



The Federal Republic of Somalia
Office of the Prime Minister

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Dear Guvor and Marius,

H.E. the Prime Minister received your letter from the Somalia Donor Group (SDG) dated 13th March 2020 on the clarification of the aid architecture for Somalia. On behalf of the Prime Minister I want to reiterate that the Federal Government of Somalia is committed to availing a mutually agreed Aid Architecture in accordance with its national priorities and partnership priorities in Mutual Accountability Framework (October 2019).

The brief notes below seek to further clarify the Revised Aid Architecture that incorporate all stakeholders' inputs and circulated in March.

Somalia Partnership Forum (SPF):

- a. The SPF will continue to serve as the apex of the aid coordination architecture and to provide a forum for top level coordination and policy dialogue. Rather than meeting twice per year, one annual meeting of the SPF is sufficient, particularly given the proposed elaboration of the high-level structure outlined below. In addition, it is suggested that the SPF should normally meet in Mogadishu.
- b. ICT (Integrated Coordination Team) to perform secretariat for this forum. Additional nominated persons can join the ICT to support the preparation and implementation of the SPF.
- c. MAF taskforce, consisting of OPM, OoP, Ministry of Finance and MoPIED from the Government side, activated to undertake the thematic preparations for the Mutual Accountability Framework (MAF)

Security and Justice:

- a. **The CAS Executive Group should be renamed as the Security and Justice Committee (SJC).** The SJC would maintain the CAS Executive Group mandate and would continue to oversee the work of the six Strand Working Groups. SJC membership and chairing arrangements would remain unchanged, and meetings would take place quarterly, shortly before or after the SDRF SC.
- b. Endorsed programs should be uploaded into the AIMS and the necessary Monitoring and Evaluations should be conducted using existing systems in order to promote learning, transparency, accountability and good governance.

Somalia Development and Reconstruction Facility (SDRF)

- a. The SDRF SC mandate (terms of reference) will be framed around a more focused set of aid effectiveness and partnership-related responsibilities and tasks. These would primarily include the review of key developments in Somalia and the identification of suitable responses by government; provide overview and updates of government and partner portfolios in relation to national development needs; and the monitoring of commitments entered under the Mutual Accountability Framework (MAF).
- b. ICT will provide secretariat support to the SDRF;
- c. Programme discussions will be pushed down to the Pillars to facilitate more dedicated and inclusive dialogue.
- d. High level joint security and development forum will be convened twice a year.

Pillars (inclusive of FMS):

- a. The Integrated Coordination Team will function as the secretariat for the Pillar and it will be co-led by the OPM and MoPIED.
- b. The MDA (Ministries, Department and Agencies) leads will be part and parcel of the pillar specific ICT which also includes FMS.
- c. Further thematic discussions, including project document development, will take place at Pillar level

Program endorsement:

- The technical programme discussions (design and prioritization) will take place at the Pillar (that's inclusive of the Federal Member States).
- The MDA leads including members of the regional states will work on the prioritization of the programming in accordance with the national development plan priorities.

iPRSP Compliance:

- This exercise is led by the Ministry of Planning Investment and Economic Development (MOPIED), in consultation with the Office of the Prime Minister.
- Donors will be encouraged to share funding opportunity with broad sectoral earmarking in line with NDP9 and detailed programming design done the government of Somalia.
- This exercise will take place before programme prioritization and development is done by the relevant stakeholders. After compliance check of the broad earmarking – the detailed prioritization and designing will be done at the Pillars.
- After iPRSP Compliance check, all designed projects will be reported in the Aid Information Management System (AIMS).
- The team should also be inclusive – including the Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate staff.



We will invite the partners for an SDRF soon to deliberate on the operationalization of the aid architecture.

Please accept, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,



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