

Responding to HIV and AIDS in Somalia Quarter 2 Report, 2016

Reporting Period	April to June 2016
Government Counterpart	Somali National AIDS Commission (SNAC); Puntland AIDS Commission (PAC) and Somaliland AIDS Commission (SOLNAC).
PSG	Cross Cutting – across all PSGs Development
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Focus Locations:	Federal Level (Mogadishu and Dollow in Gedo Region); Somaliland (Berbera, Boroma, Burao and Hargeisa); Puntland (Garowe and Bosaso)
AWP Budget	956,873
Available Funds for year	723,861
Expenditure to date	\$ -

CONTRIBUTING DONORS:

1. GLOBAL FUND
2. UNDP

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AMISOM	African Union Mission in Somalia
AWP	Annual Work Plan
CSO	Civil Society Organization
CCE-CC	Community Capacity Enhancement through ‘Community Conversations’
DFID	Department for International Development
EU	European Union
FGS	Federal Government of Somalia
GF	Global Fund
GROL	Governance and Rule of Law Programme
ISF	Integrated Strategic Framework
IPTCS	Integrated Prevention Treatment Care and Support
JP	Joint Programme
MIA	Mogadishu International Airport
MCG	Micro-Capital Grant
MoF	Ministry of Finance
MoLSA	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs
MoPIC	Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation
MPTF	Multi Partner Trust Fund (UN)
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NAC	National AIDS Commission
OPM	Office of the Prime Minister
PREP	Poverty Reduction and Environment Programme
PSGs	Peacebuilding and Statebuilding Goals
PAC	Puntland AIDS Commission
RBM	Results-Based Management
RoL	Rule of Law
SDRF	Somalia Development and Reconstruction Fund
SIDA	Swedish International Development Agency
SNAC	Somali National AIDS Commission (SNAC)
SOLNAC	Somaliland AIDS Commission (SOLNAC)
TA	Technical Assistance
TOR	Terms of Reference
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

In Quarter 2 the **HIV Project was successful in raising \$956,873 to support HIV work in Somalia**. UNDP signed an HIV Prevention Project Proposal and MOU with UNICEF, the Principal Recipient for the HIV Global Fund grant for Somalia in May 2016. Total value of the MOU is \$681,200. This funding will assist UNDP to support the following activities in Somalia between 1st June 2016 and 31st December 2017.

HIV Prevention Project

1. Support Peer Education for Key Populations in Somalia
2. Prevention with Positives (PwP)
3. Mainstream HIV in Line Ministries
4. Human Rights and medical ethics training for Health Providers
5. HIV Regional and District Sensitisation training
6. Conduct a Mid-cycle Review of National Strategic Plan 2015-2019 and M & E Plan 2015-2019
7. World AIDS Day support
8. Participate in International AIDS Conference
9. Ministry of Health and National AIDS Commission exposure visit

To complement the above, and at the request of the UNICEF, **UNDP also signed an Amendment with the PR on 21st June 2016** for \$275,672 to support additional two activities, as outlined below:

1. **PR Review Meeting** for all three Global Fund Grants for Somalia – HIV, TB and Malaria. This will take place in September 2016
2. **Exposure Visit** for the AIDS Commission, Ministry of Health, Health Workers, People Living with HIV and CSO Representatives to Rwanda, which is planned to take place in October 2016

A significant amount of time in Quarter 2 (2016) was therefore dedicated to finalizing UNDP's proposal to the Global Fund, and preparing the necessary paper work to support the transfer of funds from UNICEF to UNDP. To support this new project, in Quarter 2 the HIV Project also developed a new HIV Annual Work Plan (AWP) for 2016, an M &E framework to help ensure the smooth implementation of this new project, and in collaboration worked with PPU to set up new Award for this new HIV Project in Atlas.

Noting that the HIV Project has secured additional funds to support HIV related activities in Somalia for 2016 and 2017, means that UNDP will no longer be closing the HIV Project (as was envisaged might be the case in December 2015).

Lastly, to support this new HIV Project, in Q2 the HIV and Gender Projects jointly conducted Project Board Review Meetings in Garowe and Hargiesia. Board Meetings discussed activities included in the new project, the annual work plan and funding challenges.

