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PROGRAMME QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Period (Quarter-Year): April to June 2017

Project Name	Joint Programme for Sustainable Charcoal Reduction and Alternative Livelihoods (PROSCAL)
Gateway ID	00100442
Start date	01 April 2016
Planned end date (as per last approval)	31 March 2020
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Participating UN entities	FAO, UNDP and UNEP
PSG	4- Economic Foundations
Priority	Promote the sustainable development and management of natural resources by developing legal and regulatory frameworks and building capacity in key Natural Resources Management (NRM) institutions
Milestone	Not Applicable
Location	National
Gender Marker	2

Total Budget as per ProDoc	USD 6,068,329.00
MPTF:	USD 5,968,329.00
Non-MPTF sources:	PBF:
	TRAC: USD 100,000
	Other:

	PUNO	Report approved by:	Position/Title	Signature
1.	UNDP	David Akopyan	Deputy Country Director	

Total MPTF Funds Received			Total non-MPTF Funds Received	
PUNO	Q2	Cumulative	Q2	Cumulative
UNDP	\$1,037,467	\$2,680,535	0	\$100,000
FAO	\$912,486	\$1,512,486	0	0
UNEP	-	-	0	0
TOTAL	\$1,949,953	\$4,193,021	0	0

JP Expenditure of MPTF Funds¹			JP Expenditure of non-MPTF Funds	
PUNO	Q2	Cumulative	Q2	Cumulative

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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UNDP	\$153,523	\$411,657	\$4,684	\$47,831
FAO	-	-	0	0
UNEP	-	-	0	0
TOTAL	\$153,523	\$411,636	\$4,684	\$47,831

QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

1. Inception workshop with key Federal and Federal Member States stakeholders held in May
2. 2017 Annual Work Plan was revised, incorporating new funds received during Q2

SITUATION UPDATE

Unsustainable production of charcoal to meet national and regional energy demands remains a major threat to environmental sustainability as well as security in Somalia. The programme envisages to address both the demand and supply side of the charcoal value chain by promoting regional cooperation to check illegal exports of charcoal, taking to scale alternative sources of energy across main cities and towns in Somalia and helping the vulnerable groups (women and youth) directly linked to the charcoal value chain to adopt alternative sources of livelihoods.

During the reporting period, a Joint Programme for Sustainable Charcoal Reduction and Alternative Livelihoods (PROSCAL) inception workshop was held on May 24 2017 in Mogadishu with key stakeholders from the Federal and Regional Member States (Puntland, Jubaland, Galmudug, South-West and Hirshabelle), i.e. the Ministries of environment, agriculture, interior, water, minerals, planning and regional cooperation, livestock, forestry and range, Health and safety, fisheries, and gender and women affairs.

Focal point partners were selected and a field mission to Kismayo was proposed and agreed upon. Before the inception workshop, joint preparatory meetings were held by UNDP and FAO. The Kismayo field mission is planned to take place during 2017 Q3.

QUARTERLY 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

Promote the sustainable development and management of natural resources by developing legal and regulatory frameworks and building capacity in key Natural Resources Management (NRM) institutions.

Output 1.1: MOLFR supported to coordinate and implement inter-ministerial actions for Reducing Charcoal Production, Trade and Use

INDICATOR	TARGET	PROGRESS ON OUTPUT INDICATOR ²	
		THIS QUARTER	CUMULATIVE
Office of the focal point for charcoal Programme in the Ministry of Livestock, Forest and Range (MOLFR) strengthened	Adequately resourced unit established in the MOLFR	Yes*	Yes

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



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Number of briefings, workshops, coordination meetings held by the MOLFRD	At least 3 briefing, coordination meetings or workshops held in six months	1 – Inception Workshop	1
First meeting of the International Charcoal Trade Regulatory Committee	At least two meetings of ICTRC held	0	0
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR): Staff contracts; procurement orders; workshop and meetings reports *: -A draft LOA for capacity building of MoLFR			
Output 1.2: Draft National and Regional Policy for Reducing Charcoal Production, Trade and Use			
Draft National and Regional Policy Document	Draft policy document available with the federal government	0	0
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR): Contract for international expert			
Output 1.3: National and International Stakeholders Mobilised to Support the Programme Objectives			
International conference on Somalia Charcoal Reduction Programme held	2 strategic alliances formed to support Somalia in addressing the charcoal issues	0	0
Awareness raising workshops held in main towns and cities of Somalia	5 workshops held in main cities/towns	0	0
Programme Brochure, website and anti-charcoal campaign started	Print and electronic media engaged for mass awareness	No	No
Funds mobilised from potential donors and development partners for the full-scale joint programme	Donors support confirmed to meet the total Programme budget	0	USD 3.8 million
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR):			
Output 1.4: Programme Management			
Programme Management Staff recruited before the end of programme initiation phase	Programme management staff on-board	Yes (On-going)	Yes (On-going)
Complete detailed work plan for the full-scale programme	Work plan aligned with the available budget	Yes	Yes-Work plan with aligned budget to be approved during project steering committee in Q3 of 2017.
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR): National Project Manager Advertisement; Revised Programme document with additional funds			



