

Local Economic Development Project



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CONTEXTUAL ANALYSIS

FEDERAL LEVEL

The federal parliament approved a cabinet of 10 ministers. The new Government intend to exercise its authority to all newly recovered areas. For this purpose, several ministerial missions were conducted in Baidoa, Beltweyne & lastly to Kismayu. Large scale reconstruction and renovations are taking place in Mogadishu and new businesses are emerging in residential sector, including revival of the beaches of Lido & Jazeera. Also it is noticed that large number of Diaspora is investing in Mogadishu - particularly in residential sector. The government removed illegal checkpoints in the city. This has enhanced confidence among businesses. Moreover, the third generation internet service has been launched in Southern Somalia which will improve communications. UNDP is working closely with its implementation partners to seize this opportunity and provide catalytic support for local economic development.

PUNTLAND

Puntland Electoral Commission has enlisted several political parties verifying these as registered political Parties. The government has announced multi-party election in 2014. These elections will help in legitimizing local authorities and enhancing economy. Government forces have compelled pirates to flee the town. On Dec. 10th, forces attacked MV Iceberg, a hijacked vessel, and liberated its 22 hostages. Since Gara'ad is one of the targeted areas of UNDP's initiative to provide alternative livelihoods for anti-piracy, the project will rehabilitate the road connecting Gara'ad to Galkayo in order to improve security and livelihood of piracy-affected communities. On 24 December 2012, hundreds of demonstrators filled the streets of Galkayo to protest the extension of President's term by one year and the recent arrest of elders gathering in Garowe on the charge of attempting to create chaos. These tensions may have a negative impact on local economy and projects implementation.

SOMALILAND

The local councils elections were held peacefully in the majority of districts across Somaliland. The local municipal elections and emerging political parties strengthen the democratic process and pave the ground for sustainable development at the local level. The Elections bring a new change of leadership in the majority of the districts which led to change in the governors across all regions. The elections had noticeable effects on local economy. Certain businesses such as Kath trade, restaurants & hotels, media & printing agencies and transport are benefited from the elections campaign period.

The Local Economic Development (LED) project will engage with the new elected representative and support the economic activities for their constituents. Parliament passed the budget for 2013, which is estimated to be \$125 M. This budget is 17% higher than the budget of 2012. This also indicates government's intent to focus on immediate development needs of the citizens.

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RESULTS

SL	Indicator	3.4.1.2 Community economic needs are addressed through community development plans	G
	Result	Achieved in Q3	
	Comment	See Q3 report	
SL	Indicator	3.4.2.1 Number of basic services and economic infrastructure rehabilitated, functioning and effectively sustained, disaggregated by type	G
	Result	7 facilities are rehabilitated	
	Comment	The target of the year is 5 facilities to be rehabilitated while what achieved is seven facilities. The work is more 95% completed. Some finishing works in 3 facilities will be completed during January	
SL	Indicator	3.4.3.1 Number of skilled and unskilled workers provided with short term employment	Y
	Result	Only 667 workers provided short term employment	
	Comment	There was a shortage in funding of EGER type projects in Somaliland. Also employment generation through rehabilitation and buildings construction doesn't use more than 30-35% of the allocated budget.	
SL	Indicator	3.4.3.2 Number of medium to long term jobs created	Y
	Result	301 youth & women provided skills training and assets to maintain regular income out of 400 planned	
	Comment	The result was partially achieved because the planned training of 200 youth and women handled by MoE. in Burao Technical institution was not completed in 2012 as planned. MoE face capacity challenges	
PL	Indicator	3.4.1.2 Community economic needs are addressed through community development plans	G
	Result	The result achieved before quarter 4.	
	Comment	See Q3 report	
PL	Indicator	3.4.2.1 Number of basic services and economic infrastructure rehabilitated, functioning and effectively sustained, disaggregated by type	G
	Result	4 facilities rehabilitated during the quarter	
	Comment	The target of 2012 AWP is to rehabilitate 7 facilities. What completely rehabilitated were more than 9 facilities and the procurement process of another 6 facilities was initiated in the quarter.	
PL	Indicator	3.4.1.1 Community economic needs are identified	G
	Result	2 meetings with Gov. counterparts & partner NGO conducted in November to identify the needs of 2013	
	Comment	Several joint missions with Governmental counterparts were conducted during 2012 to most of Puntland regions to identify the needs of the local communities	

