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PROGRAMME QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Period (Quarter-Year) 2015

Project Number and Title: #nn- Rule of Law Project	PROJECT START DATE¹: 27 May 2015	AMOUNT ALLOCATED by MPTF <i>(please indicate different tranches if applicable)</i> \$ 2,094,151.00 \$	RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION United Nations Development Programme/ Resident Coordinators Office UN Mission to Somalia
Project ID: 0000000 (Gateway ID)			
Project Focal Point: Name: Doel Mukerjee E-mail: doel.mukerjee@undp.org	EXTENSION DATE: Not Applicable	FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS \$ 739,935.00	Gender Marker:
PSG Priority/Milestone PSG 2 Security PSG 3 Justice	PROJECTED END DATE: December 2016	EXPENDITURES as of [date] \$ 658,023.00	IMPLEMENTING PARTNER(S): UNDP, UNSOM, UNOPS, UNICEF, UNWOMEN, UNPOL IOM, UNFPA
Location: National or Regional Somalia		Sub-National Coverage Areas (if applicable): FGS and Subnational entities, SL and PL	

¹ The date project funds were first transferred.



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SITUATION UPDATE

With the endorsement of the Joint Rule of Law Programme document in May 2015, both the Justice and Corrections component (previously known as the Access to Justice Project) and the Police (previously known as the Civilian Police) merged under one UNDP Rule of Law Project in support to the Joint UN Rule of Law Programme. Activities are operational in all three regions including the Federal Level (FL), Puntland (PL) and Somaliland (SL).

However, Funding for the police under PSG 2 has been limited. During the period under consideration, UNDP received USD 49,000 for the implementation of its activities in 2015 at the FL (including PL), therefore many activities meant to be rolled out are delayed.

Throughout Q3 and Q4, the security situation in Mogadishu remained volatile with frequent security alerts. In Q3, there were two critical attacks, the bombing of the Jazeera Hotel on 26 July and the attack against a UN convoy departing Villa Somalia on 21 September. These have continued to limit the number of visits by international staff with counterparts and partners.

The Prime Minister appointed a new Permanent Secretary, Mr. Ismail Jim'ale Alasow, for the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) on 20 August and he officially took office on 14 September. Mr. Alasow was formerly a Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Interior and Federalism (MOIF). UNDP continued to engage with the police and community, and work on projects. There has been the appointment of a new Police Commissioner in 30 April 2015, Mohamed Hassan Mohamud. Since his appointment, who he has initiated literacy testing for upper ranking officers.

On 22nd September 2015 there was recruitment fair for the community oriented policing youth volunteer team where 317 candidates showed interest (F: 140, M: 177) and 200 were chosen to be Youth Volunteers to complete community service duties. This demonstrates that the community is willing to work with the police despite the challenges faced in bringing lasting peace to this region. In 2015, the Heegan Plan, a document which offers strategic guidance to the development of the Somali Police Force, was developed and discussions were initiated. Further, discussions commenced on establishing a new federal policing model where the intention is to put in place an integrated police model operating at two levels, the federal and regional. This will influence the future work of the police portion of the Joint Rule of Law Programme.

In PL, high risk security mitigation measures continue to be practiced due to an increase in Al-Shabaab presence. However, there were no specific security issues concerning UN staff since the Garowe incident on 20 April. The PL President appointed Abdirizak Mohamoud Afguduud as the new PL Police Force (PLPF) Commissioner. The first round of the biometric registration of PLPF started on 16th October and concluded on 11th November along with 45 days basic training at Armo academy and Abqaale police training camp. The total number of the registered officers is 1,315 (M: 1183, F: 132). PL Government financially assisted cost of training, and UNDP supported biometric registration. The second round will start in Q1, 2016. In September, the Office of the Attorney General (AGO) hired and trained 10 women graduate interns with UNDP support, selecting them from among the top 20 law graduates at the Faculty of Law of PL State University (PSU). On 7-9 December, an institutional capacity assessment of participating rule of law institutions which are supported by joint UN Rule of Law Programme undertaken by an international consultant.



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SL remained relatively peaceful throughout the reporting period, which allowed for implementation of the planned activities. Security precautionary measures are still being implemented in SL. The 8th High Level Aid Coordination forum for SL was held in Hargeisa on 15 September 2015 and was attended by representatives from donor countries and UN Agencies. The forum was officially opened by the President of SL who thanked to UN and Other International Agencies for their Support and Donation to the development of SL including SSA in his opening work and the National Level Aid Coordination forum is regular meeting to review the aid coordination for SL.

Also, a first draft of ToR's for the steering committee of SL Police Reform was presented and shared with the minister, vice-ministers, DG of Ministry of Interior and Police commissioner for their comments or inputs before approving it. A rule of law project staff retreat was held in Hargeisa and its agenda included review the overall picture of the achievements that were made in past, challenges and future Plans as well as a session on the application of the Human Rights-Based Approach to development cooperation.

UNDP organogram and reporting lines were finalized by the to streamline the management structure of the project.