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**PROGRAMME SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

Period: January to June 2021

<b>Project Name</b>	Building Inclusive and Accountable Parliaments for a Peaceful Somalia (PSP-II) Project/Output Number: 00099031/ 00102267
Gateway ID	00113070
Start date	01 January 2018
Planned end date (as per last approval)	31 December 2021
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Participating UN entities	UNDP, UNSOM (PAMG)
NDP Pillar	PWG Pillar 1: Inclusive Politics: Achieve a stable and peaceful federal Somalia through inclusive political processes and effective decentralization
UNCF Strategic Priority	Deepening federalism and state-building, supporting conflict resolution and reconciliation, & preparing for universal elections
Location(s)	Federal; Somaliland; Puntland, Galmudug, Jubaland, Southwest, and Hirshabelle states
Gender Marker	2

<b>Total Budget as per ProDoc</b>	20,018,656
MPTF:	2,508,632.61
Non-MPTF sources:	PBF:
	Trac: 3,404,400.75
	Other:

	PUNO	Report approved by:	Position/Title	Signature
1.	PWG-1 UNDP	Jacqueline Olweya	UNDP Resident Representative, OIC	

Total MPTF Funds Received				Total non-MPTF Funds Received		
PUNO	Semi Annual 2021 (1)	Cumulative	Annual 2020	Semi Annual 2021 (1)	Cumulative	Annual 2020
	1 January - 31 June 2021	From prog. start date	1 Jan – 31 Dec 2020	1 January - 31 June 2021	From prog. start date	1 Jan – 31 Dec 2020
UNDP	0	2,508,632.61	0	324,357.97	3,404,400.75	324,357.97
<b>JP Expenditure of MPTF Funds<sup>1</sup></b>				<b>JP Expenditure of non-MPTF Funds</b>		
PUNO	Semi	Cumulative	Annual	Semi	Cumulative	Annual 2021

<sup>1</sup> **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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	<b>Annual 2021 (1)</b>		<b>2020</b>	<b>Annual 2021 (1)</b>		
	1 January - 31 June 2021	From prog. start date	1 Jan – 31 Dec 2020	1 January - 31 June 2021	From prog. start date	1 Jan – 31 Dec 2020
<b>UNDP</b>	<b>27,161.71</b>	<b>2,508,859.28</b>	<b>27,161.71</b>	<b>324,357.97</b>	<b>3,404,400.75</b>	<b>324,357.97</b>

**SEMI-ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS**

1. Training of Trainers workshops for the Secretariat of the Somaliland House of Representative (HoR) for smooth transition between the previous and the forthcoming Parliament was conducted
2. The Guidelines on the Parliamentary Work for the new Somaliland HoR drafted.
3. Increased awareness of the citizens of the Garowe and the Qardho districts in Puntland to enhance citizens’ understanding of the Parliament’s roles and responsibilities.
4. Parliamentary Oversight Committee (OC) finalized the handover report on the constitutional review process for the 11<sup>th</sup> Parliament.<sup>2</sup>
5. OC jointly with the Ministry of Constitutional Affairs (MOCA) and the Independent Constitution Review and Implementation Commission (ICRIC) facilitated the final round of public consultations to verify the 3<sup>rd</sup> revised version of the Provisional Constitution. Representatives of the Banadir Region, Southwest State, Galmudug and Hirshabelle and civil society participated in those discussions.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF KEY ACHIEVEMENTS**

During the reporting period, OC together with MOCA and ICRIC facilitated consultations with Banadir Region, Southwest State, Galmudug, Hirshabelle and civil society to verify 3<sup>rd</sup> revised version of the Constitution and finalized handover reports to take forward the constitutional review process. The 3<sup>rd</sup> version of the Constitution and the handover reports will be submitted to the 11<sup>th</sup> Parliament and the forthcoming government. Technical support provided to the Somaliland House of Representatives resulted in the development of the guidelines on parliamentary work, which will support the newly elected MPs to undertake their constitutional role. To support a smooth handover between the previous and the new Somaliland Parliament the project supported organization of training of trainers’ workshops for the Somaliland HoR Secretariat staff who already started implementing gained knowledge, upon completion of the Election process. In Puntland, the project supported the Puntland’s House of Representatives to hold consultations with the civil society and university students enhancing their knowledge on roles and responsibilities of the Parliament.

