Joint Programme Document

Joint Programme for Support to the Electoral Process in the Federal Republic of Somalia

Amendment

Cover period: 17 June 2015 – 30 June 2017

Project Title:

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Somali Compact / ISF PSG:

PSG 1: Inclusive Politics: Achieve a stable and peaceful federal Somalia through inclusive political processes

Expected Outcomes:

Parliaments, constitution making bodies and electoral institutions enabled to perform core functions for improved accountability, participation and representation, including for peaceful transitions.

Somalia is enabled to adopt and implement a twin-track approach to (i) hold an electoral process in 2016 and (ii) to prepare for eventual universal elections through institutional capacity development of the National Independent Electoral Commission (NIEC), the development of the legal framework for elections and support to promote better understanding of electoral processes.

Expected Output(s):

- The institutional capacity of the National Independent Electoral Commission (NIEC) is developed to fulfil its mandate to prepare for and conduct electoral operations.
- 2. Ministry of Interior and Federal Affairs (MoIFA) supported in its electoral related democratization role.
- Legal framework for elections and referendum developed.
- Increased public and stakeholder understanding of electoral processes and electoral legal framework through civic education
- 5. Support to the 2016 electoral process
- 6. Joint Programme Management.

Implementing Partners:

UNDP, UNSOM, NIEC, MoIFA, FIEIT

Responsible Parties:

UNDP, UNSOM, NIEC, MoIFA, FIEIT, SIEITS, IEDRM

Project Gender Marker Score:

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The objective of the Joint PRogramme for Electoral Support is to enable Somalia to adopt and implement a twin-track approach to (i) hold an electoral process in 2016 and (ii) to prepare for eventual universal elections through institutional capacity development of the National Independent Electoral Commission (NIEC), the development of the legal framework for elections and support to promote better understanding of electoral processes.

During the inception of the Joint Programme in 2015, electoral support was initially focused on the NIEC and MOIFA. In September 2015, after the FGS decision to hold an indirect electoral process in 2016 for a new federal parliament and federal president, the Joint Programme added a specific output to support this goal. In May and August 2016, the Board approved support to the ad hoc electoral management bodies (FIEIT, SIEITs and IEDRM), while increasing the budget.

After the completion of the electoral process in early 2017, the Joint Programme is in the process of an interim period where partners are defining the revised scope of ongoing UN support in preparation of general elections in Somalia. A UN electoral Needs Assessment Mission is deployed in March 2017. The findings and recommendations of the NAM will inform the revision of the Programme Document with focus on long-term UN support towards universal elections.

Programme Period:	2015 - 2016-2017
	(Q1-Q2)
Key Result Area (Strategic Plan)	Democratic
	Governance
Atlas Award ID:	00085370
Start date:	17 June 2015
End date:	30-June-2017
Latest PAC Meeting date:	22 March 2017
Management arrangements:	DIM

Total amount:	USD 18,941,277
	USD 17,809,903 (MPTF)
	USD 904,060 (UNDP TRAC)
	USD 227,313 (SIDA)

Participating UN Organizations (PUNOs):	National Coordinating Authorities:
UNDP Somalia Country Director Signature: Date: 23-04-17	Ministry of Interior and Federal Affairs (MoIFA) Permanent Secretary Signature: Date:

