puntland counterparts. A number of templates of financial and administrative documents, as well as format of reports have also been shared. Despite these trainings, counterparts still face challenges in the implementation of activities under their responsibility, foreseen in the LoA. These challenges relate mainly to compliance with Financial, Procurement and Administrative rules. Hence, project enhanced the capacity of their staff to guide, mentor, support and work side-by side with counterparts throughout the all implementation. The implementation of risk mitigation measures saw, for instance, an increase in the number of direct payments of salaries, which required additional time form counterparts and project team to guide them on procedures, to establish vendor profiles, amongst others. However, this initial time of familiarization and mentoring with these procedures is expected to improve implementation.

## SECTION 5 – RISK MANAGEMENT

Type of Risk <sup>1</sup>	Description of Risk	Mitigating Measures
Environmental Security	Outbreak of violence or serious deterioration of the security environment in Somalia.	Programme team (in close cooperation with UN MISSION and UNCT) adjusts programme activities to changes in the security situation. Use of a more regionally balanced strategy, which focuses on more equal support to all three legislatures (Federal, Puntland and Somaliland).
Environmental Security	Terrorist activities force UN / UNDP to significantly reduce its activities	Due to UN convoy attack on 3rd Dec.14, UNDP has reduced movement of staff between MIA and UNCC, and reallocated Programme staff to MIA. As a result of this operational challenge, project has sought an alternative venue for the parliament staff training to be conducted at SKA in AMISOM protected area or Villa Sultan within the environs of MIA. Project has also rescheduled and reallocated missions of experts into Mogadishu.  Also mitigation measures taken by UN in Garowe after the terrorist activities during this quarter staff were advised to work on low profile, restriction of movements and counterpart visits except for very crucial meetings and use of armed vehicles with SPU escorts for all visits
Operational Organizational	Significant shortfall in resource mobilization from bilateral partners	Strengthening of relationships with bilateral donor partners, involving timely reporting, regular meetings, use of external M&E specialists, monthly information sharing in the form of newsletters and alignment of programme priorities with articulated donor interests.

<sup>1</sup> Environmental; Financial; Operational; Organizational; Political; Regulatory; Security; Strategic; Other.

Operational Organizational	Insufficient involvement of key stakeholders in defining and steering programme implementation	Open, consultative programme planning and development approach; close coordination with key counterparts in each region including project board meetings and endorsements of AWP by Governments counterparts; inclusion of senior stakeholder representatives on Programme Board. Risk Mitigation plans for implementation of LoAs developed and agreed with counterparts.
Environmental Political	Serious deterioration in relations between UNDP Somalia and the NFP or Government	Maintenance of respectful, collaborative approach and transparency;
Security Organizational	National partners are targeted because of collaboration with UN generally or UNDP specifically	Reduce exposure through low-profile approach in sensitive areas.
Operational Organizational	Low absorption capacity among counter-parts – slower process of capacity building than expected aligned with ongoing high expectations	Regular revisions of implementation progress and aligning expecting timing to current condition of staff and infrastructure within the institution. Conduct assessment of parliaments' administrative capacity; include capacity development and risk mitigation measures
Environmental Political	Political conflicts between key state institutions or within the parliament hamper the parliament's ability to function as a legislative body	UNSOM / international community to conduct conflict mediation
Environmental Political	Predominant male members of parliament fail to adopt gender-sensitive legislation	Project includes activities which should familiarize MPs with regard to gender-sensitive legislation and gender-sensitive budgeting. Project promotes activities to increase number of female MPs and empowerment of current female MPs.
Environmental Organizational	Trained parliamentary staff leave institution for better paid positions	Apart from training staff the project focuses on institution building incl. organizational reform, preparation of guidelines and SoPs, which shall make the parliaments resilient to staff turn-over
Political	Upcoming elections in SL may lead to large turnover of MPs and loss of built capacity	Elections in Somaliland have been postponed and been extended by nine months while the number of ministers resigned

		increased to four as the election was approaching. The main opposition parties united against the ruling party, calling on the government to hold parliamentary and presidential elections at the due-date.
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## SECTION 6 – MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

