

# Joint Programme on Human Rights Programme Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting Minute

31 March 2021

Via Zoom

Participants (not in order of seniority):

## Programme Steering Committee meeting participants

1. H.E. Hanifa Mohamed, Minister of MoWHRD
2. DG Isak Hashi Jimale, MOWHRD
3. Adam Abdelmoula, DSRSG/RC/HC
4. Jocelyn Mason –Resident Representative
5. Mohamed Ayoya – UNICEF Representative
6. Signe Smidt, Embassy of Denmark
7. Wacheke, Embassy of Sweden
8. Kristina Svedberg, Embassy of Norway
9. Kirsten Young, Chief, Human Rights and Protection Group/OHCHR Representative
10. Charles, HRPG UNSOM
11. Mohamed Elmi, UNDP consultant
12. Soraia Abu Monassar, Child Protection Manager UNICEF
13. Brendan, Chief of Child Protection, UNICEF
14. Doel Mukerjee, RoL Portfolio Manager
15. Sahra Said Bile, UNDP JP on Human Rights
16. Mohamud Sheikh – MOWHRD JPHR Coordinator

## Key Decisions of the PSC

1. Confirmation of Phase 1 of Joint Programme on Human Rights closure
2. Approval of budget for project closure period for preparation of financial and narrative reports

## Action points

- Share Diinsoor Research Report with the donors
- Share position paper on the Constitution with the donors

## Summary of talking points

H. E. Hanifa Mohamed, the Minister of MoWHRD

H. E Hanifa, the Minister of MoWHRD, thanked and welcomed all the participants to the final JPHR Programme Steering Committee meeting. H.E Hanifa introduced the new Director-General of the MoWHRD, Mr. Isaaq Hashi Jimaale.

The Minister commended the positive work of the MoWHRD and the valuable support of the UN and Somalia's international partners for the Federal Government of Somalia to protect and promote human rights and meet its commitments to international human right standards. She

noted the increasing incidents of human rights violations in Somalia and stressed how critical it is to move key priorities forward such as the National Human Rights Commission, human rights legislations and frameworks together with the Federal Member States and more importantly mechanisms to closely monitor human rights incidents and advocating for actions.

Adam Abdelmoula, DSRSG/RC/HC, and Jocelyn Mason – Resident Representative, UNDP  
Mr. Adam Abdelmoula, DSRSG, welcomed Mr. Isaaq Hashi Jimaale, the new Director-General of the Ministry of Women and Human Rights Development. He congratulated the Ministry of Women and Human Rights Development for the remarkable achievements and milestones reached including the reporting under the ICCPR, CAT, CRC, the UPR national report and the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). While acknowledging the continued challenges created by the COVID-19 global pandemic, he commended the ability of Somali Government to adapt and continue the positive work in the protection and promotion of human rights.

Mr. Adam Abdelmoula thanked Denmark, Sweden and Norway for their committed and steadfast support to the first phase of the Joint Programme and valuable input in the ongoing development process of the second phase of this programme. He encouraged all stakeholders to work together on the development of the second phase of the Joint Programme and underscored the UN commitment and support to the Ministry, Parliament, Federal Member States and Civil Society Organizations in the implementation of human rights priorities.

Mr Isak Hashi Jimale, the new Director-General of the MoWHRD, expressed his pleasure to address his first Programme Steering Committee and thanked everyone for their warm welcome.

The Director General stated that, while he was briefed on the positive achievements of the first phase of the Joint Programme, he looked forward to listening to the discussions and learning more from the steering committee. He also shared his vision of working with all the stakeholders within the programme to collectively promote and protect human rights in Somalia. He noted the cross-cutting nature of human rights, and stressed the need for close cooperation of different government institutions to adequately mainstream human rights within the different sectors and, more importantly to reflect on the support given to the Federal Member States in order to reach and engage the people on the ground more effectively in the promotion and protection of human rights in Somalia. Finally, he commended the partners and stakeholders for the achievements and requested to expediate the development and finalization of the new programme as soon as possible

The Joint Programme Coordinator at the Ministry gave a detailed presentation of the programme outputs and achievements so far and highlighted some of the activities were put on hold due to uncertainty over the elections.

The representatives of the international partners welcomed the new DG of the Ministry to the Joint Programme on Human Rights.

### **Questions and comments related to the progress update presentation**

1. Some activities related to the electoral process were put on hold as the timeframe for the electoral process is unclear. It was noted that one initiative which involved a call for proposals from CSOs in January 2021 could not be implemented now given the JPHR Phase 1 is closing. Other implementation vehicles or projects may be explored.
2. Donors requested that the position paper which is being developed by the MOWHRD should check if there are any chapters in the draft Constitution which contradict human right commitments.
3. The final report for JP HR Phase I should document the impact and report on results, rather than a list of activities.
4. It was commented on as to how the work on women's political participation could be taken forward given that there would be a gap before next programme picks up and, in the event that political situation changes and all the good work could continue in future programme.
5. The status of the Diinsoor report was shared that the editing has been completed and to the report is expected to be received during this week. The UN and the teams from the Ministry worked extensively with the consultancy company, finalization of the Diinsoor report would be most essential and it needs to be specified as to that the achievement of the work and how it can be carried forward.

