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Baidoa Mission
9th -13th October 2019

Date: 14th November, 2019

Mission team

- Abdurahman Ali Gab - MoIFAR/S2S II Acting Project manager
- Abdirizak Mohamed Osman- MoIFAR Reconciliation Assistant

Mission Objectives

- Meet & discuss with SWS Administration, SWS MOI & other stakeholders present in Baidoa on the way forward as regards the Dinsoor DCF process
- To meet with the new Baidoa District administration for introduction & S2S II support
- Meet with the two CLOs of Baidoa & Berdale

Duration: 5 days

Location: Baidoa

Meeting venues: SWS State House, MOI offices & Horyaal Hotel

Key Officials & individuals met during the mission

1. H.E. Abdiaziz Hassan Mohamed Laftagareen- The President of SWSS
2. Hon. Mohamed Abukar Abdi- Minister of Interior, Local Governments & Reconciliation
3. Hon. Ahmedbashi Madoobe Nunow- Minister of Planning, Cooperation & Investment
4. Ibrahim Baafo- SWS State House DG & PA to the President
5. Abshir Maalin Sharrif – Dinsoor Deputy DC (Social Affairs)
6. Hassan Maalin Ahmed (Bikole)- Baidoa DC/Mayor
7. Yusuf Barre Mohamed- Baidoa Deputy DC; Administration & Finance
8. Isaak Mohamed Ali-Baidoa Deputy DC; Security & political Affairs
9. Zubeir Maalin Hassan- CLO Baidoa
10. Isaak Nuur Adan – CLO Berdale
11. Among others

Highlights

Day 1&2

Despite the Maulid public holiday coupled with Prime Minister's & state officials visit to Berdale affected by the floods, the team managed to meet and discuss what was impeding the DCF process and way forward with the Minister of interior, Minister of planning (a stakeholder from Dinsoor), the State House DG & Dinsoor Deputy DC present in Baidoa. We gathered that the state administration were of the opinion that for a smooth DCF process devoid of manipulation to take place in Dinsoor, the current Interim District Administration which had been there since the district was recovered in 2015 had to be replaced with a new one. Another issue that was holding back the DCF was the planned state assembly election activities that had started in earnest due in the coming months following the dissolution of the assembly. However the final decision lay with the State president.

Days 3

Minister of interior, Minister of planning (a stakeholder from Dinsoor), the State House DG, Dinsoor Deputy DC present in Baidoa & Myself had a meeting with the State President on the issue at hand. I highlighted on how S2S had supported this district since it was recovered, how the DCF funds originally meant for Dhusamareeb district were made available to Dinsoor with

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the approval of the Minister of Interior, Federal affairs & Reconciliation and the need to expedite the process. Likewise impressed upon the state to take advantage of the same by doing away with all possible barriers to move forward the process at the earliest. Besides pointed out that this was SWS MOILGR & MOIFAR S2S II joint project and hence government owned unlike other DCF processes that are NGO led. With this the president appreciated the MOIFAR S2S support in the state and reiterated his administration's political will and commitment to the establishment local governments. He instructed his Minister of Interior & Minister of Planning to immediately replace the Interim Administration in Dinsoor with a new one to pave way for smooth DCF process and embark on the council formation before end of November. Thus the new administration, were officially decreed the same day by SWS MOILGR.

Day 4 & 5

On this day as I continued discussions with the SWS ministers (above) at the State house compound, Abdirizak held a meeting with CIOs for Baidoa & Berdale at Horyaal Hotel for the purpose of updating self with the goings in their respective districts. As reported by the CLOs, heavy rains continue in all districts with floods ravaging the entire Berdale town & its environs rendering many residents displaced from their homes. Besides also affected by these rains are the IDPs in the numerous camps in Baidoa. The State Administration formed a disaster committee to solicit for support & coordinate relief operation tasks due to the affected. Support in form of food, medicine & non food items have since been delivered to the most affected Berdale town & Baidoa IDPs. While on the mission, the State President, the FG Prime Minister & his cabinet members visited Berdale to assess the situation on the ground & identify gaps.

The team also held a meeting with the new Baidoa district administration at district offices led by DC/Mayor & his two deputies. The purpose of the meeting was getting to know each other & enlighten them on the S2SII activities & support to the district. The DC briefed us on status of service delivery & revenue collection process that entails banking all daily collections in treasury account managed by ministry of finance. He voiced concern on disbursement of funds for their day-to-day activities & staff salaries rom this arrangement.

On day 5 a scheduled meeting with SWS MOI from a trip with the president to Wajid could not take place as they arrived late in the evening that day but talked on phone.

Conclusion

As agreed the SWS Minister of Interior & Minister of planning will travel to Dinsoor to install the new Interim District Administration in the coming week & there after both MOIFAR S2S II & SWS MOILGR embark on the DCF process there presumably end of November, 2019.

