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PROGRAMME SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Period: 1 January – 30 June 2020

Project Name	Enabling Services
Gateway ID	00096490
Start date	1 October 2015
Planned end date (as per last approval)	31 December 2020
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Participating UN entities	RCO, RMU, UN WOMEN and UNDSS
NDP-9 Pillar	Cross-cutting
UNSF Strategic Priority	All
Location(s)	Countrywide
Gender Marker	Not specified

Total Budget as per ProDoc	21,630,623
MPTF:	21,630,623
Non-MPTF sources:	PBF:
	Trac:
	Other:

Total MPTF Funds Received			Total non-MPTF Funds Received	
PUNO	Reporting Period	Cumulative	Reporting Period	Cumulative
UNOPS (RMU)	691,820	2,881,747	0	1,361,911.28
UN WOMEN	0	1,743,532	0	0
UNDP (DSS)	600,000	4,781,604	0	500,000
UNDP (RCO)	2,588,963.22	8,638,085.61	0	0
Total	3,880,783	18,044,969	0	1,861,911.28

JP Expenditure of MPTF Funds ¹			JP Expenditure of non-MPTF Funds	
PUNO	Reporting Period	Cumulative	Reporting Period	Cumulative
UNOPS (RMU)	335,981	2,076,051	0	1,341,646.51
UN WOMEN	0	1,707,825.73	0	0
UNDP (DSS)	89,456	4,755,144	0	500,000
UNDP (RCO)	894,756.38	6,560,909.73	0	0
Total	1,320,193	15,099,930.50	0	1,841,646.51

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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SEMI-ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS

1. Following the arrival of COVID-19 in Somalia, the Office of the Resident Coordinator (RCO) and OCHA led the development of the Somalia COVID-19 Country Preparedness and Response Plan. The RCO coordinated the development of the socioeconomic component of the plan.
2. Aid Flows Analysis 2020 report released, based on the 2019 aid mapping exercise carried out by the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development between September and October 2019 with the support of the RCO and World Bank.
3. As a key part of the development process for the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNCF), the RCO initiated the process of formulating a Common Country Analysis (CCA), an independent, impartial, and collective assessment of the situation in Somalia to guide and inform the development of UNCF priorities and outcomes.
4. UN Country Results Report for 2019 published in May 2020 articulating the UN's contribution to Somalia's achievements in advancing its development and state-building priorities, including through the UN MPTF.
5. The Risk Management Unit (RMU) contributed to the risk Analysis to CCA risk analysis, the UN Strategic Framework evaluation, the risk analyses of the Sameynta project proposal and Midnimo project activities and completed verifications and partner risk analysis.
6. Enhanced cooperation within the UN on risk management, accountability, and quality assurance, as well as on the implementation of the UN Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfers and Business Operations Strategy.
7. Implemented three additional features in the Contractor Information Management Systems (CIMS), enabled uploading of additional sanctions lists, and uploaded data extracted from the Panel of Experts 2019 report. Additional contracts with a value of about US\$ 100 million uploaded, bringing the aggregate value of contracts in CIMS to US\$ 6.5 billion.

HIGHLIGHTS OF KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

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Following the second full year of implementation of the UN Strategic Framework, the RCO coordinated the development and finalization in May of the UN Country Results Report for 2019 which represents the total UN contribution to Somalia's achievements in advancing its development and state-building priorities, including through the UN MPTF.

The UN Risk Management Unit (RMU) enhanced its risk analytical support and cooperation with the UN Agencies, especially through contextual and operational risk analysis, information sharing, substantive risk management discussions in the UN Risk Management, Accountability and Quality Assurance Working Group. Measures have been undertaken to enhance the Contractor information Management System (CIMS) database and improve data security. A draft collaborative Risk Management Strategy for the Aid Community has been completed and is under review. Contract value in CIMS has reached US\$ 6.5 billion and data has been extracted from Somalia Panel of Experts 2019 report and uploaded in CIMS. The draft NGO Bill is under review by the Somalia lower house of parliament.

UNDSS maintained security aircraft during the reporting period to conduct security assessments and evaluations.