### **Project Closure**

- The activities and operations related to the JPHR shall be closed from today due to the operational closure of the project meaning that no new activities can be undertaken. However, dissemination of reports and finalisation of, radio spots could be continued without new expenditures being incurred. certainly, these activities can be concluded in the next couple of weeks. Operational closure shall be undertaken by UNDP.
- The next three months shall undertake the development of learning materials and operations/finance related closure. A budget was presented, which is in Annex II of the minutes of meeting. These tasks would be carried forward by UNDP.
- Follow up of all partners from FGS Ministry and 13 CSOs who has received low value grants to submit final reports. Follow up to be undertaken by UNDP.
- Preparation of final narrative report to document the impact and the result of the Joint Programme. A UNDP Consultant shall be preparing the narrative report. Submission of final financial and narrative report to MPTF and to the donors for Jan 2018 to March 2021
- Development of the knowledge product, a handbook or guide in Somali context on human rights monitoring and reporting for CSO's. A UNDP Consultant shall be preparing the narrative report.
- Lessons learned session of the specific challenges and obstacles for phase one by external facilitator. The session would be undertaken by a UNDP consultant for the JP HR implementation partners.
- Follow up on the evaluation and producing management responses to be undertaken by UNDP, UNSOM and UNICEF.

- Financial report was shared with the PSC members. After all expenditures made it is expected a remaining balance of \$488,173. Upon approval of donors this amount maybe transferred to the next phase of the JP Human Rights Phase II. The financial report shall be produced by UNDP.



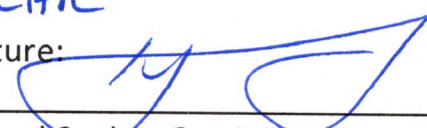
Comments and questions for project closure

- Specific comments from the donors were made on the fact that this programme has ended 31 December 2020 and was given no cost extension up to March 2021. It was expected all cost would have been finalized by now. No more activities should take place from April to June. The budget presented was approved.
- Going forward, Denmark, Sweden and Norway are really interested in developing the second phase of the Joint Programme on human rights which is extremely important as standalone human rights programme in the MPTF portfolio but what are the next steps because today is the last day of the programme. In theory we will not convene again this meeting until there is a new programme.

**Annex II: BUDGET FOR PROJECT CLOSURE:**

	<b>USD</b>
UNDP Project Management: 1 National Project Officer to conduct financial closure (3 months) 1 Consultant to write end term report 2018 to March 2021	50,000.00
Spot check and NEX audit	10,000.00
JP HR Phase II project document finalization - 10 days for international consultant	5,000.00
One consultant to conduct lessons and learning meeting	2,500.00
<b>Programmable Amount</b>	<b>67,500.00</b>
DPC	8,775.00
GMS	6,102.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,377.00</b>

**Members of the Programme Steering Committee present at the meeting**

<p><b>Ministry of Women and Human Rights Development</b>  HE. Hanifa Mohamed Ibrahim  Minister of Women and Human Rights Development</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Date and Seal</p>	<p><b>United Nations</b>  Adam Abdoumoula  DSRSG/Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Date and Seal</p>
<p><b>Swedish Embassy</b>  Wacheke Michuki  Programme Manager</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Date and Seal:</p>	<p><b>Embassy of Denmark</b>  Signe Fischer Smidt  Political Counsellor</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Date and Seal:</p>
<p><b>Embassy of Norway</b>  Kristina Svedberg  Programme Manager Somalia</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Date and Seal:</p>	<p><b>Jocelyn Mason</b>  UNDP Resident Representative</p> <p>Signature:  _____</p> <p><small>Digitally signed by  Jocelyn Mason  DN: cn=Jocelyn Mason,  o=UNDP, ou=Resident  Representative,  email=jocelyn.mason@un  dp.org, c=SO  Date: 2021.05.27 07:31:24  +03'00'</small></p> <p>Date and Seal:</p>
<p><b>UNICEF</b>  Mohamed Ayoya  For</p> <p>Signature:  _____</p> <p>Date and Seal:</p>	<p><b>United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia</b> <i>Kristen</i>  <del>Kristen</del> <i>Young</i>  Chief, Human Rights and Protection Group  <i>OHCHR</i></p> <p>Signature:  _____</p> <p>Date and Seal: <i>5.21.</i></p>

## ANNEX I

### Joint Human Rights Programme

Wednesday, 31 March 2021

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:10 PM

Meeting to be conducted

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9745200906?pwd=VkVwZkR2ekJFcUJPUmGbmSjBkdz09>

Meeting ID: 974 520 0906

Passcode: ROL2021

### Annotated Agenda

Time	Agenda Points	Input	Results / Recommendation
11:00-11:10	Opening Statements from the Chair and Co-chairs H.E. Minister of MoWHRD, DSRSG UNSOM	Tabling and reconfirmation of the minutes of PSC held on 9 December 2021	Confirmation of meeting minutes and action points
11:10-11:15 11:15-11:35	Progress update implementation activities JPHR – Q1 2021	Presentation by JPHR Coordinator - MoWHRD	Comments and observations
11:35 – 11:50	Programme closure period and follow-up action	Presentation of project closure	Discussion, comments and Q&A
11:50-12:10	Closing Statements		Chair and Co-chairs
	<b>AOB</b>		