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PL	Indicator	3.4.3.1 Number of skilled and unskilled workers provided with short term employment	Y
	Result	Around 350 short term jobs were created during this quarter	
	Comment	The Target of the year was to create 2000 short term jobs. What was achieved is around 1200 jobs. The reason for the partial achievements is shortage in allocated funds for EGER type projects.	
PL	Indicator	3.4.3.2 Number of medium to long term jobs created	G
	Result	110 farmer & fishermen in Banderbayle provided training assets and grants to maintain regular income	
	Comment	The target of the year is to create 400 jobs. But what is fully achieved is provision of training, assets and grant to 210 people while the process to target the balance was started but not completed.	
FL	Indicator	3.4.1.2 Community economic needs are addressed through community development plans	G
	Result	The result achieved in the previous quarters	
	Comment	3 RFPs advertised in Q2 and Q3 and more than 140 proposals received. Three of those proposals were contracted in Q4.	
FL	Indicator	3.4.2.1 Number of basic services and economic infrastructure rehabilitated, functioning and effectively sustained, disaggregated by type	G
	Result	1 school in Mataban, 10 water catchments in Bay and completion 2 schools and one health center of Q3	
	Comment	The target of the year to rehabilitate 15 infrastructure facilities was fully achieved	
FL	Indicator	3.4.3.1 Number of skilled and unskilled workers provided with short term employment	Y
	Result	638 jobs created. around 33% of created jobs provided to women and 25% provided to IDPs	
	Comment	The target of the year is 7000 jobs. What achieved is around 3900 jobs. Reason is budget shortfall to EGER type projects & nature of rehabilitated infrastructure (More than 60% of budget for materials)	
FL	Indicator	3.4.3.2 Number of medium to long term jobs created	G
	Result	40 HHs provided donkey carts, 22 teachers got jobs, 600 pastoralist HHs improve access to water	
	Comment	The target of the year is to enhance creation of medium and long term jobs to 800 people through provision of training, grants, startup tools . The achievements exceeded the target.	
FL	Indicator	3.4.1.1 Community economic needs are identified	R
	Result	No achievement. The programme manager suggested to drop down this result from the plan.	
	Comment	The target is to encourage voluntary return of 2000 IDPs to their place of origin. The achieved result is less than 200 (10%) because of coordination difficulties on the concept with UNHCR & UN-OCHA	

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PL	Indicator	Number of field missions and meetings conducted with local communities to identify their needs and to help in establishment of CMCs and PMCs	G
	Result	1 joint field mission to two Galdagoob, Gara'ad/ Jariban, Karin and Galkayo	
	Comment	The Government (MOPIIC and MoLYS) participates in these missions.	
PL	Indicator	Number of labor market surveys conducted	G
	Result	Two surveys conducted in Bosaso and Galkayo	
	Comment	The consultant shared the first draft report in the 1st week of January.	
PL	Indicator	Number of processed RFQs	G
	Result	one RFQ to construct a market in Bossaso was processed and other for projects contracted	
	Comment	N/A	
PL	Indicator	Number of MCGs and/or LOAs signed with partners	G
	Result	4 MCGs and 4 contracts with private construction companies.	
	Comment	N/A	
FL	Indicator	Number of IDPs HHs supported to return to their place of origin.	R
	Result	Nothing achieved in this quarter	
	Comment	The project faces coordination constraints with other UN agencies.	
FL	Indicator	Number of MCGs/ LOAs signed with partners	G
	Result	2 MCGS to implement projects in Mataban and Bay.	
	Comment	The MCG in Mataban is to Rehabilitate a school while the MCG in Bay is to rehabilitate 10 water catchments, provision of NFI and donkey carts to 40 vulnerable HHs and training to 60 elders	



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ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

FEDERAL LEVEL

Rehabilitation of two non-functional schools in Mogadishu (Hasan Qaridi School in Howlwadaag district and Mahmoud Warseme school in Heliwaa district) was completed. The enrolment Hasan Qaridi School is 458 and another 500 children are attending Mahmoud Warseme School. The local community is extremely pleased with having access to functional schools for their children.

