



SOMALIA UN MPTF

PROGRAMME QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Period: January – March 2017

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
Focal Person	(Name): Argjentina Grazhdani
	(Email): argjentina.grazhdani@undp.org
	(Tel): +252 (0) 612 878 702
PSG	PSG4: Economic Foundations
Priority	Priority 2: Expand opportunities for youth employment through job creation and skills development
Milestone	1. Value chain development to improve long-term potential for growth, productivity and employment 3. Skills development and entrepreneurial training provided with a focus on Somali youth and women 4. Short-term and long-term job creation for youth, returnees and others
Location	Abudwak, Mogadishu, Kismayo, Bosasso, Berbera, Baidoa, Beledwein
Gender Marker	n/a

Total Budget as per ProDoc	\$8,900,500.00
MPTF:	\$8,900,500.00
Non MPTF sources:	PBF: N/A
	UNDP TRAC: \$599,739
	Other:N/A

	PUNO	Report approved by:	Position/Title	Signature
1.	UNDP	David Akopyan	Deputy Country Director	Signed Copy on File (available upon request)
2.	FAO	Richard Trenchard	Country Director	Signed Copy on File (available upon request)
3.	UN-Habitat	Doudou Mbye	OIC Somalia Programme	Signed Copy on File (available upon request)
4.	ILO	Ilias Dirie	Country Director	Signed Copy on File (available upon request)



SOMALIA UN MPTF

Total MPTF Funds Received			Total non-MPTF Funds Received	
PUNO	Current quarter	Cumulative	Current quarter	Cumulative
UN-Habitat	0	1,430,798	0	0
ILO	0	2,116,198	0	0
FAO	0	3,374,673	0	0
UNDP	0	1,978,829	0	0
Total:	0	8,900,498	0	0

JP Expenditure of MPTF Funds ¹			JP Expenditure of non-MPTF Funds	
PUNO	Current quarter	Cumulative	Current quarter	Cumulative
UN-Habitat	343,469	1,430,798	0	0
ILO	315,592	2,032,220	0	0
FAO	335,902	2,563,742	0	0
UNDP	140,161	1,141,891	0	0
Total	1,135,124	7,168,651	0	0

QUARTERLY & ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT RESULTS MATRIX

OUTCOME STATEMENT			
Somali economy revitalized and expanded with a focus on livelihood enhancement, employment generation and broad-based inclusive growth			
SUB-OUTCOME 1 STATEMENT			
Improved long-term potential for growth, productivity, and employment through 6 value chain implementation plans			
<i>Output 1.1: Capacities of public private and academic institutions built to undertake value chain analysis and key interventions identified</i>			
INDICATOR	TARGET	PROGRESS ON OUTPUT INDICATOR ²	
		THIS QUARTER	CUMULATIVE 2017
Number of public, private and academic actors trained on value chain methods	30 (9 women)	No activity planned for this quarter	n/a
Number of value chains analyses in selected sectors and locations	3	No activity planned for this quarter	n/a
Number of value chain implementation strategies approved	3	No activity planned for this quarter	n/a

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

² Fill in only the numbers or yes/no; no explanations to be given here.



SOMALIA UN MPTF

UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR)			
Output 1.2 Key interventions implemented to improve their long-term potential for growth, productivity and employment.			
Number of generic or sector-specific constraints in selected value chains addressed as identified by government	4	0 – Q1 2017 work focused on fisheries value chain. Constraints identified in VCA completed during 2016	0
Number of new long-term jobs	420	45	45
Number of youth start-up companies created	50	Grant mechanism put in place (see narrative section)	n/a
Number and percentage of start-up businesses still operating after 12 months	25	n/a	n/a
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR)			
SUB-OUTCOME 2 STATEMENT			
Enhanced longer term employability of youth in sectors with high growth and employment potential			
INDICATOR	TARGET	PROGRESS ON OUTPUT INDICATOR ³	
		THIS QUARTER	CUMULATIVE 2016
Sub-Outcome 2 Enhanced longer term employability of youth in sectors with high growth and employment potential			
Number of youth who have received training (basic literacy, numeracy, life-skills, vocational and business training).	5810	0	
Percentage of trained youth employed within 6 months	65% (of which 30% women)	0	
Output 2.1: Curricula developed for occupations identified by value chain analysis and prioritized by Federal Government and Regional States			
Number of Curricula Developed	3	0	

³ Fill in only the numbers or yes/no; no explanations to be given here.