SITUATION UPDATE

Like all other UN MPTF Joint Programmes in Somalia, implementing entities of the Joint Programme on Enabling Services were constrained in their ability to work effectively during the reporting period due to restrictions put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Alternative working arrangements meant that most staff were working from home in different parts of the world. While Programme staff adapted well to virtual communication and implementation modalities, the ability to provide coordination and other enabling services to the UN system in Somalia and other partners was severely affected.



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In direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the RCO was required to take on additional functions than otherwise expected in coordinating the UN development system’s response to the pandemic. Also, the development of the new UNCF is meant to be based on extensive consultations with UN, government, civil society, donor, and other partners. However, due to the practical constraints of arranging virtual consultations with a wide array of stakeholders, the time and attention of many has been rightly focused on the COVID-19 response but has delayed progress on the UNCF development process. On a positive note, during the early part of the year, the RCO completed several previously delayed recruitments of from the global Development Coordination Office (DCO) staffing allocation.

While implementation of some RMU activities was challenged due to COVID-19 pandemic, especially the planned class-based activities, most of the planned activities have been completed as planned. This required adaptation of normal ways of doing business to virtual arrangements. While the annual objectives remain the same, achieving targets for some activities may be challenging due to changes of the delivery modalities while new opportunities may arise.

UNDSS manages a small aircraft used to carry out security assessments and emergency evacuations in some parts of Somalia. However, a key donor has withdrawn its support requiring the need to mobilize additional resources to fill the gap. As such, sustaining the aircraft-based security assessments may prove challenging moving forward.

SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT RESULTS MATRIX

Outcome: Coordinated, Transparent and safe delivery of international assistance throughout Somalia			
RCO MONITORING FRAMEWORK			
INDICATOR	TARGET	PROGRESS ON OUTPUT INDICATOR²	
		REPORTING PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
Output 1: Ensure the effective implementation of the UNSF and NDP			
1.1 Volume of funds channeled or reported through the SDRF	2020: 50% of UN development funding channeled or reported through the SDRF	2020: 45% <i>Based on 2019 aid flow data</i>	2017: 26% 2018: 35% 2019: 52% 2020: 45%
1.2 Support provided to implementation of NDP and UNSF	2020: UN RCO secretariat support and technical advice enables NDP9 Pillar Working Groups (PWGs) and UNSF groups meet regularly. Coordination support to implementation of MAF priorities. Coordinate Gender, Durable Solutions, Youth and Human Rights capacity support to UNSF implementation	First SDRF Steering Committee meeting of the year took place on 24 June 2020. No Pillar Working Group Meetings held. Revised aid coordination architecture endorsed at SDRF Steering Committee meeting. UN Pillar Working Group leads identified. Mutual Accountability Framework (MAF) Task Force reconstituted and met to	Same as during the reporting period

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		<p>deliberate on effective monitoring of the framework</p> <p>2020 Aid Flows report finalized, translated, and published.</p> <p>UN RCO continued to provide inter-agency secretariat support to UN system-wide coordination platforms (<i>UNCT, PMT, Youth Working Group, Communications Working Group, Durable Solutions Working Group, etc.</i>)</p> <p>UN RCO lead the development of the socioeconomic component to the COVID-19 Country Preparedness and Response Plan (CPRP)</p>	
<p>1.3 Monitoring and reporting of UNSF results</p>	<p>2020: UNSF Outcome level results Matrix translated into intergenerational, gender and human rights sensitive outputs through the annual workplans of the NDP Pillar Working Groups/UNSF. Reporting against UNSF/NDP AWP's on a semi-annual basis. New UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNCF) 2021-2025 aligned to NDP-9 finalized.</p>	<p>UN Country Results Report for 2019 published in May 2020 outlining UN system-wide contribution to Somali's achievements towards its development priorities under the NDP. Report included comprehensive reporting against UNSF results framework (including on gender, youth and human rights) and Common Budgetary Framework as well as other 'Delivering as One' initiatives.</p> <p>UNCF: Common Country Analysis (CCA) drafted based on analysis from across the UN system in Somalia and shared with various stakeholders for feedback. The CCA will serve as the analytical underpinning for the UNCF.</p>	<p>Same as during the reporting period</p>
<p>Output 2: Improve the coherence and impact of the UN system in Somalia</p>			