**SITUATION UPDATE**

The reporting period was marked by political turmoil and deepening tensions between the FGS and the FMS. Talks between the leaders of FGS and FMS again broke down in early April 2021 and in a short space of time the House of the People of the Somali Federal Parliament adopted a “Special Law” abandoning a critical 17 September 2020 electoral agreement, thereby extending the mandates of current federal administration for up to two more years, after which the direct election would be organized. The unilateral extension of mandate fuelled the political crisis

<sup>2</sup> OC finalized the hand over report jointly with the Ministry of Constitutional Affairs (MOCA), and the Independent Constitution Review and Implementation Commission (ICRIC)



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and further undermined the fragile peace, stability and security in Somalia.

Under intense internal and external pressure, President Farmajo requested from the House of the People of the Federal Parliament to reverse the Special Law and empowered the Prime Minister to lead the Federal Government’s involvement in the electoral process — including security arrangements and negotiations with Federal Member States. Against this political backdrop the National Consultative Council (NCC) meeting was organized from 22-26 May in Mogadishu and discussed at length how to find solutions for holding elections for the Federal Parliament and related contentious political issues. The Somali leaders agreed to organize the indirect election within 60 days after signing the agreement, setting an 8-point agenda<sup>3</sup>. The leaders also agreed to implement the mid-term to long-term priorities of the Roadmap for crucial state-building in Somalia based on the federal system, highlighting that the completion of the Federal Constitution is a matter of key importance.<sup>4</sup>

**Somaliland:** After 16 years of delay, on 31st May 2021, parliamentary and local council elections were held in Somaliland. 82 new MPs were elected for the Somaliland House of Representatives out of 246 candidates. This election came as a result of the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020, agreement of Somaliland's major political parties to advance preparations for the elections.

**Constitutional review process:** During the reporting period, a lessons learnt session on the constitutional review process was organized with the UN and the international partners aiming to discuss key challenges in implementation of the Constitutional Review Support Project (CRSP) and provide recommendations on how to move forward on constitutional reform. Facing further deterioration of the political situation in Somalia in 2021, challenges and difficulties that the CRSP has faced in completing the constitutional review process, the UN and the partners decided to close the project. OC, MOCA and ICRC have drafted their handover reports, the 3<sup>rd</sup> version of the Constitution was translated and commented upon, a political strategy to take forward the constitutional review process was developed, and the team started creating concept notes informed by the experiences of the CRSP, the lessons learnt event and the political strategy and using the Parliamentary Support Project, funded by core resources (TRAC), as a vehicle for the programme development.

**SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT RESULTS MATRIX**

**OUTCOME STATEMENT**

**SOMALI WOMAN AND MEN, GIRLS AND BOYS BENEFIT FROM MORE INCLUSIVE, EQUITABLE AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE, IMPROVED SERVICES, HUMAN SECURITY, ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS.**

**SUB-OUTCOME 1 STATEMENT**

**Output 1: House of the Peoples and Upper House capacities and structures become effective and representative institutions that promote transparency, inclusion and participation in the political process.**

<sup>3</sup> 1) Procedure for resolving the dispute on electoral management committees; 2) Resolving the dispute on the electoral management committee for Somaliland; 3) Mechanism for resolving the dispute on the conduct of elections in Gedo Region; 4) Election Security Protocol; 5) Implementation of the 30% women quota; 6) Timetable for Conducting the Election; 7) Maintaining Regular Cooperation of the National Consultative Council; 8) Roadmap for the completion of the state-building process of Somalia.

<sup>4</sup> Besides the completion of the federal Constitutions other priorities are: Completion of the process of building the army and strengthening security of the country; The Issue of Somaliland; Status of the Capital of Somalia; Reconciliation of the Somali Community; Donor funds and debt relief; Implementation of the one person one vote election.



