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**PROGRAMME QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT
Q2 (January-March) 2016**

Project Name	UN Joint Programme on Youth Employment
Gateway ID	00096488
Start date	29.9.15
Planned end date (as per last approval)	29.9.18
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PSG	PSG4: Economic Foundations
Priority	Priority 2: Expand opportunities for youth employment through job creation and skills development
Milestones	<p>1. Value chain development to improve long-term potential for growth, productivity and employment</p> <p>3. Skills development and entrepreneurial training provided with a focus on Somali youth and women</p> <p>4. Short-term and long-term job creation for youth, returnees and others</p> <p>5. Capacity development of relevant line ministries and institutions to design and implement policies related to economic development and youth employment</p>
Location	Somalia and Somaliland
Gender Marker	2a – gender is fully mainstreamed in design, implementation, monitoring and reporting

Total Budget as per ProDoc	\$8,900,500.00
MPTF	\$3,019,545.00
Non MPTF sources:	PBF: n/a
	Trac: n/a
	Other: n/a

Total MPTF Funds Received			Total non-MPTF Funds Received	
PUNO	Current quarter	Cumulative	Current quarter	Cumulative
FAO			n/a	n/a
ILO			n/a	n/a
UNDP			n/a	n/a
UN Habitat			n/a	n/a



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JP Expenditure of MPTF Funds (USD) ¹			JP Expenditure of non-MPTF Funds	
PUNO	Current quarter	Cumulative	Current quarter	Cumulative
FAO			n/a	n/a
ILO			n/a	n/a
UNDP	167,469.00	243,490.00	n/a	n/a
UN Habitat		227,453.93	n/a	n/a

SITUATION UPDATE

Baseline conditions for implementation are substantially unchanged since the finalization of the programme document in July 2015. Chronic levels of youth unemployment and underemployment continue to persist in all 8 project locations, resulting from low demand from the emerging private sector and - to a lesser extent - skills mismatches. The security and access situation with respect to the project locations also remains substantially unchanged.

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT RESULTS MATRIX

OVERALL OUTCOME

Somali economy revitalized and expanded with a focus on livelihood enhancement, employment generation and broad-based inclusive growth

Sub-Outcome 1 – Improved long-term potential for growth, productivity, and employment through 6 value chain implementation plans

Output 1.1 Capacities of public private and academic institutions built to undertake value chain analysis and key interventions identified

Indicator	Final Target	Progress on Output Indicator	
		This Quarter	Cumulative
Number of public, private and academic actors trained on value chain methods	30 (9 women)	89*	112**
Number of value chains analyses in selected sectors and locations	6	3	3
Number of value chain implementation strategies approved	6	1 – In Progress	1 – In Progress

Sub-Outcome 2 – Enhanced longer term employability of youth in sectors with high growth and employment potential

Output 2.1 Curricula developed for occupations identified by value chain analysis and prioritized by Federal Government and Regional States

Indicator	Final Target	Progress on Output Indicator	
		This Quarter	Cumulative
Number of curricula developed	6	3 – In Progress	3 – In Progress

¹ **Uncertified expenditures.** Certified annual expenditures can be found in the Annual Financial Report of MPTF Office (<http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/4SO00>)



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Output 2.2 Programmes of vocational, business and life skills training provided for at least 20,000 youth			
<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Final Target</i>	<i>Progress on Output Indicator</i>	
		<i>This Quarter</i>	<i>Cumulative</i>
Number of Somali youth trained	20,000 (6,000 women)	1,020*	1,020*
Output 2.3 Capacity of ministries and institutions for the collection, analysis and storage of labour and market data and youth employment programming developed			
<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Final Target</i>	<i>Progress on Output Indicator</i>	
		<i>This Quarter</i>	<i>Cumulative</i>
Number of ministries and local authorities trained to develop youth employment programmes	5	1	1
Output 2.4 One stop youth centre developed in Mogadishu and 2 satellite centres in other urban areas			
<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Final Target</i>	<i>Progress on Output Indicator</i>	
		<i>This Quarter</i>	<i>Cumulative</i>
Number of one stop youth centres and satellite centres developed / rehabilitated	3 (one stop youth centre plus 2 satellite centres)	1 – In Progress	1 – In Progress
Sub-Outcome 3 – Productive Infrastructure rehabilitated through labour-intensive methods			
Output 3.1 Rural productive infrastructure projects implemented			
<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Final Target</i>	<i>Progress on Output Indicator</i>	
		<i>This Quarter</i>	<i>Cumulative</i>
Number of short-term rural jobs created	16,000 (4,800 women)	2,457*	2,457*
Number of rural productive infrastructure projects implemented	TBD	28	28
Output 3.2 Urban infrastructure projects implemented			
<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Final Target</i>	<i>Progress on Output Indicator</i>	
		<i>This Quarter</i>	<i>Cumulative</i>
Number of short-term urban jobs created	14,000 (4,200 women)	807 – In Progress	2,807
Number of urban infrastructure projects implemented	TBD	3	4
NARRATIVE			