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<p>2.1 Support to UN Joint Programming sustained</p>	<p>2020: Ongoing development of joint programmes to fulfil identified needs covering all NDP9 pillar groups;</p> <p>Annual increase in number of UN entities implementing through MPTF Joint Programmes.</p> <p>RCO ongoing consolidation and improvement of MPTF reporting processes</p> <p>Improved gender mainstreaming and gender sensitive programming across the portfolio through robust gender reporting requirements.</p>	<p>No Joint Programmes were developed or approved by SDRF Steering Committee during the reporting period.</p> <p>17 AFPs, UNSOM and 3 enabling units implementing MPTF Joint Programmes.</p> <p>2019 MPTF Annual report issued on 3 March 2020.</p> <p>Q4 2019 and Q1 2020 UN MPTF Newsletters shared with donors on 8 March 2020 and 7 May 2020 respectively</p> <p>Continued JP reporting on MPTF gender indicators and narrative on contributions to GEWE.</p>	<p>Same as during the reporting period</p>
<p>2.2 Number of common analytical products</p>	<p>2020: 3 intergenerational, gender and human rights sensitive UNCT analytical pieces developed that support UN system programming.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Draft Common Country Analysis (CCA) produced to inform the development of UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework</p> <p>2020 Aid Flow Analysis report finalized and published</p> <p>2019 UN Country Results Report published</p> <p>COVID-19 Country Preparedness and Response Plan published</p> <p>Fragility Index and Maturity Model (FIMM) report finalized</p>	<p>Same as during the reporting period</p>
<p>2.3 Level of UN System wide integration (Low, Medium, High)</p>	<p>2020: High – Gender and human rights sensitive joint UNSF Strategic Priority AWP developed and monitored and in line with NDP9; MPTF Joint Programmes jointly implemented with UNSOM</p>	<p>UN Country Results Report for 2019 published in May 2020 outlining UN system-wide contribution to Somali's achievements towards its development priorities under the NDP.</p>	<p>Same as during the reporting period</p>



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		<p>Development process for a new UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework progressed with advanced draft of CCA produced.</p> <p>11 MPTF Joint Programmes jointly implemented with UNSOM</p>	
2.4 Operationalization of the NWOW	<p>2020: Strengthened resilience-oriented MPTF programmatic portfolio in support of the Recovery and Resilience Framework and NDP-9.</p> <p>Strengthened coordination at federal and sub-federal levels between humanitarian, development, and peace-building actors.</p>	<p>UNICEF and WFP MPTF Joint Programme on “Combatting Poverty and Vulnerability in Somalia through Social Protection” commenced in April 2020.</p> <p>UNICEF, ILO and WFP Joint Programme “Toward a Somali Led Transition to National Social Protection Systems” commenced implementation with US\$ 2.6 million in resources from the Joint SDG Fund.</p> <p>COVID-19 Country Preparedness and Response Plan (with both humanitarian and socioeconomic components) developed and published in April 2020</p> <p>Multiple UN MPTF Joint Programmes adapted their programmatic responses to contribute to COVID-19 response.</p> <p>Multidimensional analysis across the humanitarian-development-peace spectrum undertaken through the Common Country Analysis.</p>	Same as during the reporting period
Output 3: Support effective international engagement in Somalia			
3.1 Effective UN-Donor forums sustained	2020: quarterly UN-Donor MPTF briefings;	No UN MPTF donor briefings took place during the reporting period.	Same as during the reporting period



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3.2 Increased support to donor engagement across Somalia	2020: Quarterly RC briefings; local donor briefings and mission support upon request; Annual Youth Coordination Meetings	The DSRSG/RC/HC undertook the following 3 briefings: - Humanitarian Donor Group - 1 April 2020 - Somalia Donor Group - 6 May 2020 - Heads of Development Cooperation - 15 April 2020	Same as during the reporting period
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**SUB-OUTCOME 1 STATEMENT
RMU Monitoring Framework**

Output 1. Enhanced collective risk management approaches

INDICATOR	TARGET 2019	PROGRESS ON OUTPUT INDICATOR ³	
		REPORTING PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
1.1. Number of collective tools agreed and used by the UNCT	2020: two (2) additional risk management tools developed	TORs of Reference of Risk Management, Accountability and Quality Assurance working group endorsed by the UNCT in February 2020.	Same as during the reporting period
1.2. Number of collective tools agreed and used between UN, donors, NGOs and Government	2020: 3 risk management tools / initiatives developed and endorsed by MPRWG	The initial draft of the Collaborative Capacity & Capability Assessment (CCA), Risk Management Strategy (CRMS) and its Implementation Plan was completed by the consultant and is under review.	Same as during the reporting period

UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR)

Output 2: Increased information sharing, both within the UN and between the UN, government donors, and NGOs

2.1. Increase in contract value in CIMS (internal to UN)	2020: \$6.7 billion	6.52 billion (Approx. USD 100 million increase in value of contracts)	Same as during the reporting period
2.2. Number of NGO, donor, or gov request to RMU	2020: Ten requests for technical assistance with RMU feedback	NGOs: One request received on selection/identification of partners UN: Requests received from the UN and	Same as during the reporting period

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		<p>verifications, risk management advice and other risk related matters. Information on UN Academy of Somalia has been collected from different sources and escalated as necessary jointly with UNSOM.</p> <p>Gov:</p> <p>(a) The RMU received request/s from the Office of Prime Minister on the continuity of the capacity building activities with ACU/OPM.;</p> <p>(b) 3 requests received for the Ministry of Finance on overseeing/observing the bid opening and bid evaluation for selection of the construction company for Baidoa and Galkayo prisons, as well as guiding on the issues encountered with relation to the construction of SNU (Somali National University) boundary wall. Subsequently, the latter is on hold.</p>	
<p>UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR)</p>			
<p>Output 3: Organizational risk management capabilities strengthened</p>			
<p>3.1.a. Number of Risk Assessments completed annually</p>	<p>2020: 15</p>	<p><u>During the reporting period:</u> <u>The RMU</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributed to review of NISA risk assessment • Attended mtg and contributed to Risk & Resilience work being completed by the World Bank • DAYAH PSC Risk Assessment • COVID19 scenarios / risks and CCA risk analysis incl: 	<p>Same as during the reporting period</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Economic instability ○ Weak governance ○ Intrastate conflict ○ Regional destabilization ○ Weak pandemic response systems ○ Environmental shocks ○ Displacement ● Contributed to assessment of SNA payroll issues ● Started risk assessment for Road to Sustainable Peace (involving 3 partners) in Jun and finished in Jul 	
3.1.b. Number of due diligence requests from UN agencies	2020: 40	<p>Brief response to UNFPA query on three NGOs: HDC, WARDI & New Ways</p> <p>Multiple requests received from UNICEF, WFP, RCO (UN Academy of Somalia) etc.</p>	Same as during the reporting period
3.2. Number of training services provided to UN agencies, NGOs, and/or government counterparts	2020: 6 class-based courses on Managing project risk are delivered; Launch renewed MPR on online platform-30 online trainings.	<p>Due to Covid-19 pandemic, no in class activities have been conducted during the reporting period. During this period, the RMU has been working on adjusting the course materials from class-based to virtual classes in order to achieve the intended learning outcomes.</p> <p>Lessons plan revised along with the PowerPoint presentations.</p>	Same as during the reporting period
3.3. Integrated Risk analysis products delivered	2020: as requested by SMG	Nothing to reports this half	Same as during the reporting period



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<p>3.4. Number of monitoring services provided to UN agencies</p>	<p>2020: Minimum of 10-15 Monitoring missions and 10 media monitoring reports.</p>	<p>MPTF UN National Window: 4 monitoring virtual activities have taken place during the reporting period. RMU monitored the bid opening and monitored/participated as observer in the evaluation of the bids on selecting the firm for construction of prisons in Baidoa and South Galkayo.</p>	<p>Same as during the reporting period</p>
<p>3.5. UN MPTF risk management strategy implemented</p>	<p>2020: Resume fund administrators' regular meetings (minimum 2 meetings)</p>	<p>MPTF UN Window: Risk analysis support provided to several MPTF funded projects such as: Justice Joint Programme, and Durable Solutions. Habitat, IOM, etc.</p> <p>Risk advise was provided to multiple UN agencies on matters related to risks and partner capacity assessment.</p> <p>MPTF National Window: Progress made towards activities under this window funded under Italian and Swedish contributions to the MPTF. The procurement process overseen and observed by the RMU and during the reporting period contracts were awarded by the MOF for construction of correction facilities in Baidoa and South Galkayo. Work commenced in July while rehabilitation of the Supreme court in</p>	<p>Same as during the reporting period</p>