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INDICATOR	TARGET	PROGRESS ON OUTPUT INDICATOR <sup>5</sup>	
		REPORTING PERIOD	CUMULATIVE Y1+ Y2 +Y3
OP indicator 1.1: # of laws debated	1.1: 4 laws debated.	3	43
OP indicator 1.2: # of public hearings held.	1.2: 4 public hearing organized with participation of civil society, executive and media.	0	35
OP indicator 1.3: # of committees with approved work plans.	1.3. 6 committees with work plans adopted.	0	3
OP indicator 1.4: % of MPs satisfied with training received.	1.4: At least 70% of MPs are satisfied with the trainings received.	0	80%
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR)			
<b>Output 2<sup>6</sup>: The new federal network of legislatures and assemblies is strengthened.</b>			
OP indicator 2.1: Speakers' forum institutionalized.	2.1: A coordinated role and competencies of the state assemblies endorsed by the Speakers' forum	0	0
OP indicator 2.2: Coordination mechanism between states and upper house established.	2.2: Coordination mechanism between the states and the upper house approved.	0	0
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR)			
<b>Output 3: Capacities and structures of the Emerging State Assemblies are strengthened in support of peacebuilding, state-building, federalism, and development.</b>			
OP indicator 3.1: Outreach strategy implemented in # of regions.	3.1: A sustainable institutionalized constituent based mission in place in all 6 regions.	0	1
OP indicator 3.2: # of committees with approved work plans.	3.2: Evaluation Report issued and publicly shared for all regions.	0	0
OP indicator 3.3: # of MPs satisfied with the training received.	3.3: At least 80% MPs satisfied with the training received.	0	100%
OP indicator 3.4: Coherent legislative roles at state level regularized	3.4: Regulatory framework is	0	0

<sup>5</sup> Fill in only the numbers or yes/no; no explanations to be given here.

<sup>6</sup> The activities under this output were not implemented due to the conflict between the Houses of the Federal Parliament



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	endorsed and adopted.		
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR)			
<b>Output 4: Capacities and structures of Somaliland and Puntland Parliaments are strengthened in support of peacebuilding, state-building, federalism and development.</b>			
OP indicator 4.1: Outreach strategy is implemented in SL and PL	4.1: A sustainable institutionalized constituent based mission in place in both regions.	0	6
OP indicator 4.2: # of committees with approved work plans.	4.2: Evaluation Report issued and publicly shared for both regions.	2	2
OP indicator 4.3: # of MPs satisfied with the training received.	4.3.: At least 80% MPs satisfied with the training received.	0	80%
OP indicator 4.4: Coherent legislative roles at state level regularized for PL.	4.4: Regulatory framework is endorsed and adopted by PL.		1
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR)			
<b>Output5: Various assemblies engage with and respond to the needs of civil society, including the marginalized groups.</b>			
OP indicator 5.1: Strategic partnership established between civil society and parliaments.	5.1: Strategic partnership framework evaluated.	0	0
OP indicator 5.2: # of regions with youth and women's caucus.	5.2: Women's and youth caucus produced report on their work and milestones.	0	0
OP indicator 5.3: # of legislation with inputs from civil society (including vulnerable and marginalized groups) submitted before the parliament.	5.3: At least 3 legislations finalized with inputs from civil society (including vulnerable and marginalized groups).	0	0
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR)			
<b>Output 6: Implementation of SDG 16 enhanced in Somalia through strengthened capacities for dialogue, research, and analysis.</b>			
OP indicator 6.1: # of outreach and analytical reports on NDP and SDG 16 produced by the parliament.	6.1: Analytical report approved and shared with the executive.	0	1
OP indicator 6.2: % of youth and women with positive perceptions of inclusivity in parliamentary processes.	6.2: at least 10% increase in the positive perception of young people and women on inclusivity of political processes	0	0
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR)			



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### NARRATIVE

**Output 1: House of the Peoples and Upper House capacities and structures become effective and representative institutions that promote transparency, inclusion, and participation in political processes.**

**Finalization of the handover report to take forward the Constitutional Review:** OC jointly with MoCA and ICRC have finalized handover reports about the constitutional review process after a consultation meeting with the civil society and three Federal Member States (Southwest, Hirshabelle and Galmudug) that was organized in Mogadishu on 16-18 March 2021. The meeting brought together 157 participants (Women: 18 and Men: 139). The handover reports contain information about the progress made so far, the achievements, the challenges encountered, proposed actions for the next government and Parliament and the way forward. The reports will be submitted to the upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> Parliament and the new administration which will be able to pick up from where the previous parliament and the government left off, safeguarding the achievements made thus far, and accordingly preventing the constitutional review process to start afresh, as happened in 2016.