Monitoring Activity	Date	Description & Comments	Key Findings / Recommendations
Field monitoring visit	05/05/2015	<p>This monitoring visit was undertaken by UNDP Deputy Country Director (DCD), Mr. David Akopyan and parliament project team to Somaliland parliament. The objective of the meeting was to follow up of ongoing activities and proceeding as planned and on schedule. Both DCD and Speaker of the parliament exchange the current situation of the project activities. The meeting was conducted in a very cordial and constructive atmosphere and strengthened the working relation between the HoR and UNDP.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is need to work together to mobilize more funds from the donor countries</li> <li>• The Somaliland HoR acknowledged that UNDP was a vital partner for the progress of the house during last decade.</li> <li>• SL HoR mentioned AWEPA is building new resources center and requested if UNDP can support the equipment of the center in the future.</li> <li>• During the meeting it was noted that there was delay of LoA signature which may cause delay in results and implementation of activities. But UNDP assured that they will follow up and support even further implementation.</li> <li>• Somaliland HoR requested from to support in the future establish a unit of pooled 4x4 vehicles to use for the committees regional oversight missions.</li> <li>• The current available resource will be used according to the agreed AWP but in the future in consultation with the project team it will be seen the possibilities to support the transport of the missions.</li> <li>• Both UNDP and Somaliland HoR agreed to have regular close coordination and meetings in the near future.</li> </ul> <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve future process of LoA signature and release of instalment to implementing partner.</li> <li>• Work together to mobilize more funds from the donor countries</li> <li>• Reinforce quarterly coordination meetings with different stakeholders</li> <li>• Leadership retreat between the HoR and UNDP management (Including Donors)</li> </ul>

Field monitoring visit	28/04/2015	<p>This monitoring visit was done by Mr. Masoud Ali, Project Officer, UNDP Parliament Support Project and Mr. Austin Muranganwa Zvoma, Individual Contractor of UNDP PSP project to Somaliland parliament. The objective of the introductory meeting was for the Secretary General, assisted by the Project Officer and the Head of the Planning Department to give the Individual Contractor (IC) a feedback on the policy decisions taken in respect of the recommendations in the Improved Organizational Structure and better aligned HoR Secretariat departments, Accounting Manual and Procurement Procedures produced by the IC.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNDP and Somaliland parliament have discussed on the decision taken in respect of the recommendations in the Improved Organizational Structure and better aligned HoR Secretariat departments, Accounting Manual and Procurement Procedures produced by the IC.</li> <li>• The Somaliland HoR Administration was satisfied and happy with the work done by Individual contractor (IC) on developing documents and guidelines to improve HoR secretariat.</li> <li>• The HoR Secretariat had already started using the Accounting Manual and Procurement Procedures. All the staff and reviewed functions recommended are to be consolidated into the eight departments with expansion being deferred to a time when resources will permit.</li> <li>• The scope of work and days scheduled of IC accepted by the Somaliland parliament and agreed on a revised schedule of a training programme and dates.</li> <li>• The parliament noted the interest to have the IC review of the presidency bureau including an analysis on the relationship between the Secretariat and the Standing Committee and to be provided translated version of the rules relevant to the Standing Committee.</li> </ul>
Field Monitoring Visit	29/04/2015	<p>This field visit was carried out by Mr. Masoud Ali, Project Officer, UNDP Parliament Support Project and Mr. Austin Muranganwa Zvoma, Individual Contractor of UNDP PSP project to Somaliland parliament. The objective of the meeting was for the IC to go</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the meeting it was discussed the HoR Management policy decision on specific provisions of the Accounting Manual, Procurement Procedures and recommendations from the ABRIMO HACT Assessment to cure the Significant and High risks identified. These will be contained in the annotated Management of Risk in the House of Representatives Secretariat under review.</li> <li>• The Somaliland parliament informed the IC of the following decisions in line with the proposal in the accounting manual and procurement procedures now being</li> </ul>