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

OUTPUT 1 – Prevent new HIV infections among Key Populations such as sex workers and their clients through a combination of HIV prevention interventions

Narrative update on Progress towards Output

To support the above output, in Q2 the HIV Project completed all the paper work (mentioned in the Introduction above) to support the implementation of the following activities, which will commence in Q3.

- i. Conduct a Risk Assessment of Key Populations in Somalia
- ii. Provide Technical Assistance to develop a comprehensive PLHIV intervention package which includes PLHIV Peer Counsellor training on Positive Self-Management Program for HIV (PSMP) and the development of job aids to support this work.
- iii. Develop a Prevention with Positives (PwP) Strategy for Somalia to protect the human rights of people affected by AIDS, mitigate gender-related vulnerability, and address the impact of AIDS on women and girls.
- iv. Develop job aids for PLHIV Peer Education
- v. Facilitate Training for 9 Training of Trainers on the above training curriculum
- vi. Development of Peer Education guidelines and support package for PLHIV including managing stress; healthy eating and understanding medications and their side effects
- vii. Submit report with findings from the assessment of the current strategy for PLHIV in Somalia and with recommendations

Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Progress to date
1. Risk Assessment of Key Populations conducted and report finalized	No baseline data available 0	Conduct a Risk Assessment of the Key Population in Somalia	In Quarter 2, UNDP developed and agreed on TOR for this assignment with the PR. This Consultancy will be advertised and started in Quarter 3.
2. # of ToT trainings conducted on PLHIV peer education	0	9 ToT trainings take place	This activity will take place in Q3
3. A comprehensive strategy, operational plan and M&E plan to support Peer Education programmes for Key Populations (KP) developed	0	Development of a comprehensive strategy, operational plan and M&E plan to support Peer Education programmes for Key Populations (KP)	The HIV project will hire a Consultant for this assignment in Q3. Draft TOR for this work have been developed and will be shared with the PR (UNICEF) and the UN Joint Team on AIDS for comments.
4. # of social workers trained on BCC for key populations	0	16	
5. # of PLWHIV Peer Counsellor training manuals and job aids, BCC Tool Kits translated,	0	200 1 comprehensive strategy, Operational	

<p><i>adapted and disseminated</i></p> <p>6. <i>a comprehensive strategy, operational plan and M&E plan for PLHIV developed (Prvention with Positives PwP)</i></p> <p>7. <i># of people that attend Regional and District sensitization meetings with political, religious, community and traditional leaders</i></p>	<p>0</p>	<p>and M&E Plan for PLHIV developed</p> <p>1200</p>	<p>This activity will start in Q3.</p> <p>This activity will commence in Q3.</p> <p>The HIV project will hire a Consultant for this assignment in Q3. Draft TOR for this work have been developed and will be shared with the PR (UNICEF) and the UN Joint Team on AIDS for comments.</p> <p>The HIV team have strong NGO partners to help implement this work. MCGs to support the implementation of this work will be developed in Q3.</p>
<p>Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan</p>		<p>Progress Against Activities</p>	
<p>Activity 1.1: Conduct a Risk Assessment of the Key Population Programme in Somalia</p> <p>Activity 1.2: Peer Education to support for Key Populations in Somalia</p> <p>Activity 1.3: Prevention with Positives (PwP)</p> <p>Activity 1.4: Adapt, translate and print PLWHIV Peer Counsellor training manual and job aids, BCC Tool Kit</p>		<p>i. In Quarter 2 2016, UNDP signed an agreement with Global Fund PR/UNICEF to continue supporting the 3 AIDS Commissions in Somalia in 2016 and 2017. Activities that will be supported include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk Assessment of Key Populations in Somalia • Peer Education to support for Key Populations in Somalia • Prevention with Positives (PwP) • HIV Regional and District Sensitisation 	
<p>Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV Proposal developed by UNDP and signed with UNICEF (PR for the HIV Global Fund Grant) • MOU signed between UNDP and UNICEF in Quarter 2 to support the above mentioned activities. • Amendment signed between UNDP and UNICEF to support PR Review meeting and Exposure Visit to Rwanda • ToRs for Risk Assessment of the Key Population in Somalia 			

Output 2 – Ensure an enabling environment for the response

Narrative update on Progress towards Output

In Quarter 2, UNDP focused on resource mobilization and finalizing all paperwork and agreements with the Global Fund and UNICEF (Principal Recipient for the Global Fund Grant in Somalia). The HIV Prevention project that UNDP will support, will assist the 3 AIDS Commissions in leading a multi-sectoral response to HIV in Somalia. In Quarter 2, UNDP was successful at mobilizing \$956,872.40 from the Global Fund to support this work. As a result, very few activities were actually implemented in Q2, the majority of activities the HIV project supports will commence in Q3.