**Final third round of consultation on the Provisional Constitution:** OC together with MOCA and ICRC successfully organized final rounds of consultations in Mogadishu with 290 (W: 49; M: 241) representatives from Federal Member States (Hirshabelle, Galmudug and Southwest), civil society organizations, women, youth, think-tanks, etc. The aim of the consultations was to obtain feedback and inputs on the third revised version of the provisional constitution. As per the tri-entities the 3<sup>rd</sup> draft of the Constitution contains 157 articles, 14 articles (19%) require further political negotiation while the remaining 143 articles (81%) are of technical nature that can be relatively easily agreed by the Somali leaders. MOCA, OC and ICRC will submit the third revised version of the Provisional Constitution together with the handover reports to the upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> Parliament and the new administration.

**Output 4: Capacities and structures of Somaliland and Puntland Parliaments are strengthened in support of peacebuilding, state building, federalism and development.**

#### 4.1. Puntland

##### **Citizen Engagement on the functions of the Parliament using media**

From 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021, while carrying out its constitutional mandate, Puntland House of Representative conducted a three-day training in Garowe in which 40 (W: 15, M:25) university students participated. The training aimed to improve youth skills in peacebuilding, mediation, understanding of the work of the Parliament, the law-making process, parliamentary oversight of the executive, good governance, and the significance of youth participation in the decision-making process.

##### **Round table Discussion on CSOs' oversight of the work of Parliament**

On 31<sup>st</sup> May and 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021, the Project supported the Puntland HoRs in conducting consultative meetings with representatives from the Civil Society in Garowe and Qardho, respectively, to strengthen the relationship between the HoRs and CSOs and to ensure their continuous engagement in the Parliamentary processes, enhancing participation of the people in the democratic and service delivery. In Garowe 47 participants (W: 12, M:35) and in Qardho 43 (W: 18, M:25) attended the meetings.

The attendees appreciated the opportunity to raise their ideas on how to ensure participation of the people in the decision-making processes and directly addressed questions to the MPs about education, healthcare, the democratization process, women's political participation, women's quotas, the economy and the implementation of the adopted laws. The MPs and the CSOs' representatives agreed that interaction between the people and the



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Parliament should be enhanced, and that similar communication platforms should be formalized.

This initiative is part of the HoRs engagement to improve its representative and oversight functions, and promote decentralization of governance through engagement of public in the decision-making process.

### **Support to Parliamentary committees to conduct public hearing consultations to enact legislation**

A public hearing and stakeholder consultation on the Water and Land Information Management Act was conducted on 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 in Garowe by the Environmental Protection and Natural Resource Management Committee of Puntland HoRs with the attendance of 80 participants (W:30, M:50). The Committee invited representatives of the institutions of the government and citizens to share their views about the Law and functionality of the water and land information centers that the government established. The line ministries and citizens appreciated the work of Parliament and possibility to review the legislation. The participants and the MPs agreed to intensify communication to ensure implementation of this and other laws.

## **4.2. Somaliland**

### **Support to Somaliland House of Elders to engage with Constituents on Conflict Resolution**

Somaliland House of Elders visited Awdal, Sanag and Togdheer regions on 20<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021 with the purpose of discussing with the local communities the forthcoming elections, importance to resolve all the disputes in a peaceful manner and organizing the election in an atmosphere of tolerance. The Committee members met with the citizens, community leaders, Regional Security Committees, state officials, etc. This mission reported that communities actively cooperate with the relevant Somaliland institutions which would contribute to conducting peaceful elections.

### **Provision of Advisory Support to Somaliland House of Representatives**

During the reporting period, the project contracted a national technical advisor and, jointly with the advisor, supported the Somaliland House of Representatives in developing guidelines on Parliamentary Work, based on Somaliland Constitution and HoP Rules and Procedures, to support operations of the next Somaliland Parliament. The document was originally drafted in the Somali language and later translated into English. The guidelines contain information about the parliamentary work, including organizational structure, law making process, roles of MPs and committees and parliamentary oversight function. The guidelines will be used as a training manual for the orientation/induction training of the new MPs, to equip them with necessary skills and knowledge.