SOMALIA UN MPTF

UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR)			
Output 2.2: Programmes of vocational, business and life skills training provided			
Number of Somali youth trained	5810	197	197
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR)			
Output 2.3 Capacity of ministries and institutions for the collections, analysis and storage of labour market data and youth employment programming developed			
Number of public, private and academic actors trained on labour market analysis	40 (at least 12 women trainee)		
Number of ministries and local authorities trained to develop youth employment programmes	2		
Output 2.4 One stop youth centre developed in Mogadishu and 2 satellite centres in other urban areas			
Number of one stop youth centres and satellite centres developed / rehabilitated	1 (one stop youth centre plus 2 satellite centres)		
SUB-OUTCOME 3 STATEMENT Productive Infrastructure rehabilitated through labour-intensive methods			
INDICATOR	TARGET	PROGRESS ON OUTPUT INDICATOR ⁴	
		THIS QUARTER	CUMULATIVE 2016
Output 3.1: Rural productive infrastructure projects implemented			
Number of short-term rural jobs created	3600	1300 400 women	1300 400 women
Number of rural productive infrastructure projects implemented	TBD	0	
Output 3.2 Urban infrastructure projects implemented			
Indicator	Final Target	Progress on Output Indicator	
		This Quarter	Cumulative

⁴ Fill in only the numbers or yes/no; no explanations to be given here.



SOMALIA UN MPTF

Number of short-term urban jobs created	1600	520 135 Women	502 135 Women
Number of urban infrastructure projects implemented	TBD	1	1
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR)			

NARRATIVE

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

No activity planned for this quarter

1.2 Key interventions to improve their long-term potential for growth, productivity and employment

Q1 2017 value chain development activity continued to focus predominantly on the dried fish sector.

- A marketing study ‘Exploring the Potential for Developing Exports of Dried Fish from Somalia’ was completed. The study examined the export potential for Somali dried fish in India, Sri-Lanka and Hong Kong. It concluded that there may be a market for higher value Somali tuna products in Hong Kong, provided concerns about food safety, quality control and traceability can be addressed. In the meantime, Somali dried fish products should be further tested in regional (African) markets (see link).
- Sample products were produced for marketing purposes and received positive feedback and commercial expressions of interest from Kenya and Tanzania.

In Bosasso:

- Trainers supported during Q4 2016 commenced skills training on fish drying in the IDP settlements. To date 5 youth have completed the training in each of two settlements (Bula Mingis A and Bulla Elaay). Cottage-based production of higher value dried fish is now underway.
- Following the skills gained, cottage based commercial production of higher value dried fish is operational.
- Samples for initial sales and promotional purposes were produced.
- Final designs and BoQs were completed for 5 fish processing facilities, and a competitive tender was launched for local construction companies.
- The procurement process was completed for the construction of two feeder roads that will support the processing facilities and create temporary employment for 150 youth. The activity is expected to be initiated in Quarter 2 of 2017.
- The procurement process for fishing packages – to target small and large pelagic species – was initiated, along with a contract to build a lift net fishing platform. The platform will facilitate the exploitation of abundant small pelagic species. A contract to build a lift net fishing platform was also launched. The platform will enable the project to target the abundant and underexploited small pelagic species while the development and deployment of community small scale Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) will improve fishing of large pelagic species.
- Work on the development of improved fishing craft - which are safer, more economical and enable on board fishing handling - continued.
- A grant scheme, to provide tools for young people engaged in fish drying was designed.



SOMALIA UN MPTF

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

No activities planned in this quarter.

Output 2.2. Programmes of vocational, business and life skills training provided

- Shaqeyso⁵ II cohort started training in January. A total of 179 youth, out of which 88 women have benefited from this training.
- In order to target the most vulnerable young women and men, the selection panned ensured that IDP youth and youth with no education are included in this training (35 IDPs and 134 youth with no education).
- Graduation is scheduled for April 2017.
- Human Rights Training of Trainers conducted from 9 to 12 January 2017 in Nairobi.
- Lifeskills manual completed, layouting and editing ongoing.
- During this reporting period, preparations for upscaling of activities in Kismayo and expansion of UN-Habitat activities to Berbera and Bosasso have been completed.
- In Mogadishu a capacity assessment of BRA Training Department has been conducted as preparation to hand over Shaqeyso training implementation in Q2 2017 to local authorities.