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Output 1.1 Capacities of public private and academic institutions built to undertake value chain analysis and key interventions identified (UNDP)

- Pursuant to the value chain training workshops held in December 2015, a validation workshop was held in Mogadishu on February 22-24th to review and endorse the findings of field consultations for the sesame, dairy and fisheries sectors.
- The workshop was attended by representatives of the Ministries of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, the Value Chain Unit of the Ministry of Planning and growers, input-dealers, traders and exporters from the sesame, dairy and fisheries sectors (89 sector representatives attended in total)
- Recommendations from the workshop were incorporated into 3 sector profiles, which were subsequently circulated for comments. The sector profiles provide an overview of each of the sectors, including key actors, constraints for future development, and current and potential future employment potential in key value chain segments with particular respect to opportunities for women and youth. Each sectoral profile is accompanied by a quick-reference SWOT analysis.
- The profiles are intended to provide the basis for sectoral development strategies, highlighting key interventions (including skills training) that will be required to maximize their employment potential. Work on the fisheries strategy is currently underway (with FAO and ILO).

Output 2.1 Curricula developed for occupations identified by value chain analysis and prioritized by Federal Government and Regional States (ILO)

- Technical training for supervisors and enumerators was undertaken on data collection for labour market analysis (LMA). The LMAs will identify employment opportunities for Somali youth (including but not limited to the sesame, dairy and fisheries sectors). The data collection was completed in all target areas and analysis of the data is currently underway.
- A survey of existing TVET centres was completed with the aim of identifying potential partners for the project. Separately, TVET centres in Berbera, Bosasso, Kismayo and Mogadishu were identified to provide training on fisheries.
- Curricula and training materials for the sesame sector are currently being reviewed, based on the sesame sector profile (above).

Output 2.2 Programmes of vocational, business and life skills training provided for at least 20,000 youth (UN Habitat)

- A cooperation agreement was signed with Jamhuriya University of Science and Technology (JUST) in Mogadishu to conduct a detailed technical and economic research in Mogadishu on the availability and costs of construction raw materials, tools and equipment.
- Work commenced on the development of the Mogadishu One Stop Youth Centre (MOSYC) curricula for construction and life-skills training.
- Negotiations are currently on-going with a local NGO to provide business development and start-up support to MOSYC trainees.

Output 2.3 Capacity of ministries and institutions for the collection, analysis and storage of labour and market data and youth employment programming developed (UN Habitat)

- A survey of youth participation in local governance was completed by BARYA across all districts in Mogadishu. The survey provided an opportunity for BARYA to assess the relationship between youth organisations in Mogadishu and the regional administration. It is intended to enhance BARYA's understanding of prevailing challenges facing



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Mogadishu youth as a precursor to improving youth governance.

- BARYA leadership and youth leaders developed a management structure, terms of reference and guiding principles for a Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). The YAC will be responsible for managing the MOSYC.
- Youth leaders - (including the BARYA Chairperson (male) and BARYA Head of Training (female) – were supported to participate in the Young African Leadership Initiative (YALI). The initiative consisted of an intensive 12-week training programme implemented in two cohorts during mid-January and mid-February, and included study options on business and entrepreneurship, civic leadership, and public management.

Output 2.4 One stop youth centre developed in Mogadishu and 2 satellite centres in other urban areas (UN Habitat)

- The first phase of the MOSYC was launched at the Annagraph site in Shanghai District of Mogadishu on January 14th. A total of 187 youth participated and contributed to the design of the One Stop Youth Centre, identifying key activities and selecting a name for the centre. An additional planning session for the design of the MOSYC with 147 youth was conducted on January 19th. The event provided necessary feedback on the design process incorporating the needs and priorities of youth. The YAC met regularly throughout February and March to provide further feedback on building design.
- The MOSYC site was cleared of old sheds, garbage and construction debris and prepared for the construction of the sports field, offices and toilets.