### **Training of Trainers (ToT) workshops for the Somaliland Parliament Secretariat**

During the reporting period, two five-day TOTs were organized in Hargeisa, in preparation for the handover from the current to the new Somaliland HoR: the first one on 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and the second one on 28 June – 4 July. The first training was focused on building the capacity of the Secretariat staff on parliamentary processes and roles of the Secretariat, aiming to increase the knowledge of the participants on the roles and responsibilities of the Secretariat staff to support operations of the Parliament and work ethics. The second training aimed to enable the participants to practically apply gained knowledge and prepare themselves for the induction training of the newly elected MPs.

During the workshops, participants drafted the agenda for upcoming induction training, reviewed the organizational chart and roles and responsibilities of the Secretariat. These two trainings enhanced the capacities of the Secretariat staff to smoothly perform handover between the current and the new Parliament. The training



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was attended by 60 participants (M: 42, F:18).

### **Support to Somaliland HoR's to prepare handover to next parliament**

During the reporting period, the project supported the HoR to print out essential Parliamentary documents, including the New MPs Induction Guide, Rules of Procedure, Outreach and Public Consultations Manual, Hansard Reports and Updated Bill Tracker which will be distributed to the newly elected MPs in order to provide context information about parliament work and institutional memory.

### **Other Key Achievements**

N/A

### **Number of beneficiaries –**

During the reporting period the project engaged the following beneficiaries:

Constitutional review process: Total of 447 (W: 67, M: 380) beneficiaries from CSOs and institutions of the government participated in the project activities, contributing to verification of the 3<sup>rd</sup> version of the Revised Constitution and OC, MOCA and ICRC's hand over reports.

Puntland: total of 210 (W: 75, M: 135) beneficiaries from CSOs, Puntland Parliament and Government and citizens participated in the project activities, contributing to strengthening relationship between the citizens and the Parliament.

Somaliland: Total of 60 (W: 18, M: 42) beneficiaries from Somaliland Parliamentary Houses, CSOs, institutions of the government and citizens participated in the project activities, to enable smooth transition between the previous and the new Parliament.

In total, during the reporting period the project reached out to total of 717 (W: 160, M: 557) Beneficiaries.

### **COVID-19 response**

N/A

### **Challenges (incl: COVID-19, Delays or Deviations) and Lessons Learnt:**

During the reporting period the following challenges have significantly impacted implementation of the project activities. Those are 1) political dynamic between the FGS and the FMS that culminated in the HoR move to adopt a "Special Law" abandoning a critical 17 September 2020 electoral agreement, thereby extending the mandates of current federal administration for up to two more years and subsequent violence in Mogadishu. Against this backdrop, the NCC reached consensus on organizing the indirect election and agreed on the main state building priorities; 2) political dynamic between the FGS and the FMS particularly impacted completion of the constitutional review process that led to the decision to close the CRSP; 3) the recess of the Federal Parliament between May and June 2021 when the Federal Parliament reconvened, but has not functioned due to preparation of the indirect election; 4) Pre-election period and election for the Somaliland House of Representatives that was organized on 31 May 2021; 5) COVID-19 continued to impact the project's delivery due to necessity to sustain requirements related to the pandemic.

**Lesson learned:** 1) It is important to strengthen partnership between the CSOs and all the parliaments in Somalia to ensure transparency of parliamentary work and that citizens are engaged in the legal drafting process. 2) All parliaments in Somalia still need considerable technical and operational support to fulfill their mandated roles.





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However, it is of key importance that the project engages experienced legal experts/drafters to provide hands-on support to the parliaments, but also to analyze bills and laws from the perspective of Somalia’s international commitments. 3) All the parliaments need significant support to organize constituency visits, to ensure engagement with the citizens as required by the Provisional Constitution 4) With reference to the constitutional review process a joint action between the FGS, the FMS, the UN and the international partners is of key importance to ensure that the 11th Parliament picks up where the 10th had left off.