		<p>through the Accounting Manual, Procurement Procedures as well as recommendations on Significant and High Risk assessments by ABRIMO to get a feedback on the HoR Management policy decision on these and their status of implementation. In addition, the exercise was to enable the IC to finalize the Accounting Manual and Procurement Procedures incorporating recommendations from the ABRIMO Risk Assessment findings.</p>	<p>implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) One Officer in the Administration and Finance Department has been designated the Procurement Officer;</li> <li>(b) Appointment of a Procurement Committee comprising five Directors chaired by the Director: Administration and Finance, with a Secretary still to be appointed;</li> </ul> <p>OR pending:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(c) Internal Control Unit to perform the functions of an Internal Audit Unit. [In terms of Financial Regulations, the HoR cannot establish/appoint an Internal Auditor.]</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Somaliland HoR informed the IC that the prospective head of that unit of 2 to 3 staff, an employee of the HoR already holding a degree in Accounting, is soon to finish a Master's in Public Policy Management in Ethiopia.</li> </ul>
GROL unit oversight mission	29/04/2015	<p>GROL team met with the Secretary General and the Director of Planning of the House of Representatives. The partnership and cooperation between UNDP and the House has entered its third year with a track record of high level of delivery and performance.</p>	<p><b>Challenges:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signature of the LoA with the HoR has been delayed. However, the GROL team reassured the DG that the agreement would have been signed before the end of April 2015;</li> <li>• MPs travel to their constituencies on a monthly basis. The HoR does not have budget to enable to cover travel costs and outreach activities more regularly;</li> <li>• Budget allocated to Somaliland parliament is inferior to the one allocated to the other two Parliaments;</li> <li>• The recently conducted Capacity Assessment identified a number of capacity gaps in different areas including finance, procurement, planning, human resources, etc.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff of the Justice, Constitutions and Human Rights sub-committee require additional capacity building support to enable them fulfilling their functions;</li> <li>• MPs capacity to draft, scrutinize, and/or analyse financial related laws is limited.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LoA to be signed before end of April;</li> <li>• The new RoL Programme to coordinate with Parliament project on how best to provide capacity building support to the Law Reform Commission. This Commission is expected to ensure that laws do not conflict among themselves and that are in line with the Constitution;</li> <li>• Parliament projects to explore whether additional financial support can be provided to MPs to cover travel costs to their constituency offices.</li> <li>• Project has recruited a consultant to build capacity of HoR staff and address gaps identified in the Capacity Assessment led by ABRIMO. HoR to be involved into formulation of capacity building activities;</li> <li>• Project to develop capacities of relevant MPs in the revision and drafting of financial related laws.</li> </ul>
Project Board Meeting- Puntland	18/05/2015	This project board meeting took place in Garowe and participated by Puntland House of Representatives and UNDP. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss past achievements and ongoing activities in line with 2015 work plan. The members also highlighted the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RECOMMENDATIONS AND IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES</li> <li>• Upgrade of HoR Meeting Halls</li> <li>• Upgrading the parliament hall needs to commence soon and parliament agreed to prepare and share an activity implantation plan. UNDP staff offered to assist the</li> </ul>