Output 3.1 Rural productive infrastructure projects implemented (FAO)

- Four pre-screened implementing partners (IPs) were selected through a competitive bidding process in the Districts of Beletweyne, Bosasso, Cabudwaq and Kismayo. Priority was given to IPs with a proven history of successful project implementation in the selected locations, established field offices, permanent staff and financial capacity. Further due diligence on the selected IPs was undertaken by the FAO Compliance and Risk Management Unit.
- Consultative meetings were facilitated between MoSLA and the selected IPs to develop an approach for selecting priority infrastructure projects and ensuring the full involvement of local youth and youth groups.
- Training was provided for key staff in each of the IPs on *inter alia* infrastructure design, livelihoods mapping and verification, household targeting, beneficiary payment processes and bio metric registration.
- Work on 15 water catchments and 13 canals was completed in Beletweyne, Cabudwaq and Kismayo, providing short-term employment for 2,457 youth. The water catchments and canals will also contribute to significantly to longer term economic development and job creation, as well as nutrition and food security.
- A further initiative to generate 'cash for work' on water catchments and the rehabilitation of mangrove forests in Bosasso was commenced, but put on hold by the Puntland Ministry of Labour Youth and Sports (MoLYs) in February. See also 'challenges' below.

Output 3.2 Urban infrastructure projects implemented (ILO)

- Work commenced on rehabilitation of the Xannaano road in Baidoa and the construction of a tarmac road in Berbera to improve access to the port. Both projects are currently on-going and provide short-term employment opportunities for a total of 807 youth (607 in Baidoa and 200 in Berbera), whilst contributing to longer term economic development and improving access to economic and social facilities for local communities.
- Community consultations for the identification of new urban infrastructure projects were completed in Abudwaq, Jowhar and Kismayo. In addition, procurement training was provided for district council members and district engineers in each of these locations. The training is intended to build local capacity for the implementation of



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infrastructure projects and focused on project cycle management procedures and tools

Other Key Achievements

The selection process was completed for the YES Project Coordinator and an offer was made to the successful candidate, Ms Argjentina Grazdhani. Representatives of all the participating agencies took part in the interview panel. Ms Grazdhani has formally accepted the offer and is currently awaiting final medical clearance for commencing her duties. Expected start date end May / early June.

Challenges and Lessons Learnt

Output 1.1

The value chain validation workshop undertaken on February 22-24th underscored the importance of ensuring that capacity for Value Chain Analysis (VCA) and other related analytical approaches (e.g LMA) is solidly established in relevant government line ministries. The training also underlined the importance of ensuring that the Ministry of Planning is able to effectively coordinate the value chain work currently being undertaken by multiple donors and agencies in Somalia, especially the DfID PIMS and the USAID GEEL projects. Once finalized, copies of the three existing sectoral profiles produced by YES will be shared with other agencies to encourage this process.

The main challenge for the next phase of the value chain work will be to ensure that adequate resources are available to support the implementation of critical development interventions in each of the value chains, maximizing their potential for sustainable long-term employment creation.

Outputs 2.2-4

A key UN Habitat national staff member was killed during the Al Shabaab attack at Lido beach on January 21st. A second UN Habitat staff member was also injured in the attack and is being treated for Post-Traumatic Stress. This left the team short on human resources this past quarter.

Some disputes about pre-existing and damaged shed removals on the site of the MOSYC caused delays, however, the situation has been resolved allowing continuation with preparations for the planned construction activities.

Output 3.1

On February 16th, work on rural infrastructure development activities in Bosasso were put 'on hold' by the Puntland Ministry for Labour, Youth and Sports. At the time work on water catchment and canal rehabilitation projects had been underway for 5 days. A similar problem occurred in Kismayo on March 2nd, when the district administration cancelled a catchment project that employed 180 beneficiaries for 18 days. FAO is currently working to resolve these problems which appear to have resulted from communications issues between the Federal, State and District authorities. Had these problems not been encountered it is likely that approximately 850 additional short-term jobs would have been created during the current reporting period.

A decision to work on the rehabilitation of mangrove forests in Bosasso was delayed following a preliminary assessment which showed that these habitats are already too degraded to allow for the planting of wild seedlings. Whilst the mangrove forests are critical to the sustainability of fisheries and agriculture in the area, the cost of establish nurseries for replanting may place this option beyond the scope of YES. A final decision on this will be made once project activities in Bosasso are resumed.