**Gender**

In coordination with the project, while debating the various laws, parliamentary committees conducted public hearings and consultations with various societal groups, representatives of the institutions of the government, civil society, etc., including women’s groups and activists. OC, MOCA and ICRIC organized consultations with women leaders and activists to collect their views on the needs related to the constitutional review process. As a result of these consultations, women got a chance to actively advocate for women rights, women’s political participation and gender equality in Somalia, while women MPs got empowered to bring the voices of women in the Parliament and influence law drafting and constitutional review from the gender rights’ perspective.

Proportion of gender specific outputs in Programme <sup>7</sup>	<b>Total no. of Programme Outputs</b>	<b>Total no. of gender specific Outputs</b>
	6	2
Proportion of Programme staff with responsibility for gender issues <sup>8</sup>	<b>Total no. of Staff</b>	<b>Total no. of staff with responsibility for gender issues</b>
	4	1

**Human Rights**

Joint programme contributed to promoting human rights and protection of vulnerable groups by supporting the Oversight Committee, MOCA and ICRIC to organize inclusive consultations on the constitutional review process, gathering all societal groups, who were advocating for inclusion of their specific interests in the revised text of the Constitution. This is particularly linked to women, youth and persons with disabilities, but also to other groups. OC together with MOCA and ICRIC expressed their full commitment to ensure that the 3<sup>rd</sup> draft of the Constitution is fully aligned to the international human rights standards and requirements. The UN analyzed human rights compliance of the 3<sup>rd</sup> revised version of the Constitution and it is important to highlight that this new version of the Constitution ensures 18 years as the age of maturity. The UN provided other comments on the human rights chapter (chapter 2), which will be submitted to the tri-entities.

Has the 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?	<b>Result (Yes/No)</b>
	Yes
No. of Programme outputs specifically designed to address specific protection concerns.	<b>Result (Number)</b>
	0
No. of Programme outputs designed to build capacity of duty bearers to fulfil their human	<b>Result (Number)</b>

<sup>7</sup> Gender Specific Outputs are those that are specifically designed to directly and explicitly contribute to the promotion of Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment.

<sup>8</sup> Staff members are those contracted to undertake 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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rights obligations towards rights holders.	1
<b>Other</b>	
Does the 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).	<b>Results (Yes/No)</b> No
Have FMS(s) been engaged in one or more of the following: design, planning, implementation, coordination and/or monitoring of the Joint Programme.	<b>Results (Yes/No)</b> No
<b>Describe nature of cost sharing</b> N/A	
<b>Engagement with UNSOM/UNSOS</b> UNDP and UNSOM have had regular weekly coordination meetings chaired by the UNDP DRRP and the Chief of PAMG, to follow up on and monitor the implementation of the activities. UNDP and UNSOM jointly made every decision, keeping the spirit of the joint programme.	
<b>Partnerships</b> – Civil society organizations participated in the implementation of the activities; however, the project has not made any formal partnership with civil society organizations, private sector, etc. In the Q3 and Q4 the project will launch a call for CSO low value grants to strengthen partnership between the Somali Parliaments and the citizens.	
<b>Role of the MPTF</b> – During the reporting period the MPTF leadership organized a couple of sessions with the inclusive politics partners on how the MPTF should play a more active role in supporting the joint programmes. This new role will be integrated in the process of creation and implementation of the new programmes.	
<p><b>Communications &amp; Visibility</b></p> <p>The OC media department prepared programs and messages that are being disseminated through social media (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram) to enhance the awareness of the public on the constitutional review process, which assisted in reaching consensus between the three FMS (Hirshabelle, Galmudug and South West) and the Banadir Region on the 3rd draft of the reviewed Constitution. The relevant links can be found below:</p> <p><b>OC Facebook Media Links</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/DastuurkaSoomaaliyaBFS/photos/a.1596774880392003/3891660590903409/">https://www.facebook.com/DastuurkaSoomaaliyaBFS/photos/a.1596774880392003/3891660590903409/</a>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/DastuurkaSoomaaliyaBFS/posts/3884388911630577">https://www.facebook.com/DastuurkaSoomaaliyaBFS/posts/3884388911630577</a>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/DastuurkaSoomaaliyaBFS/posts/3881521151917353">https://www.facebook.com/DastuurkaSoomaaliyaBFS/posts/3881521151917353</a>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/DastuurkaSoomaaliyaBFS/posts/3863960417006760">https://www.facebook.com/DastuurkaSoomaaliyaBFS/posts/3863960417006760</a>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/DastuurkaSoomaaliyaBFS/posts/3843758829026919">https://www.facebook.com/DastuurkaSoomaaliyaBFS/posts/3843758829026919</a></p> <p><b>OC Twitter Media Link</b></p> <p><a href="https://twitter.com/BFSDastuurka/status/1375372501077856256">https://twitter.com/BFSDastuurka/status/1375372501077856256</a>  <a href="https://twitter.com/BFSDastuurka/status/1374658290739728384">https://twitter.com/BFSDastuurka/status/1374658290739728384</a>  <a href="https://twitter.com/BFSDastuurka/status/1374348768720654337">https://twitter.com/BFSDastuurka/status/1374348768720654337</a>  <a href="https://twitter.com/BFSDastuurka/status/1372121449218113536">https://twitter.com/BFSDastuurka/status/1372121449218113536</a>  <a href="https://twitter.com/BFSDastuurka/status/1341955060377530368">https://twitter.com/BFSDastuurka/status/1341955060377530368</a></p> <p><b>OC Website Media Links</b></p> <p><a href="https://dastuurka-bfs.so/so/">https://dastuurka-bfs.so/so/</a>  <a href="https://dastuurka-bfs.so/so/latashiga-dadweynaha-ee-gabyo-qoraalka-seddexaad-ee-dib-u-eegista-dastuurka/">https://dastuurka-bfs.so/so/latashiga-dadweynaha-ee-gabyo-qoraalka-seddexaad-ee-dib-u-eegista-dastuurka/</a></p>	