Output 2.2a: Programmes of vocational, business and life skills training provided

- In this quarter, ILO shortlisted agribusiness plans submitted by young people in groups of 5 comprising of 6 females in Baidao, Beletweyne and Jowhar and selected the top business idea in each of the locations, offering loans worth \$5000 to the winners. In the last quarter a steering committee comprising ILO and Shabelle Community Development Organization (SHACDO) successfully reviewed and selected 55 group business plans. Due to the large number of business plans received, the steering committee further shortlisted the most feasible business plans in all three locations and partnering with local financial institutions to provide loans to finance the successful business plans. The winning group proposals focus on onion, sesame and vegetable production to tackle the high demand for food, by pre-financing inventories, seeds, fertilizers and chemicals for young farmers. By facilitating access to finance, the programme directly supports 85 youth and is helping create additional indirect jobs for 200 youth.

Bosaso:

- Following the successful completion of the apprenticeship in the fisheries companies, 45 out 150 young people who took part in the apprenticeship scheme are now working full-time with fisheries businesses.
- Based on the project quick survey conducted in the last quarter 48 youth expressed interest and were willing to start their own business once the apprenticeship scheme was concluded. Specifically, 10 of these 48 young people identified micro-finance as the main source of investment needed to start a business but do not have concrete business plans nor business skills. ILO has successful engaged Amal Bank to offer youth start-up

⁵ The Shaqeyso programme (a Somali word meaning “get to work”) is an integrated 3-months training programme that has been designed to get vulnerable youth ready for employment. Since the target group of YES are youth at risk of joining Al Shabab, selection criteria for Shaqeyso beneficiaries have been designed to consider the challenges that the most vulnerable in society face with indicators targeting: single headed or female headed households, households living below the poverty line or in an IDP camp, illiteracy, incomplete school education, disability, unemployment and under-employment.



SOMALIA UN MPTF

capital provided young people are trained in entrepreneurship & financial skills and develop feasible business ideas.

- 30 of the 60 youth trained on basic solar technology, solar product features & function and entrepreneurship, completed a two-week job placement in Solargen Technologies branches to learn marketing skills. The training combined both theoretical and practical sessions, including placements with Solargen branches to teach young people the appropriate marketing skills to sell the products. 30 trainees were selected by a committee comprising of ILO and Solargen technical teams for youth to start a business selling solar product across Somalia. This will be implemented through the International Bank of Somalia (IBS) who will finance the solar equipment as seed capital after a careful quality due diligence, giving young people the chance to work and earn a decent living. The lending methodology is currently being designed in collaboration with IBS, it is envisaged that youth will receive financing by May 2017. Solar products are important for improving the environment and cutting energy costs additionally, training youth on marketing solar products creates long term jobs.

Output 3.1: Rural Productive Infrastructure Projects Implemented

- During the reporting period, 1,300 youth in Belet Weyne and Kismayo Districts (650 in each district) finalized rehabilitating of 14 water catchments after working for a period of 48 days.
- Following completion of the rehabilitation works, the youth benefitted with cash transfers amounting to USD 233,370.
- Activities for mangrove rehabilitation and restoration are ongoing in Bosasso District.
- Mangrove nurseries were established and germination of the propagules undertaken. The seedlings are currently in the nurseries awaiting transplanting into the coastal shoreline in the next quarter. To date, 90 youth have benefited from cash transfers amounting to USD 27,180.

Output 3.2 Urban infrastructure projects implemented

- ILO is in the process of finalizing the cash for work projects in Beletweyne to provide short-term income opportunities for 502 youth (135 women), creating 11,317 worker days. Most importantly, the project will offer farmers easy access to agricultural areas and to the main food market in the city to sell their goods. Previously, farmers and residents would struggle reaching facilities, particularly during the rainy season when the mud would make travel extremely difficult. The rehabilitated roads will make it easier for residents to travel and will continue to help farmers and rural dwellers boost profits.
- To date 502 youth in Beledwein have benefitted from cash transfers amounting to USD 74,843.

Other Key Achievements

ILO met with leaders from the Puntland Chamber of Commerce and Industry to discuss the way forward for the apprenticeship scheme in Bosaso. The main recommendation was to offer young people who are not currently employed, but showed the right aptitude for entrepreneurship, small loans through a revolving loan fund mechanism. ILO and Amal Bank reached an agreement to offer access to finance to youth after a throughout due diligence process. ILO and the Chamber will support youth in developing business skills and detailed business plans to get their businesses started and be eligible to apply for loans.

