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PROGRAMME QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Period: Q3 2016

Project Name	Programme Initiation Phase - 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 December 2016
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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 683,994
MPTF:	USD 583,994
Non MPTF sources:	PBF: N/A
	TRAC: 100,000
	Other: N/A

Total MPTF Funds Received			Total non-MPTF Funds Received	
PUNO	Current quarter	Cumulative	Current quarter	Cumulative
UNDP	0	583,994	0	100,000

JP Expenditure of MPTF Funds ¹			JP Expenditure of non-MPTF Funds	
PUNO	Current quarter	Cumulative	Current quarter	Cumulative
UNDP	33,662	206,980	50.00	19,736

SITUATION UPDATE

Unsustainable production of charcoal to meet the national and regional demands remains a major threat to environmental sustainability as well as security in Somalia. The programme envisages to address both the

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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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 vulnerable groups (women and youth) directly linked to charcoal value chain to adopt alternative sources of livelihoods.

While there is a strong buy-in by the national and international stakeholders on the design of the programme, the programme has only been getting low levels of financial support to go into full-scale implementation. During the reporting period additional funds of USD 1.6 million have been committed to the Programme by the Italian Development Cooperation (Euros 1 million) and Sweden (USD 0.5 million). These funds will be channeled through the UN MPTF. Programme Document is under revision to source the additional funds in consultation with the Ministry of Livestock, Forest and Range (MOLFR) and PUNOs.

Parallel financing is also expected from the African Development Bank (AfDB) to promote alternative sources of energy and technology diffusion to support the transition from charcoal to other energy sources in main urban centers. These funds will be committed under the Infrastructure Development Fund managed by the bank.

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 (April to December 2016)	PROGRESS ON OUTPUT INDICATOR²	
		THIS QUARTER	CUMULATIVE 2016
Office of the focal point for charcoal programme in the Ministry of Livestock, Forest and Range (MOLFRD) strengthened	Adequately resourced unit established in the MOLFR	Yes	Yes
Number of briefings, workshops, coordination meetings held by the MOLFRD	At least 3 briefing, coordination meetings or workshops held in six months	4	7

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



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First meeting of the International Charcoal Trade Regulatory Committee	At least two meetings of ICTRC held	0	0
Sources of evidence: Staff contracts; procurement orders; workshop and meetings reports			
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): Terms of Reference for international expert; Shortlist of Experts to be hired for formulating the policy *. TORs for Policy formulation finalised by PUNOs and MOLFR; Shortlist of potential candidates finalized by UNEP and UNDP.			
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	1
Awareness raising workshops held in main towns and cities of Somalia	5 workshops held in main cities/towns	1	3
Programme Brochure, website and anti-charcoal campaign started	Print and electronic media engaged for mass awareness	Yes (On-going)	Yes (On-going)
Funds mobilised from potential donors and development partners for the full-scale joint programme	Donors support confirmed to meet the total Programme budget	Yes	Yes
Sources of evidence: workshop report, Request for Proposal for Event Management Company; letter for			



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commitment from the Italian Development Cooperation; Meeting notes between MOLFR and PUNOs			
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 (On-going)	Yes (On-going)
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR): TORs for Programme Coordinator; Revised draft programme documents with additional funds			

NARRATIVE

The Programme Initiation Phase is managed by UNDP in consultation with the MOLFR, UNEP and FAO. Third quarter activities focused on resource mobilization, providing intuitional support to the MOLFR, undertaking procurement processes to hire international consultant to work on the national and regional policy on Charcoal, holding of awareness raising workshop in Galmudug State and getting concurrence of PUNOs on sourcing of additional funds from donors to the programme. The agenda and working documents for the first Programme Steering Committee were also prepared during the reporting period.