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**Looking ahead**

The Parliamentary Support Project is used as a vehicle for the development of the new programmes addressing the issues of constitutionalism and parliamentarism in line with the UNDP CPD and NCC May agreement. Therefore, it is necessary to further review the project activities and heighten the project's outcomes, in coordination with the donors, UNSOM and the national counterparts, to ensure that state building priorities of Somalia are appropriately addressed in line with the strategic orientation adopted by the Somali leadership. In addition, during the reporting period UNDP and UNSOM jointly organized lessons learnt session on CRSP with the participation of all the international partners. Based on the session a strategy to take forward the constitutional review process was drafted. In the coming months evaluation of the CRSP and PSP will be conducted, which will, together with the conclusions from the CRSP lessons learnt session and the drafted strategy, inform the development of the new programme.

**Human interest story**

N/A



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**ANNEX 1. RISK MANAGEMENT**

*This section can be used to update or use the risk logs developed during the project development stage and provide any mitigation measures being undertaken by the project. (State whether the risk is from the ProDoc or is new, whether the Joint Programme was exposed during the reporting period and what specific mitigation measures were applied.*

Type of Risk <sup>9</sup>	Description of Risk	Mitigating Measures
Environmental Security	COVID-19 affects implementation of the activities.	Project procured zoom subscriptions and VTC to the key partners and defined alternative implementation modalities to implement activities through virtual means.
Financial	Donors do not have available resources to support the project.	Prepare project's activities focusing on quick wins and results, maximizing available resources. Organize regular joint meetings with international partners and UNSOM to prepare new project's strategy and agree on sustainability.
Operational Organizational	Insufficient involvement of key national counterparts in defining and steering programme implementation	UN adopted a collaborative approach with the national counterparts to plan and implement activities. Established mechanism for communication with key counterparts in each region to secure implementation of the activities. Coordination meetings between UN leadership and national counterparts regularly organized to provide strategic direction on the project implementation and monitoring of project's impact.
Environmental Political	Deterioration in relations between UNDP Somalia and the NFP or Government	Maintenance of respectful, collaborative approach and transparency. Established coordination mechanism between the UN leadership and national counterparts to provide strategic direction for the project implementation and monitoring of project's impact
Operational Organizational	Low absorption capacity among counterparts – slower process of capacity building than expected aligned with ongoing high expectations	Regular revisions of implementation progress and align expected time frame to current conditions for the implementation of the activities (capacity of staff, infrastructure etc.). Conduct assessment of parliaments' technical, administrative and risk mitigation/risk management capacity to define appropriate capacity building interventions.
Political	Political conflicts between key state institutions or within Parliament hamper its ability to function as a legislative body	Prepare strategic options and joint position papers for UN and international partners, to advocate for conflict resolution. Organize regular meetings between UN, international partners and leadership of the FGS and the FMS to agree on strategic steps, to secure implementation of the Project.
Political	Predominantly male members of parliament fail to adopt gender-	Project includes activities to familiarize MPs with gender-sensitive legislation and gender-sensitive budgeting. Project jointly with UNSOM, UN Women and other agencies advocate to increase number of female MPs and

<sup>9</sup> Environmental; Financial; Operational; Organizational; Political; Regulatory; Security; Strategic; Other.