In Quarter 2 the HIV Project supported mainstreaming HIV into several Sectors, an area where UNDP is expected to take the lead, as per UNAIDS Global Division of Labour.

For example, the HIV Project in collaboration with UNAIDS, WHO and UNICEF provided inputs to support HIV mainstreaming in the **National Development Plan 2017-2019**, currently being developed by the Federal Government.

In Puntland, the HIV Project also worked with the Rule Of Law (ROL) and UNDP Gender project to mainstream HIV into activities they carried out. For example, the Judiciary Project at UNDP mainstreamed HIV in a Letter Of Agreement (LOA) they signed with Puntland State University (PSU). This resulted in approximately 25 judges participating in 3 day HIV sensitization training at Puntland State University (PSU) between 2nd and 5th June 2016. The Judges that participated in this training came from all different regions in Puntland. Sensitising the Judiciary about the stigma and discrimination that People Living with HIV in Puntland face is important, to help better support the rights of People Living with HIV in Puntland.

In addition, HIV was mainstreamed into training carried out for the Police in Puntland. Recognising that the Police are considered a high risk group in Somalia (and globally) this collaboration with the Police Project at UNDP is considered particularly important.

Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Progress to date
<p>i. <i>Mid-cycle Review of National Strategic Plan 2015-2019 and M & E Plan 2015-2019 conducted.</i></p> <p>ii. <i>Revised Action Plan to guide the implementation of the last 2 years (2018-2019) of the National Strategic Plan for the Somalia HIV and AIDS Response 2015-2019 developed and disseminated</i></p>	<p>National Strategic Plan for the Somalia HIV and AIDS Response 2015-2019 developed</p>	<p>i. Mid Cycle Review of National HIV Strategy 2015-2019 takes place</p> <p>ii. Revised Action Plan to guide the implementation of the last 2 years (2018-2019) of the National Strategic Plan for the Somalia HIV and AIDS Response 2015-2019 developed</p>	<p>I. The Mid Cycle Review of the National HIV Strategy is expected to take place in Q4 2016.</p> <p>II. Revised action plan is expected to take place in Q4</p> <p>III. UNDP provided inputs to mainstream HIV in the new National Development Plan 2017-2019 Health Chapter, currently being developed for</p>

<p>III. <i># of ministries with HIV mainstreamed strategies and action plans</i></p>	<p>3 Ministries (on-going work)</p>	<p>9 ministries</p>	<p>Somalia In Puntland 25 judges participated in 3 days of HIV and AIDS sensitization training. In Somaliland, 68 police officers received HIV and AIDS training.</p> <p>In SL UNDP's Gender project provided information on HIV to 143 people (M:32 and W: 111) in Berbera under their Community Conversations initiative.</p>
<p>IV. <i># of HIV advocacy activities supported</i></p>	<p>0</p>	<p>2</p>	
<p>V. <i># of key leaders supported to participate in at least international AIDS conference</i></p>	<p>0</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>IV. These activities will start in Q3</p>
<p>VI. <i># of Ministry of Health and National AIDS Commission exposure visit conducted</i></p>	<p>0</p>	<p>30 (TBD)</p>	<p>V. Unfortunately, due to visa challenges UNDP was not able to assist any Somalis to attend the AIDS Conference in Durban this year. It has been agreed these funds will support participants to attend the AIDS Conference in 2017.</p>
<p>VII. <i># of health providers attending Human Rights and medical ethics training</i></p>	<p>0</p>		<p>VI. In Q2 UNDP developed TOR to support this Exposure Visit to Rwanda. Tentative dates for the visit are the last week of October 2016.</p>
			<p>VII. This activity will take place in</p>

Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan	Progress Against Activities
<p>Activity 2.1.1: Mid-cycle Review of National Strategic Plan 2015-2019 and M & E Plan 2015-2019</p> <p>Activity 2.2.1: Mainstream HIV in Line Ministries</p> <p>Activity 2.3.1: World AIDS Day support</p> <p>Activity 2.3.2: Participation in International AIDS Conference</p> <p>Activity 2.4.1: Ministry of Health and National AIDS Commission exposure visit</p> <p>Activity 2.4.2: Human Rights and medical ethics training for Health Providers</p>	<p>Q4.</p> <p>Activity 2.1.1: UNDP spent Quarter 2 finalising proposals and signing an MOU and Amendment with the PR to support several activities. This includes activities below that will help create a more supportive environment for all HIV work in Somalia. Activities outlined below will start to be implemented in Q3 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-cycle Review of National Strategic Plan 2015-2019 and M & E Plan 2015-2019 • Mainstream HIV in Line Ministries • World AIDS Day support • Participation in International AIDS Conference • Exposure Visit for the AIDS Commission, Ministry of Health, Health Workers, People Living with HIV and CSO Representatives to Rwanda • PR Review Meeting for all three Global Fund Grants for Somalia – HIV, TB and Malaria • Human Rights and medical ethics training for Health Providers
<p>Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV Proposal developed by UNDP and signed with UNICEF (PR for the HIV Global Fund Grant) • MOU signed between UNDP and UNICEF in Quarter 2 to support the above mentioned activities. 	

Output 3 – Support Programme Management and Coordination

Narrative update on Progress towards Output

In Quarter 2 the HIV Project succeeded to mobilise \$956,873 to support HIV work in Somalia over the next 18 months – 1st July 2016 – 31st December 2017. To ensure strong Programme Management and Coordination of this new project, the HIV Project spent Quarter 2 developing the necessary project management tools, listed below, to support the roll out of this new project.

1. **HIV Annual Work Plan for 2016** developed to support the implementation of this new project
2. **HIV Monitoring Framework developed** to monitor and track progress of all activities included in 2016 workplan
3. **New HIV Project Award opened in Atlas** – where the budget for this new project has been inputted
4. **The HIV Specialist** at UNDP will provide the necessary technical input for all activities. This will include reviewing all curricula to support HIV training carried out for Key Populations, People Living with HIV, Health Workers, as well as the Agenda for the PR Review meeting and Exposure Trip to Rwanda. This will help ensure that all of the above training and meetings are as effective as possible.
5. **UNDP HIV Project Officers based in Somalia** will participate in the majority of activities included in this proposal, to provide the necessary technical input and ensure that all activities are carried out to a high standard
6. UNDP Somalia’s **Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist and Project Officer** will provide oversight and help monitor the implementation of all activities included in this new project.
7. **Third Party Monitoring** - UNDP Somalia has engaged a Third Party Monitoring organisation to help monitor all work UNDP supports in Somalia. The overall objective of their work is to assess whether project objectives are being met, evaluate impact and to establish the challenges thereof in the in the implementation process. The Third Party Monitoring organisation will help assess whether intended outputs, outcomes, and impacts are achieved by this project; establish if implementation process for the projects were adhered to and obtain beneficiary feedback through Focus Group Discussions with direct and indirect beneficiaries of this project. This will allow UNDP to capture success stories as well as challenges in future reports to the Global Fund.

Output Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Progress to date
UNDP HIV Project is well managed	1. New MOU signed with UNICEF for a new HIV Project to be implemented 1 st June 2016 – 31 st December 2017	1. <i>Global Fund work plan implemented in a timely manner, to a high standard</i>	i. Noting MOU with UNICEF was only signed in June 2016, activities supported by this new project will only commence in Q3 2016.
Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan		Progress Against Activities	
1. Quarter 2 was spent finalizing proposals, and signing MOU with UNICEF to support a new HIV Project which will run from 1 st June 2016 to 31 st December 2017. Activities will commence in Q3.		i. MOU and Amendment signed with UNICEF in Quarter 2 to support the implementation of this new project. i. New HIV Project Award opened in Atlas to support Project Management of	

this new project and the roll out of activities from Q3 onwards.

Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements

- MOU and Amendment signed with UNICEF (PR for the Global Fund Grant)
- HIV Work Plan developed for 2016
- M & E Plan developed to support the smooth implementation of this new HIV Project.

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

The HIV and Gender Projects continue to support several joint MCGs with CSO partners to support Community Conversations on HIV and Gender. Both projects have found this to be good practice to help implementing partners of both projects address both of these cross-cutting issues. This also makes sense noting that gender issues such as FGM, GBV and other cultural practices make women more vulnerable to HIV infection than men.