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		Mogadishu was completed.	
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR)			
Output 4: Enhanced engagement for collective risk management solutions			
4.1. Frequency of RWG meetings	2020: 10 regular RWG meetings & ad-hoc as necessary	Six meetings of Risk Management, Accountability and Quality Assurance (RMAQA – former RWG) working group have taken place during the reporting period and three additional meetings have taken place on HACT (Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfer) between RMU as coordinator and UNDP, UNICEF and UNFPA. RMU is managing the HACT component of Business Operations Strategy (BOS) Under Finance and Budget component and has contributed to the Procurement Working Group on common services – Vendors’ list and Long-term Agreements on BOS related requirements.	Same as during the reporting period
4.2. Frequency of Multi-party Forum meetings	2020: 4 (quarterly)	No meetings have taken place. Virtual meetings have been scheduled to take place during the second half of 2020 to discuss the draft collaborative strategy and its implementation plan.	
4.3.a. CIMS development and related tools and Innovation	2020: 4 new features on CIMS; 8 views/improvements; 2 Data set update - SEMG & world bank	3 new features and resource list - Fuzzy Search capability - automatic Integration of EU and US sanctions	Same as during the reporting period



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		<p>- Existing Dataset update of 2Panel of Experts</p> <p>-Updated World Bank data</p> <p>3 new customized views created on EU, US, fuzzy search</p> <p>2 improved filters views</p>	
4.3.b. Other Information Sharing Databases (across UN, NGOs, Government)	CIRT development and updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumulative Reporting organizations:10 donor UN agencies; Onboarded 2 new in this period. • Continued bilateral engagement of focal points • Held 1 group training/orientation • Technical features improved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • charts and graphs 	Same as during the reporting period
4.4. Increased communication/outreach initiatives	2020: Three NGO outreach events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bi-weekly meetings held with the NGO Consortium for information sharing • Sensitization of NGO partners through clusters on the revised Managing Project Risk Training for information and uptake of training opportunities in 2020 • Engagement and information exchange with key focal points of several FGS Ministries, including Ministries of Health, Education and Commerce. • Liaison and scoping of synergies with civil society actors, including the Somali and Somaliland’s Chambers of Commerce and Industry. 	Same as during the reporting period



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deepening engagement with and mutual support to the International Code of Conduct Association (Geneva). • Engagement commenced with two international experts on multi-lateral (non-UN) sanctions regimes in support of specific UN Agency due diligence requests. 	
<p>4.5. Increased and strengthened partnerships</p>	<p>2020: 1 possible replication Three coordination initiatives support to the Federal Government of Somalia to develop a national Regulatory Framework for NGOs. Three coordination initiatives to support the Federal Member States in implementation of the new NGO law.</p> <p>Strengthened partnerships with NGO Consortium, donors, government, university and law enforcement/regulatory bodies on collective risk management, capacity building, due diligence and information sharing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two (2) quarterly Country Directors Meetings held in Feb and May 2020 • Liaison sessions held with members of the NGO Task Force on NGO Law • Held consultations with NGOs on development of the Collaborative Risk Management Strategy • Consultative sessions held with consultant and NGOs for development of workstreams within the next phase of the NGO regulatory process • Contributed to two (2) International Liaison Unit meetings with UNODC at the invitation of the UK National Crime Agency, focusing on corruption and related capacity building risk areas. • Ongoing dialogue with Kenyan and Somali law enforcement and regulatory bodies, including Police, 	<p>Same as during the reporting period</p>



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		Immigration and Revenue Authorities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commenced liaison and information exchange with the UK Charity Commission. Initial scoping to increase linkages with other Commissions worldwide. • Engaged with and commenced support to Interpol and DFID concerning a pilot project relating to PSEA. 	
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR)			
Output 5: Effective programme management			
5.1. Completion rate of Project Board recommendations			
5.2. Number of Project Board meetings		No project board meeting has taken place during the reporting period.	
5.3. Project Expenditure rate	2020: >90%	UNOPS	
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR)			