		<p>significant progress that UNDP and HoR cooperation made in 2015 and recognizing the signing of the letter of agreement (LoA) and releasing the first cash advance for the implementation of LoA activities.</p>	<p>parliament as needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICT infrastructure</li> <li>• To improve parliament’s ICT infrastructure, the parliament will assess its ICT needs and prepare service specifications and a procurement plan. UNDP agreed to provide technical assistance.</li> <li>• Security Upgrades</li> <li>• According to the LoA, HoR is to upgrade the security measures of the House parameters. The parliament is reviewing the security assessment conducted by UNDP in December 2014 in order to prepare an action plan and procure contractors. UNDP offered assistance to provide engineers and other technical assistance as needed.</li> <li>• For all these activities, HoR agreed to plan and hire contractors in accordance with the UNDP terms and conditions laid out in the LoA and related guidelines. As stated in the LoA for these three activities UNDP will pay vendors directly.</li> <li>• UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</li> <li>• The LOA provides funds for redesigning and improving HoR’s website as a communication and outreach tool, conducting outreach to constituents and undertaking conflict resolution activities.</li> <li>• Full documentation and timely reporting is required for all activities, including meetings, activities, results achieved and challenges encountered.</li> <li>• Finally, HoR – after having implemented the first part of the LoA -will write to donors and encourage them provide additional funds in order to close the current 2-million funding gap.</li> </ul>
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<p>UNDP and Puntland Parliament Meeting</p>	<p>6/05/2015</p>	<p>This meeting took place in Garowe and participated by Puntland House of Representatives and UNDP. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss re issues on UNDP and HoR signed LOA and how to begin the implementation of the planned activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity development consultant</li> <li>• HoR to hire a local capacity development consultant through a competitive process starting with developing terms of reference and advertising the position. The new hire would have to develop a work plan based on the ToR with clearly defined deliverables. At the end of each month, he/she should submit a report and the parliament should verify the quality of the work delivered. UNDP will pay the consultant directly upon parliament's approval of his/her work.</li> <li>• Requesting cash advances</li> <li>• The parliament can submit cash advance request and agreed to submit the first request immediately according to the LOA.</li> <li>• RoP</li> <li>• Puntland Parliament cited that the Parliament Ad Hoc Committee on Rules of the Procedure is about to complete the review of the RoP document developed by International Consultant and translated with the assistance of Parliamentary Support project (PSP).</li> <li>• Office space</li> <li>• The parliament agreed to provide office space for project staff/consultant Mohamoud and Warsame within the parliament building.</li> <li>• Coordination with other implementers</li> <li>• UNDP proposed that the Puntland parliament takes over the role to coordinate the work of UNDP and other implementers (e.g. Chemonics and AWEBA) to maximize the impact of resources and avoid overlap whilst the parliament welcomed the suggestion</li> </ul>
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			<p>and agreed to take this role.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislation</li> <li>• UNDP discussed its willingness to support improving Parliament’s legislative capacity. In this regard, UNDP requested providing a list of legislations enacted since the establishment of the parliament in 1998 and suggested that the parliament provides legislative priorities and laws the parliament plans to pass in the next three-four legislative sessions, so UNDP could provide technical assistance on initiating, drafting and enacting legislations.</li> <li>• Parliament’s support to raise additional funds</li> <li>• UNDP discussed a fund-raising proposal re recently submitted to donors with the purpose of raising additional funds for Parliament Support Project in order to close the current funding gap. The Puntland parliament leadership agreed to write a letter in support of the funding request.</li> <li>• Support for emerging parliaments</li> <li>• There is a good collaboration between Puntland Parliament and the newly formed Jubbaland Parliament. Puntland HoR donated equipment and office furniture to Jubbland Parliament.</li> <li>• UNDP is ready to assist Puntland Parliament’s support to the emerging parliaments and help strengthen collaboration between Puntland HoR and emerging parliaments. PSP workplan which foresees activities and funds to support this kind of South-South cooperation.</li> <li>• The meeting lasted approx. 90 minutes and was held in a very cooperative and professional atmosphere.</li> </ul>
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Constitution Project Board Meetings – Mogadishu	14/05/2015 21/05/2015	The Meetings took place in Mogadishu with the participation of MoCA, NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National stakeholders developed a framework for the constitutional review process and shared with UN and Donors in advance. Also, the revised PIP was approved and notably the changes from previous versions include: timeframe of implementation increased from 4 to 6 months; implementation of activities adjusted to this timeframe; budget amount remains the same but allocation through the new timeframe, inclusion of Parliament Leadership as co-chair.</li> </ul>
NFP Project Board Meeting- Mogadishu	14/06/2015	This project board meeting took place in Mogadishu and participated by National Federal Parliament of Somalia and UNDP. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss on activities and achievements since January 2015, upcoming events and discuss way forward and agree on recommendations.	<p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Align Parliament Support Project with the SDRF structure, also as an additional opportunity for resource mobilization;</li> <li>• Build the link between the tools and training developed throughout the 5<sup>th</sup> session for Committees and build the link with the implementation of the legislative agenda of the 6<sup>th</sup> session. To note, the agreement to hold a meeting with all committee chairs, Parliament Leadership and UNDP team to address this link.</li> <li>• Provide support to NFP community outreach weekly TV programs, namely through support to recruitment of 2 media officers.</li> <li>• Upgrade the NFP website, embed twitter and social networks, update the English content of the website.</li> <li>• Enhance the support to NFP in terms of LoA Management, namely through mission of the UNDP consultant.</li> </ul>

## SECTION 7 – FINANCIAL REPORT

Donor	Annual Work Plan	Available resources for the year	Contribution as % of AWP	Expenditure	Balance <sup>[1]</sup>	% Delivery	Comments
DFID	1,089,071	1,135,078	18%	692,839	726,460	11%	
European Commission	1,053,892	482,893	8%	239,132	243,761	4%	
Norway	1,104,158	605,852	10%	650,233	(44,381)	10%	
SIDA	200,905	(17,108)	0%	-	0	-	
UNDP TRAC	249,003	249,003	4%	136,346	112,657	2%	
Unfunded	2,505,722	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,202,751</b>	<b>2,455,718</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,718,550</b>	<b>1,038,497</b>	<b>28%</b>	

<sup>[1]</sup> Available resource for the year minus funds disbursed till now.