SECTION 4 – CHALLENGES / LESSONS LEARNT

As mentioned above, the HIV and Gender Projects at UNDP, that both fall under the Cross Cutting Unit at UNDP continue to look at ways they can complement each other's work, recognizing the close overlaps between HIV and gender issues in Somalia.

By working in close collaboration with the UNAIDS Joint Team on AIDS for Somalia, and the Principal Recipient for the Global Fund HIV Grant for Somalia (UNICEF Somalia), in Quarter 2 UNDP was able to mobilise additional funding to support HIV work at UNDP. This highlights the benefits of working closely with other UN Agencies as ONE UN on a Joint Programme, which in this case is supported by the Global Fund.

In Quarter 2 UNDP together with UNAIDS and WHO provided inputs to the Technical Working Group on Health to try and ensure that HIV is mainstreamed in the National Development Plan 2017-2019 currently being developed for Somalia. This is critical to support resource mobilization for HIV work as well as the longer term sustainability for all HIV work 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
Financial	<p>Due to the reduction in the overall HIV grant from the Global Fund for Somalia for the period 2015-2017 (approximately \$2-3 million less than 2013-2014), there is less funding available to support HIV Prevention activities, that are key areas of work where UNDP is expected to take the lead (as per UN Global Division of Labour).</p> <p>Due to these cuts UNDP will not be able to provide the same level of support to the AIDS Commission, NGOs working on HIV or to the Networks supporting People Living with HIV in Somalia in 2016-2017. This is of great concern to partners in Somalia.</p>	<p>The HIV Project is working with UNAIDS and the UN Joint team on AIDS (JUNTA) to try and raise additional resources for HIV work in Somalia. The HIV Project will also make a concerted effort to strengthen mainstreaming HIV into other UNDP projects where appropriate. This was one of the recommendations of the Assessment of Development Results report from 2014 – ‘<i>From a programme efficiency perspective, mainstreaming HIV and AIDS into other programmes has the potential to be very efficient, especially in the context of a relatively low prevalence. Moreover, working with JPLG on including HIV and AIDS issues, and specifically the community conversations, into district plans is an efficient way of undertaking this work</i>’ (page 75; ADR Report, UNDP Somalia 2014)</p>
Capacity of implementing partners	<p>The capacity of implementing partners such as the three AIDS Commissions as well as Networks of People Living with HIV in Somalia and NGO implementing partners continues to be quite weak. For this reason all HIV partners UNDP works with will require on-going support in 2016.</p>	<p>As far as possible (recognizing limited funding), UNDP will endeavor to provide regular capacity building and refresher training for all partners to ensure that all HIV work carried out and supported by UNDP is of a high quality and achieves intended results.</p>
Human Rights Violations	<p>Due to high levels of stigma and discrimination associated with HIV in Somalia, People Living with HIV (PLHIV) continue to face human rights violations, such as forced evictions from their homes, losing their means of livelihood and being disowned by</p>	<p>UNDP will make a concerted effort in 2016 to better support the rights of People Living with HIV (PLHIV) and Key Populations (at higher risk of HIV infection). UNDP will also continue to support the 3 Networks of People Living with HIV in Somalia in 2016, and</p>

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

	their family and community.	work with the 3 AIDS Commissions to put in place mechanisms to protect the rights of People Living with HIV in Somalia e.g. by finalizing the HIV Policy in Somalia.
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6 – MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

Monitoring Activity	Date	Description & Comments	Key Findings / Recommendations
UNDP has engaged a Third party monitoring (TPM) firm to better monitor HIV work supported in Somalia.	N/A	No monitoring visits were undertaken in Q1 of 2016, as there were very few activities carried out by the HIV Project.	None.

SECTION 7 – FINANCIAL REPORT

Donor	Total funds committed	Available resources for the year	Contribution as % of AWP	Expenditure	Balance ²	% Delivery	Comments
Global Fund	956,873	723,861	76%	0	956,873	0%	UNDP signed an MOU with UNICEF to support this work on 24 th June 2016. Funds were only transferred to UNDP at the end of June 2016. As a result we were not able to implement any activities funded by the Global Fund in Q2. We shall start implementing activities in Q3.
	956,873	723,861	76%	-	956,873	0%	

² Available resource for the year minus funds disbursed till now.