Output 3.2



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Problems reported during the previous quarterly report relating the Xannaano road project in Baidoa were successfully overcome.

Peacebuilding impact (for Joint Programmes receiving PBF funding only)

N/A

Looking ahead

In addition to taking forward on-going activities referred to above, planned activities for the second quarter of 2106 - under each of the programme outputs - were reported as follows:

Output 1.1

- Work will commence on the implementation of a value chain development strategy for the fisheries sector, focusing on dried pelagic fish. This was a major export product for Somalia in the past and has the potential to create significant long-term youth employment opportunities (current extrapolations *for the fisheries sector as a whole* indicate that somewhere in the region of 28-40K new full time jobs could be created and a further 33-45K part time jobs *if* present yields are increased to meet potential annual production estimates of 380-500 metric tons). The Government of Sweden has generously committed 'in principle' to supporting this work.
- Further proposals to generate sustainable long-term employment in the sesame and dairy sectors will be developed, along with proposals for a potential 'joint initiative' on business support services for young women entrepreneurs, in cooperation with the USAID GEEL project.

Output 2.2

- Building on the sector profiles and TVET survey reports, training for the fisheries sector will commence using existing TVET institutions in Berbera, Bosasso, Kismayo and Mogadishu. Skills training in relation to sesame sector will commence in Baidoa, Beletweyne and Jowhar.
- Youth training activities will commence at MOSYC.

Output 2.3

- On-going LMAs will be finalized.

Output 2.4

- Activities to establish a satellite One Stop Youth Centre in Kismayo will commence.

Output 3.2

- The next phase of urban infrastructure rehabilitation will take place in Abudwaq, Jowhar and Kismayo. Road rehabilitation projects have already been identified through community consultations

Other

- Support will be provided for National Labour Day celebrations at the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, to be held on May 1st. This represents a significant opportunity to raise awareness of youth employment issues in Somalia and to promote the work of YES.
- In addition, an urban campaign to promote the role of youth in urban regeneration will be launched in Mogadishu.



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The campaign will be entitled 'The City Youth Need.'

- The Government of Switzerland has expressed a strong interest in supporting the skills development component of the project and will attend the next Steering Committee meeting, scheduled to take place on May 10th.

Notes

* disaggregated gender data pending

**7 /23 trainees for VCD training undertaken in Q1 were women



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ANNEX 1. RISK MANAGEMENT

This table was not completed by participating agencies. Some risks identified during the current reporting period are described under the 'Challenges and Lessons Learnt' section (above).

ANNEX 2. MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

As per Annex 1. above.

- Monitoring visits undertaken by MoSLA officials for urban cash for work initiatives during Q2 2016 are currently being planned.
- The third official programme Steering Committee is scheduled to convene on May 10th. The agenda for the meeting is currently under discussion and will be circulated shortly.

ANNEX 3. TRAINING DATA

N.B. This table is incomplete pending inputs from FAO and UN Habitat

#	Target Group		Dates	# of participants		Title of the training	Location of training	Training provider
	Ministry. District or UN staff	Others		M	F			
	1.	Ministries of Agriculture, Lives -tock, Fisheries and Planning		Growers, input dealers, traders and exporters from the fisheries, dairy and sesame sectors	February 22nd-24th			
2.	Kismayo District council, District Engineer and	Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Contractor,	27-29 March 2016	7	0	Orientation training on labour based technology tender document design and evaluation	Kismayo	ILO Technical Adviser and Ministry of Public Works Technical Adviser Mogadishu
3.	Galgaduud District	Abudwaq district	05-07 April 2016	14	0	Orientation training on labour based technology	Abudwaq	ILO Technical Adviser and Ministry of Public



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#	Target Group		Dates	# of participants		Title of the training	Location of training	Training provider
	Ministry. District or UN staff	Others		M	F			
		authorities, contractors				tender document design and evaluation		Works Technical Adviser Mogadishu
4.	Jowhar District	Abudwaq district authorities, contractors	15 -16 March 2016	12	0	Orientation training on labour based technology tender document design and evaluation	Jowhar	ILO Technical Adviser and Ministry of Public Works Technical Adviser Mogadishu
5.	Mogadishu	Ministry of Labour and African Development trust researchers and enumerators	15-17 March 2016	11	3	Training on labour market assessment techniques and data collection	Mogadishu	Precise Trends and Research Company and ILO Technical Officer