After extensive consultations with Somali private sector ILO developed a skills system model for the renewable energy sector. The skills system highlights the role of employer's right from identification of the required skills and goes all the way up to development of curriculum, determining skill standards, training delivery and finally, apprenticeships. This



SOMALIA UN MPTF

system also builds on the successful experience of Kenyan training institution and their expertise on quality assurance in skills training delivery. Through this model, ILO aims to achieve the following results:

1. Better qualified skilled labourers according to international standards
2. Increased productivity and growth potential of industry
3. Improved employment opportunities for young people

• **Challenges (incl: Delays or Deviations) and Lessons Learnt:**

- YES extension beyond 31 March 2017 and related new funds for 2017 have not been approved by the SDRF steering committee yet. Project implementation is hindered due to unavailability of funds.
- There was conflict in one of the target IDP camps when the IDP camp chairperson was replaced with a new representative from the government making the local population upset. Activities in commercial production of dried fish in this camp were put on hold until the situation is resolved — government authorities are following up to resolve the issue. In Kismayo District, five initial sites for rehabilitation of water catchments were replaced with new ones because the airport authorities were concerned of possible risks if many people were working near the airport.
- The renewable energy component of the programme aims to create 30 jobs for young people as distributors of solar energy product. To do this, ILO is working with IBS to offer youth loans to buy the solar products, which they are expected to repay as they successfully sell these products. The lengthy due diligence process, and background checks needed to qualify for loans, have delayed the start of this phase of the project. These checks are important to reduce the risks of default; previous ILO-IBS collaborations supporting vulnerable women in business have shown 100% repayment rates that the partners aim to replicate in the YES programme.

Peacebuilding impact

UNIDO was able to undertake a number of Training Centre Assessments that allowed the Organization to identify training readiness, capacity, and develop a profile of the technical training staff. UNIDO was able to also undertake a rehabilitation assessment mission to the Baidoa Central Prison. Security practices were identified for training follow up and UNIDO purchased GARRETT search wands for use at the Baidoa Central Prison. Training was organized in collaboration with the Rule of Law and Security Institutions Group officers in Baidoa. UNIDO supported training with instructional aide purchases that will be located at the Prison. In Kismaayo, UNIDO organized and implemented a Tie and Dye livelihoods skills training and awarded five toolkits to dynamic trainees. At present 60% of those trained by UNIDO are women.

UNDP conducted a scoping mission to Baidoa and Kismayo and consultation meetings with the relevant ministries of Jubbaland and South West with the aim of informing state authorities about the project. In addition, UNDP has completed the preparations of the partner selection. Terms of references for engagement of partners to engage on social rehabilitation and cash for work activities have been developed. The activities will commence in the second quarter of 2017.

Catalytic effects

Gender

Gender inclusiveness is an integral part of the Shaqeyso programme and led to reduction of prejudices and gender stereotypes. Boys and girls are trained jointly, active engagement with the other gender is not only encouraged but



SOMALIA UN MPTF

built-in in both lifeskills and technical/ vocational training courses. Girls producing construction materials is a novelty in Somalia and also lead to changing gender stereotypes in the society.

35% of all youth involved in the apprenticeship scheme, solar energy training and agribusiness training are young women, while 22% of public works beneficiaries have been women. The renewable energy and construction sector is typically male dominated, but YES interventions have tried to encourage young women to enroll in projects, resulting in higher than expected female participation and challenging stereotypes and biases surrounding women in these occupations.

UNIDO skills trainings has identified two main women's organizations in Kismaayo and two training centres with good quality training infrastructure for skills trainings for women. At present the project has trained one (1) trainer and ten (10) trainees in Tie and Dye. Trainings are planned in sewing and food preparation, catering, and safety. UNIDO will also include women in training courses involving computers and business applications for tablets, smartphones, and computers. At present 60% of the total trained have been women.

Proportion of gender specific outputs in Joint Programme ⁶	Total no. of Outputs	Total no. of gender specific Outputs
		4
Proportion of Joint Programme staff with responsibility for gender issues	Total no. of Staff	Total no. of staff with responsibility for gender issues
		42

Human Rights

Has the Joint Programme included a protection risk assessment in its context analysis, including on gender issues, and taken measures to mitigate these risks to ensure they are not exacerbated or new risks created?	Result (Yes/No)
	<i>No</i>
No. of Joint Programme outputs specifically designed to address specific protection concerns.	Result (No.)
	0
No. of Joint Programme outputs designed to build capacity of duty bearers to fulfil their human rights obligations towards rights holders.	Result (No.)
	0

Communications & Visibility

Inclusion of the following articles in the UN-Habitat biannual printed newsletter (issue No. 22): The City Youth Need: Mogadishu urban campaign wraps up, Swedish minister visits Mogadishu One-Stop Youth Centre, and Shaqeyso 1: New youth employment readiness programme in Mogadishu sees success.

⁶ Gender Specific Outputs are those that are specifically designed to directly and explicitly contribute to the promotion of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment.