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NARRATIVE

Debriefing meetings and consultations were held at federal and regional levels to update the new federal government officials on the design and implementation strategy for the Joint Programme. In this regard, the new Minister of Livestock, Forest and Range was briefed by the Programme Advisor on the progress and quarterly planned activities. In addition, an inception workshop was held in Mogadishu on the 24 May 2017 for the relevant sector line ministries from the Federal Government and Regional Members States (Puntland, Galmudug, Hirshabelle, South West and Jubaland). The objectives of the Workshop were to:

- a) Enlighten the stakeholders on the revised Programme document and implementation strategies
- b) Detail out the establishment of focal point ministries at federal and regional level
- c) Contribute to three thematic areas i.e. Energy, Livestock and Agriculture
- d) Recommend further revision of 2017 AWP based on receipt of new funds

The inception workshop observed positive outcomes, with Federal Government and Regional Member States coming together to discuss implementation strategies and coordination mechanisms. Also, UNDP and FAO presented the progress of the Charcoal Programme and revised Programme document for implementation strategies and agree on the way forward. A total of 43 (3 women) participants attended the event and were divided into three main thematic working groups (Energy, Livestock and Agriculture). All groups discussed in detail on their chosen topic and came up with below recommended actions:

- The Regions of high charcoal production such as Jubaland and South Central States should be given priority in reducing charcoal trade and supporting alternative livelihoods.
- Other tertiary Regions Jowhar and lower Shebelle to be given second priority for the project.
- Project Implementation to start mid-July-December 2017 to realign better with the charcoal production season
- The Director Generals of environment ministries of regional states will act as a focal point and take the coordination role of the project.
- Elders and religious leaders will also work with their communities to find durable solutions to charcoal trade reduction
- Empowering women who are on the charcoal business to set up alternative energy businesses in liquefied petroleum and solar energy to minimise charcoal use, and build up opportunities to more alternative livelihoods



Photo 1 representatives from UNDP and UNEP during the workshop Photo 2 Group photo of the Inception Participants



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Photo 3 and Photo 4 showing lead session by the DG Environment Office, Office of Prime Minister

Other Key Achievements

- Initiation of national and regional policy on charcoal production, use and trade under the guidance of UNEP Regional Office for Africa. This was initiated in April 2017;
- A reconnaissance field mission was held in June by FAO to select beneficiary villages, agree on modalities of implementation and implementing partners;
- During the reporting period, 50 percent of the study area under Remote Sensing monitoring activity have been covered to establish the trends in the number of charcoal production sites between 2011 to 2017 in Badhaade-Afmadow-Bu'ale areas;
- Draft letters of agreement were prepared and circulated for review by FAO Management.

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

During the reporting period, implementation of planned activities remained slow due to security limitations, focus of key counterparts on drought response and dedications to the holy month of Ramadan.

Key lessons learnt were as follows:

- The inception workshop organized by UNDP and FAO for the sector line ministries at national and subnational level is considered as a good practice. Inception Workshop helped in understanding better the UN Joint Programme on Charcoal and the implementation of activities under 2017 AWP
- Strong political commitment, through community sensitization on environmental protection and reinforced regulatory frameworks are necessary to meaningfully address and reduce the massive charcoal trade and domestic use

Peacebuilding impact: Not Applicable

Catalytic effects: Not Applicable

Gender

The revised programme document highlights gender specific issues relating to charcoal production, trade and marketing. These would be addressed in the full-scale programme while promoting alternative energy and livelihoods.

Total no. of Joint Programme Outputs

Total no. of gender specific Outputs



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Proportion of gender specific outputs in Joint Programme ³	17	3
Proportion of Joint Programme staff with responsibility for gender issues ⁴	Total no. of Staff	Total no. of staff with responsibility for gender issues
	<i>Pending finalization of recruitment process</i>	<i>Pending finalization of recruitment process</i>
Human Rights		
To be reported in subsequent quarters after the initiation of on-ground activities		
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)	
	Yes	
No. of Joint Programme outputs specifically designed to address specific protection concerns.	Result (No.)	
	10	
No. of Joint Programme outputs designed to build capacity of duty bearers to fulfil their human rights obligations towards rights holders.	Result (No.)	
	0	
Other		
Does the Joint Programmes have a national cost-sharing component (i.e. funds and/or other resources provided by the FGS and/or FMS (including in-kind contributions)? (if 'Yes', describe below).	Results (Yes/No)	
	No	
Have FMS(s) been engaged in one or more of the following: design, planning, implementation, coordination and/or monitoring of the Joint Programme.	Results (Yes/No)	
	No	
Describe nature of cost sharing:		
Support to Drought Response		
Not Applicable – However, due the severity of drought most the UN and Government Staff remained occupied with the drought response. This also affected the regular activities of all programmes, including the PROSCAL.		
Communications & Visibility		
A story on PROSCAL inception workshop is on the “UN in Somalia” facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/UNinSomalia/?ref=br_tf) to raise visibility of the project. https://www.facebook.com/UNinSomalia/photos/pcb.1545936905459179/1545926928793510/?type=3&theater		