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Abdulrahman Aligab – Acting PM MOIFAR S2S II

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SWSS Regional Governors & District Commissioners Workshop
7th -10th October 2019

Date: 12th October, 2019

Participants

- Abdurahman Ali Gab - MoIFAR/S2S II Acting Project manager
- Ramadan Elmi - MOIFAR S2S II Senior Stabilization Coordinator
- SWS Ministry of Interior, Local Government & Reconciliation
- 3 Regional Governors (Bay, Bakool & Lower Shabelle)
- 18 District Commissioners/Mayors (Bay-5, Bakool-5 & Lower Shabelle- 8 districts)
- Humanitarian development Agencies operating in SWSS
- Most of the SWSS Ministries

Workshop Objectives

- To get to know each other (the DCs, Governors, SWSS ministries, SWSS leadership & humanitarian development agencies)
- Progress & challenges in areas of Security, Stabilization, Social (health, education, IDPs, humanitarian etc).
- District priorities
- Induction on DCF process, decentralization, Local Governance, its functions & service delivery.
- Levels of governments, structures & inter-relations
- Roles & responsibilities of DCs & Governors
- S2S II Support including Newly Recovered Areas

Duration: 4 days

Location: Baidoa

Venue: Day 1: SWSS State House Conference hall
Day 2-4: Horyaal Hotel

Highlights

Organized by: SWSS Ministry of Interior, Local Governments & Reconciliation
Supported by: TIS+

Day 1

It was the first time since the formation of the SWSS in November 2014 that all the 3 regional & 18 district administrators. Day 1 kicked off with introductions followed by the official opening by the State President H.E. Abdiiaziz Hassan Mohamed Laftigareen and also addressed by the visiting National Parliament Speakers of both Somalia & Djibouti. All stressed the importance devolving power to grass root communities, local governments & service delivery. Specifically the president highlighted the commitment of his administration to security including accessibility between districts & recovering of areas under AS, establishment of local governments through District Council Formations & delivery of services to population among others.

The MOIFAR S2S team presence, support & collaboration of the federal & state ministries of Interior was recognized & hailed by all.

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The humanitarian development agencies (UN & INGOs) present highlighted their activities at the district level and likewise the regional & district administrators pointed out priorities & challenges in their areas of jurisdiction. IDPs issues & support were also discussed.

Days 2-3

For the following two days; the Regional & District administrators were inducted by both the SWSS MOI & MOIFAR S2S II teams. Thus:

SWSS MOI

The ministry team did presentations on:

- Ministry of Interior Structure
- Regional & District administration structures
- Revenue collection & service delivery
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Communications/reporting
- Cross cutting ministries

MOIFAR S2S II

Abdulrahman Aligab representing the ministry extensively covered the following:

- Local Governance, functions & service delivery
- Decentralization
- District Council Formation process
- S2S II Stabilization & Newly recovered Areas support

Conclusion

Day 4: The last day of the four days workshop, both SWSS MOI & MOIFAR S2S II recapped the past two days proceedings & the DCs presented to SWSS MOI individual district priorities in writing. In wrapping statements, the 3 regional governors commended the SWSS MOI for organizing the workshop as it was the first time & opportune moment to get to know each other besides voiced their appreciation for the induction pointing out the need to have the same in future. The major challenges sighted by all included security, inaccessibility between districts and lack of clear-cut guidelines for revenue collection responsibilities between state finance ministry & local district administrations

In officially closing the workshop the SWSS State Minister of Interior Hon. Abdullahi Farey thanked S2S for its support to the districts, co-facilitating the induction & praised the wonderful working relations between the MOIFAR & SWSS MOI. He called upon all participants to work closely with the ministry through improved communication with ultimate goal delivering services to the community they serve

Way forward

The participants voiced the need for such workshops at least once yearly.

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SWSS President, SWSS Ministers, 3 Governors, 18 DCs, MOIFAR S2S & Agencies (UN & INGOs)



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SWSS MOI DG



Aligab, Governor & 8 DCs Lower Shabelle region

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Meeting With UNDP/S2S Project Officer
5th September, 2019

Date: 5th Sept 2019

Attendance:

- Abdurahman Ali Gab MoIFAR/S2S Project manager
- Mr. Abdullahi Hudow UNDP/S2S Project Officer

Meeting Agenda

1. Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support visit
2. District Council Formation
3. Work Plan
4. S2S II M&E plan
5. AOB

Duration: 2 hours

Venue: MOIFAR office

Discussion Points:

The two hour meeting discussed on all the agenda issues. As regards the visit by the Assistant Secretary General for PBS and his intent to meet the Minister of Interior I informed Abdullahi that MOIFAR DG Ali Osman is handling the issue.

On District Council Formation; since S2S II is unable to continue with Dhusamareb DCF following the ongoing Federal Government led political reconciliation aimed at the reconstituting an all inclusive Galmudug Regional Administration, it became imperative that we had to explore on the possibility of the next priority districts in the project and decided on Dinsoori for the DCF. On the other hand to seek for the consent of the Minister that has now been received. Meanwhile we have agreed to embark on a MOIFAR S2S & SWS MOILGR joint assessment mission and would share the detailed Dinsoor DCF activity plan and the tentative assessment plan. The SWS MOILGR DG has already been advised on the same & submitted the names of their team. I notified Abdullahi on the assessment dates of 16th to 23rd September, 2019.

MOIFAR S2S II I & the Monitoring & Verification Advisor are currently working on both the Work plan & M & E Plan to be shared in the coming days.

Way forward

The meeting agreed that both MOIFAR S2S II, SWS MOILGR & UNDP/S2S will participate initially in the assessment mission & later in the DCF.

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