PUNTLAND

In partnership with UNDP HIV/AIDS project, two initiatives are underway to build the capacities of persons living with HIV/AIDS. One initiative targeted 60 persons in Garowe while the other another 60 in Bosaso district. The activities under these initiatives consist of four components: human rights awareness; business training; provision of micro grants and follow-up on adoption of businesses.

SOMALILAND

The project completed its contribution to the activities for the rehabilitation of Burao Airport under cash-for-work scheme.

The skills training of 200 people in Burao Technical Institute was delayed. This was because of the limited capacity of the Ministry of Education. Time bound targets have been agreed with the Ministry to start and complete the training during first half of 2013.

PARTNERSHIPS

The project has synergies and close cooperation with other programmes in UNDP. During the quarter, in close cooperation with HIV/AIDS project, the Request for Proposals (RFPs) was announced in the three zones of Somalia (SL, PL and SC) for building the capacities and social integration of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHIV/AIDS). As a result, the two initiatives went into implementation in Puntland to build the capacity of 120 PLWHIV/AIDS.

The project provided technical assistance to JPLG programme in Adado through initiation of RFP, review the received proposal, contracting the selected NGO and monitor the implementation of the project.

Also during the quarter, conducted several meetings with partner donors (Japan, Norway, and Italy) and UN agencies (WHO, ILO, UNICEF, UN-OCHA, UNHCR, IOM) to update them on progress and to discuss further cooperation.

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PEACE AND CONFLICT

In partnership with the Ministry of Youth, Labor and Sport in Puntland, the Garowe Municipality and the Somali National Olympic Committee, the project initiated rehabilitation of the municipal playground in Garowe. The proposed activities are to build a surrounding wall around the playground and to operationalise a multipurpose playground. The main purpose of the surrounding wall is to protect the land from the encroachers.

Few people claimed that the ownership of the land and prevented the contractor to start the work. Two men came with guns and forced the contractor to leave the site. The project management decided to freeze the work until the Government resolve the issue or come up with the alternative site that has clear ownership rights with the government is identified.

GENDER

Gender mainstreaming and segregation of beneficiaries by gender is integral part of the project. This is reflected in the PREP database, which is an open repository accessible on internet.

To enhance the capacity of the project staff to mainstream gender in their interventions and reporting, all the staff in three Somali zones and in Nairobi attended the Gender training conducted by the Gender Unit during the Quarter. We can expect that the staff are in better understanding of gender after the training and their monitoring and reporting capacity on the component is improved.

The project kept the policy of maintaining at least 30% of beneficiaries from short term employment to be women. The target has, however, been overachieved as the number of beneficiaries surpass the 30%.

UPCOMING QUARTER

The Local Economic Development (LED) project has conducted meetings with the relevant stakeholder including government counterparts and partner NGOs in Somaliland and Puntland to detail out the annual work plan for 2013. Similar meetings will be conducted with the Federal Government in January 2013.

Also the project as part of PREP has conducted meetings with several traditional donors of PREP/LED to update the donors on the achieved progress in 2012 and as efforts of fund raising for 2013.

The project initiated evaluation of EGER and ABER projects. The evaluation report capturing the lessons and key recommendations will be shared by end-January 2013. A new project document will be formulated to scale up the activities and mobilise resources.



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REFLECTIONS / LESSONS

Assessing the capacities of the partners especially the government partners prior to signing of any agreement is essential. The capacity assessment should be comprehensive and cover all required dimensions including technical expertise, management capacity, financial management capacity, implementation monitoring capacity, physical assets available to the government institutions to handle the project, number and qualification of staff suggested to work on the project etc. etc. The purpose of the assessment should be to facilitate the government institutions to enhance their capacities.

In Somaliland, short-term employment is not a priority for the Government. So, short-term employment should not be considered as a result at its own. It could be a side product of infrastructure rehabilitation that leads to employment creation over short-term.

Positive impact on people lives and change is much more obvious when interventions are undertaken in remote areas with communities that have limited or no access to productive assets. Therefore, the focus of Local Economic Development (LED) project during 2013 is to extend the outreach to remote areas that have been neglected in the past by UNDP and other actors.

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CUMULATIVE PROJECT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

APPROVED BUDGET	USD 4,323,633
TOTAL (DISBURSEMENTS + COMMITMENTS)	USD 3,826,382
BALANCE OF FUNDS	USD 497,251
% DELIVERY (AGAINST APPROVED BUDGET)	88%