³ Gender Specific Outputs are those that are specifically designed to directly and explicitly contribute to the promotion of Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment.

⁴ Staff members are those contracted to undertaken work for the Joint Programme including full time staff, consultants, advisors, interns, etc. Staff members with responsibility for gender issues are those who have gender related activities included in their Terms of Reference.



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Looking ahead

- Awareness raising and Programme Launch event to be held Mogadishu.
- Preparatory work on activities for all three components of the programme by PUNOs.
- Initiation of formulation of National and Regional Policy on Charcoal Production, Use and Trade
- Finalise letters of agreement signed between PUNOs and PROSCAL activities implementing partners.
- Implementation of PROSCAL activities by partners.
- Awareness creation campaigns/trainings at village level on the negative effects of charcoal production and its trade, and the alternatives in energy and livelihood sectors.
- Procurement of PROSCAL activities inputs
- Training to staff of PROSCAL partner agencies on methodologies to collect data on charcoal production and utilization.
- UNDP to initiate capacity development work with Federal Ministry of Livestock, Forest and Range (MoLFR) drafted



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ANNEX 1. RISK MANAGEMENT

Type of Risk ⁵	Description of Risk	Mitigating Measures
Financial	Lack of funding from the donors may cause substantial risk of not achieving the objectives of full joint programme.	Senior leadership of UN System and Federal Government were involved in raising funding to implement the programme. The currently available funding is USD 6,068,329, i.e. 25% of the full programme budget of USD 23.6 million.
Political (new)	New Federal Government set ups may result in delays in hosting planned international Conference as extensive efforts, need to update them accordingly on the revised UN Join Programme on Charcoal document.	Debriefings and inception workshop were held for the new Federal Government officials and Regional Member States. Revised plan was developed for holding the International Conference with the agreement of new political setup and PUNOs
Social and Environmental Screening Risks	Duty-bearers do not have the capacity to meet their obligations in the Project	The programme is developing government capacity to formulate laws to curb charcoal trade, sensitize the custom, and law enforcement authorities about the issue and provide operational funds for the purpose. Further, the programme may recommend Government to call the support of Security Council to enforce illegal trade, if it does not stop.
	The Project involve harvesting of natural forests, plantation development, or reforestation	The project is embedding design to address the existing gap on environmental unsustainability and promote the use of other source of energy other than charcoal i.e. solar, wind and biogas. For longer term sustainability capacity building on environmental protection and conservation will be enhanced at national and community level. Also it's the aim of the project to support the charcoal traders with alternative source of livelihoods and empower them as well to remain in the very business for a longer time through provision of small business grants. The Project has also reforestation and plantation activities in the charcoal depleted forest to regenerate grazing land fertility and minimize further land degradation
	Project would have adverse impacts on gender equality and/or the situation of women and girls	Women are the primary retailers of Charcoal and are likely to suffer impact in income as a result of Charcoal production. Understanding this need, project is prioritizing initiatives and opportunities for women, including access to start-up funds for alternative resources, engagement with women and CSOs to ensure women's needs and rights are met with.

⁵ Environmental; Financial; Operational; Organizational; Political; Regulatory; Security; Strategic; Other.



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ANNEX 2. MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

Monitoring Activity	Date	Description & Comments	Key Findings / Recommendations
Inception Workshop	24/05/2017	An inception workshop to update key stakeholders at Federal and Regional level on the revised Programme document and finalised 2017 Annual Workplan	<p>The inception workshop observed positive signs with Federal Government and Regional Member States coming together to discuss implementation strategies and coordination mechanisms.</p> <p>The Federal Government role is pivotal in supporting the implementation of activities and linkages at all levels (National, Regional and Community).</p> <p>Developing the capacity of the sector line ministries and organising more awareness and sensitisation works in major urban towns and charcoal production sites was seen priority efforts to address deforestation and minimise domestic use and trade of charcoal in Somalia. More inceptions and consultations are required to establish a strong ownership of the project at the national and regional level.</p>