## ANNEX 1: TRAINING DATA

**TABLE 1 – TRAINING DATA OF THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2015**

#	Target Group		Dates	# of participants		Title of the training	Location of training	Training provider
	Ministry. District or UN staff	Others		M	F			
1.	Somaliland HoR		28/04/2015	7	2	One day training on improved HoR Organizational structure and policy decisions	Hargeisa, Somaliland	Mr. Austin Zvoma International Consultant
2.	Somaliland HoR		3-4 May 2015	2	1	Training on Administrative and Financial Procedures	Hargeisa, Somaliland	Mr. Austin Zvoma International Consultant
3.	Somaliland HoR		7 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	6	4	Training on Hansard, Report writing and Record/Filing systems	Hargeisa, Somaliland	Mr. Austin Zvoma International Consultant
4.	Somaliland HoR		21 May 2015	5		Training on Minute Taking and Rapporteur Techniques	Hargeisa, Somaliland	Mr. Austin Zvoma International Consultant
5.	Somaliland HoR		24 May	2		Training of Planning unit on Coordination and Monitoring Duties	Hargeisa, Somaliland	Mr. Austin Zvoma International Consultant
6.	Somaliland House of Representative 5 Constituency Offices Staff		13-15 June 2015	10	0	Strategic Planning workshop for Somaliland 5 constituencies offices Staff	Hargeisa, Somaliland	Ms. Soulef Guessoum International Consultant
7.	Somaliland HoR		16 June 2015	9	0	One day Induction Course for Newly Hired Staff of HoR	Hargeisa, Somaliland	Ms. Soulef Guessoum International Consultant
8.	National Federal Parliament		14 – 16 April 2015	40	10	Training on Basic research for committee staff and	Mogadishu, Somalia	Mr. George Crawford International Consultant

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	Ministry. District or UN staff	Others		M	F			
						preparation of legislative draft report		
9.	National Federal Parliament		19-20 April 2015	39	11	Training on developing committee workplan , familiarization of template and hands on session	Mogadishu, Somalia	Mr. George Crawford International Consultant
10.	National Federal Parliament		15-17 June 2015	17	2	Monitoring and Evaluation training for key NFP staff	Mogadishu, Somalia	Mr. Jibril Noor Project M&E Officer
11.	National Federal Parliament		23-25 June 2015	19	6	Monitoring and Evaluation training for key NFP staff	Mogadishu, Somalia	Mr. Jibril Noor Project M&E Officer
12.	Puntland HoR		13-18 May 2015	16	7	Monitoring and Evaluation training for key Puntland HoR staff	Garowe, Somalia	Mr. Jibril Noor Project M&E Officer
13.	Somaliland HoR		27-29 April 2015	2		Trainings on Harmonized Approach of Cash Transfer (HACT), Funding Authorization and Certificate of Expenditures (FACE), Atlas and LoA Financial Management	Hargeisa, Somaliland	Mr. Yosief Abraha, Project Operation Specialist
14.	National Federal Parliament		06 May 2015	2		Trainings on Harmonized Approach of Cash Transfer (HACT), Funding Authorization and Certificate of Expenditures (FACE), Atlas and LoA Financial Management	Mogadishu, Somalia	Mr. Yosief Abraha, Project Operation Specialist
15.	Ministry of Constitutional Affairs		11 June 2015	4		LoA Management	Mogadishu, Somalia	Mr. Mohamed Hadi, Project Officer

#	Target Group		Dates	# of participants		Title of the training	Location of training	Training provider
	Ministry. District or UN staff	Others		M	F			
Total				180	43			

**TABLE 2 – CUMULATIVE TRAINING DATA OF 2015 (1<sup>ST</sup> and 2<sup>ND</sup> Quarter)**

Location	# of participants				Total cumulative 2015	
	Quarter 1		Quarter 2		M	F
	M	F	M	F		
Mogadishu	35	10	121	29	156	39
Garowe	56	12	16	7	72	19
Hargeisa	59	10	43	7	102	17
	<b>Total</b>				<b>330</b>	<b>75</b>