Other Key Achievements

- MOLFR and UNDP held follow-up discussions with the Ambassador of Qatar to get a confirmation on hosting the International Conference on Charcoal in Doha. It is unlikely that the International Conference will be held before the conclusion of on-going electoral process in Somalia. However, there are positive indications that Qatar will support the Conference.
- The draft Programme Document has been formulated in consultation with the PUNOs and MOLFR. The draft will be presented to the Programme Steering Committee for endorsement and sourcing of additional funds by activities and UN agencies. The draft Programme Document will absorb PIP activities and has an implementation timeframe of 1 April 2016 to 31 December 2017.
- MOLFR has been instrumental in bringing Member States (Puntland, South West, Galmudug) on-board. The on-boarding include capacity needs of the Member States and their engagement in decision making for a Programme Steering Committee.

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

- The on-going electoral process is causing delays in some of the strategic activities that are planned as part of initiation phase.
- There have also been delays in holding regional consultations due to the cash transfer modality in the Letter of Agreement between UNDP and MOLFR. The reimbursement modality does not allow the MOLFR to make payments upfront for the venue and travel of participants. This has resulted in lack of trust between the vendors and MOLFR. It would be advisable to look into the possibility of transferring funds in advance for the entire event to the MOLFR and settle the advance on receipt of expenditure



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report and supporting documents.		
Peacebuilding impact: Not Applicable		
Catalytic effects: Not Applicable		
<p>Gender: The Programme Initiation Phase is an enabler to get the full programme started by mobilizing additional resources. At the same time, based on the UNDP Country Office Gender Strategy and principles of inclusiveness, women interns are part of the Letter of Agreement between UNDP and MOLFR. Similarly, the shortlist of consultants to work on National and Regional Charcoal Policy include both women and men. The full programme document highlights gender specific issues influenced due to charcoal production, trade and marketing. These would be addressed in the full-scale programme while promoting alternative energy and livelihoods.</p>		
Proportion of gender specific outputs in Joint Programme ³	Total no. of Outputs	Total no. of gender specific Outputs
	4 <i>(for Programme Initiation Phase) Specific Outputs to be part of full programme</i>	0 <i>(for Programme Initiation Phase) Specific Outputs to be part of full programme</i>
Proportion of Joint Programme staff with responsibility for gender issues ⁴	Total no. of Staff	Total no. of staff with responsibility for gender issues
	0 <i>To be addressed as part of full programme</i>	0 <i>To be addressed as part of full programme</i>
<p>Communications & Visibility – A Charcoal Programme Launch and Awareness Raising Event was held on 6 August in Adado, Gulmudug State of Somalia. The coverage of this event was reported in the Somali media. Some of the links are:</p> <p>Press Coverage SNTV https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9eqR24_YKBw Horn Cable http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyhr8rAtETU Kalsan TV www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQrETHM Universal Link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQe4O3Z-YgM</p>		
<p>Looking ahead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Programme Document to be presented to the Programme Steering Committee for approval. • Awareness raising and Programme Launch event to be held in Kismayo and Mogadishu. • UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator to be briefed on the programme to galvanize support from UAE and Qatar. • Preparatory work on activities for alternative sources of energy and livelihoods to be initiated by PUNOs. 		

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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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 (SRSG, DSRSG) and Federal Government to be involved in raising funding to implement the programme. The currently available funding is USD 2.3 million, i.e. only 10% of the full programme budget of USD 23.6 million.
Political (new)	Changes in the Federal Government as part of Electoral Process resulting in delays in holding the International Conference	Situation to be assessed and revised plan to be prepared for holding the International Conference with the agreement of current political setup and PUNOs
Strategic (new)	The National Development Plan (2017-19) may require adjustment at programme outcome level and relevance to the national strategic framework.	Programme document to incorporate changes during the revisions process.
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 un-sustainability 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

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



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		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.

ANNEX 2. MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

Monitoring Activity	Date	Description & Comments	Key Findings / Recommendations
Pre Programme Steering Committee Meeting	21 July 2016	Allocation of resources was discussed among MOLFR and PUNOs	Components and activities level funding agreed at the technical level with recommendations to the Programme Steering Committee for approval.
Programme Steering Committee Meeting (Planned)	October 2016	Planned	To be reported in Q4