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	sensitive legislation	empower current female MPs to ensure gender sensitive law making. Implement activities jointly with Women Political Participation Project, to ensure voice of women in the legislative and parliamentary processes.
Organizational	Trained parliamentary staff leave institution for better paid positions	Apart from staff training, the project focuses on institution building, including institutional reform, preparation of guidelines and SoPs, which may contribute to enhancing efficiency of the Parliament and retaining of staff.
Social and Environmental risks	Duty-bearers do not have the capacity to meet their obligations in the Project	The project is providing capacity development activities to all duty bearers, as they are the core of the project activities and goals. These initiatives are contributing to the project's goal to enhance operational and technical capacity of the duty bearers.
	Rights-holders do not have the capacity to claim their rights	The project includes capacity-building activities in promoting the right holders to have the skills and knowledge to advocate for their rights and carry out awareness campaigns. MPs carry out outreach activities with their constituencies to claim for their rights.
Financial	The National Development Plan-9 that has been developed by FGS has key priorities, including, Security Sector Reform and Peacebuilding. This might have affected donor decisions regarding allocation of funds.	Institutionalized project board meeting for the Parliamentary Support Project to inform, share updates on progress, achievements challenges and make decisions.



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**ANNEX 2. MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES** <list here the monitoring and oversight activities undertaken during reporting period. Precise and specific, the table should not exceed one page>

Monitoring Activity	Date	Description & Comments	Key Findings / Recommendations
Regular follow up with OC (MOCA and ICRIC)	Daily	Provision of technical and administrative support for the implementation of the Master Plan.	Strengthened relationship with the national counterparts ensured achievements of the project's goals despite challenging political environment and COVID-19.
Regular follow up with parliament secretariat- FGS, FMS	Daily	Follow up on the implementation of the project's activities	Strengthened relationship with the national counterparts
Coordination meetings with UNSOM	Weekly	Weekly follow up on the implementation of the project's activities	UNDP and UNSOM agreed on the activities and responsibilities and how to approach to international partners and national counterparts. UNDP and UNSOM were jointly changing implementation strategy depending on the political dynamic.
Coordination meeting with UN senior leadership	Monthly	Strategic meetings with UNDP RR and DSRSG, to mitigate political challenges and decide on strategic approaches.	Follow up meetings with UN leaders provided guidance on how to respond to donors' requirements, create joint strategies with the international partners and ensure neutrality of UN facing challenging political dynamics.



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**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.	Puntland HOR		29 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021	25	15	40	Training to improve youth skills in peacebuilding, mediation and engagement of citizens on the work of the Parliament	Garowe	UNDP
2.	Somaliland HoR		24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	42	18	60	ToT workshop for secretariat head of departments in preparation for new MPs induction training	Hargeisa	UNDP
3.	Somaliland HoR		28 <sup>th</sup> June- 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	42	18	60	ToT workshop for secretariat head of departments in preparation for new MPs induction training	Hargeisa	UNDP
<b>Totals:</b>				109	51	160			



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**ANNEX 4 ACTIVITY PHOTOS**  
**Puntland**



Meeting of Puntland HOR with university students



Puntland HOR meeting with CSOs



Puntland HOR meeting with CSOs



Puntland HOR meeting with CSOs



Puntland HOR meeting with CSOs



Puntland Parliamentary Committee public hearing





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Members from HoE and Governor of Sanaag Region



Members from House of Elders and Governor of Awdal



HoE meeting with members of the community



HOE and governor of Togdhere region



ToT workshop form Somaliland HoR staff



Abdirahman Yusuf Artan - Ex MP during ToT training



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Third round of public consultations on the third draft of the constitution in Mogadishu