SOMALIA UN MPTF

Bosaso fisheries apprenticeship scheme: A video on the success of the scheme can be found on https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqa_ndUC8oc and impact story at http://www.ilo.org/addisababa/media-centre/articles/WCMS_543522/lang--en/index.htm

Looking ahead

Under the drought response plan, FAO is preparing to implement Prosopis Juliflora activities that will equip the youth with skills and knowledge in management and utilization of Prosopis Juliflora.

Capacitating BRA training department to take a lead in running the Shaqeyso training programme in Mogadishu (Shaqeyso 3).

Start of lifeskills training and urban campaign in Bosasso and Berbera.

Expansion of activities in Kismayo: lifeskills training, identification of land / preparation of construction works for Kismyo One Stop Youth Centre, preparations for starting Shaqeyso training programme in Kismayo.



SOMALIA UN MPTF

ANNEX 1. RISK MANAGEMENT

Type of Risk ⁷	Description of Risk	Mitigating Measures
Security	FAO International staff not able to visit the mangrove rehabilitation sites.	FAO deployed the local staff to monitor the activities.
Federal election	Road blocks on election days, nomination and swearing in of ministers	Closure of Shaqeyso training on concerned days and extension of the training period for the 2nd cohort
Federal election	SDRF steering committee meeting did not take place and 2nd phase of YES, including new 2017 funding has not been approved yet	
Federal election	Road blocks on election days, nomination and swearing in of ministers	Closure of Shaqeyso training on concerned days and extension of the training period for the 2nd cohort
Security	That AMISOM Close Protection Units are Not Available or Unwilling to Support Missions	Coordinate closely with UN Security Focal points
Political	Changes in the Ministries due to recent elections generate frictions as new stakeholders enter into consultations	Transparency in activities
Potential Social and environmental risks as identified by UNDP	<p>duty-bearers do not have the capacity to meet their obligations in the Programme</p> <p>The Programme potentially reproduce discriminations against women based on gender, especially regarding participation in design and implementation or access to opportunities and benefits</p>	Relevant government ministries and institutions will acquire institutional and technical capacity development on methods of collection, analysis and storage of labour market and skills data. Their national statistics centre (Minister of Planning and International Cooperation) along with the Ministry statistical units, will be strengthened with technical assistance from a technical expert who

⁷ Environmental; Financial; Operational; Organizational; Political; Regulatory; Security; Strategic; Other.



SOMALIA UN MPTF

Type of Risk 7	Description of Risk	Mitigating Measures
	<p>The Programme would exacerbate conflicts among and/or the risk of violence to Programme-affected communities and individuals</p> <p>The Programme involve support for employment or livelihoods that may fail to comply with national and international labor standards (i.e. principles and standards of ILO fundamental conventions</p>	<p>will be seconded to the line ministries. This assistance will improve labour market information analysis processes and institutional capacity at the national and regional level. The Programme will also train ministries and institutions for better collection and analysis of data relevant to developing appropriate skills training programmes for youth employment.</p>

ANNEX 2. MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

Monitoring Activity	Date	Description & Comments	Key Findings / Recommendations
[I.e. Programme oversight field monitoring visit]		[Monitoring of project undertaken by CO Programme oversight unit; POPP mandates that these must take place for each project minimally once a year.]	
[I.e. Project Board Meeting]		[Should take place quarterly.]	
[I.e. DIM Audit]		[Should take place annually above certain financial thresholds; organized by CO.]	
[I.e. Independent Evaluation]		[Should take place as per project document.]	
[I.e. Engineering site visit.]			
[I.e. Stakeholder Review Consultation]			



SOMALIA UN MPTF

ANNEX 3. TRAINING DATA

#	Target Group		Dates	# of participants			Title of the training	Location of training	Training provider
	Ministry. District or UN staff	Others		M	F	Total			
1.		Youth leaders	9 to 12 January 2017	3	2	5	Human Rights Training of Trainers	Nairobi	UN-Habitat
2.		Vulnerable youth	8 January to 23 April 2017	91	88	179	Shaqeyso 2	Mogadishu	Shaqeyso trainers
3.		Youth leaders	9 to 12 January 2017	3	2	5	Human Rights Training of Trainers	Nairobi	UN-Habitat
4.		Youth	Jan/Feb	0	12	12	Tie and Dye	Kismaayo	UNIDO/ Talo Wanag
5.		Youth	March	9	2	11	Security Practices and Search Protocols	Baidoa	UNIDO/ ROLSIG
6.	1	Staff	March	1	0	1	Emergency Trauma Bag	Hargeisa	UNIDO / UNDSS
Totals:				107	106	213			