UNDP (DSS)

UNDSS MONITORING FRAMEWORK			
Output 1.1: Security Aircraft capacity maintained			
INDICATOR	TARGET	PROGRESS ON OUTPUT INDICATOR ⁴	
		REPORTING PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
Security Aircraft is able to respond to urgent security needs or to assess newly recovered areas	2020: Capacity maintained	Operations continues with the funds received from the main donor.	Operations of Security Aircraft was largely supported with funds received from the main donor. The funds received was very helpful in covering the shortage from the main donor by ensuring that

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			UNDSS is able respond immediately.
Output 1.2: Medical Emergency Response Team capacitated			
N/A		MERT services maintained but managed by UNDP under UN Clinic.	
Output 1.3: Enhanced protected security			
SPU costs transitioned to Cost shared security budget	2020: SPU security apparatus in Somaliland maintained through Cost shared security budget	Operations continues with the help of cost shared security budget,	Operations continues with the help of Cost shared security budget, 2019 Pending bills fully cleared
Output 1.3: Security Aircraft capacity maintained			
Security Aircraft is able to respond to urgent security needs or to assess newly recovered areas	Security and Logistics operations reinforced.	The funds covered the shortfall from the main budget and ensured that security apparatus is maintained.	UNDSS humanitarian operations in the region was reinforced with the continued operation of the aircraft and ensure that FSCO will be able to move to assess the security situations.
Output 2.2: Enhanced protected security			
SPU costs transitioned to Cost shared security budget	2020: SPU security apparatus in Somaliland maintained through Cost shared security budget	Operations continues with the help of alternative budget; the funds came in handy to cater for the 2019 pending bills.	Operations continues with the help of alternative budget; the funds came in handy to cater for the 2019 pending bills.
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NARRATIVE



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Following the recommendation from the Interagency Standing Committee (IASC) that countries undertake review of their Programme Criticality Frameworks, the RCO led a light-touch review of the country framework to ensure that the UN in Somalia was able to respond to the current COVID-19 pandemic while maintaining regular life-saving operations. This review was completed in May 2020 and submitted to the Programme Criticality Secretariat in New York.

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comprehensive analysis of the CCA. The CCA will be published in the second half of 2020, prior to the completion of the UNCF.

Following the second full year of implementation of the UN Strategic Framework 2017-2020 (UNSF), the RCO coordinated the development and finalization in May of the [UN Country Results Report](#) for 2019. This is the second Results Report produced in conformance with the reporting requirements for the UNSF in which the UN in Somalia has collectively reflected and reported on the totality of its contribution to Somalia's achievements in advancing its development and state-building priorities, including through the UN MPTF. The Report has illustrated that, despite some noteworthy challenges that slowed progress in several areas, 2019 was marked by significant achievements across all complementary and mutually reinforcing Strategic Priorities of the UNSF. The Report was published online and disseminated to government and donor partners.

RMU

The UN Risk Management Unit (RMU) in collaboration with UN entities other stakeholders expanded the scope of risk management support and information sharing through facilitating the coordination of joint activities related to the response to risks emerging from partner capacity assessment and audit observations. Examples include the expansion of the scope of the former UN Risk Working Group to Risk Management, Accountability and Quality Assurance (RMAQA) working group which has been endorsed by the UNCT and has been operational since January 2020. The Group has conducted 6 meetings during the first half of the year to discuss matters related to joint activities – such as joint audit, joint and coordinated monitoring activities, exploring new and coordinated ways to conduct audit and other assurance activities during the pandemic, and how to respond in consistent and coordinated manner to the audit recommendations.

Other achievements have been joint audits of programmes receiving funds through MPTF, which led to cross-checking and cross-verification of results, activities, and the relevant documentation on common partners. An example of this is the UNDP-UNFPA joint audit, which took place during Q1; the strong collaboration between UNDP, UNICEF and UNFPA on implementation of the Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfer Framework, as well as implementation of risk management collaborative approaches across development and humanitarian agencies, programmes and projects under the coordination, guidance and the support of the UN RMU.

Information sharing across UN entities as well as across the pooled funds (UN/WB/AfDB) and other partners has taken place in different ways, such as the UN partner information in the Contractor information Management System (CIMS) which during 2020 recorded an increased value of US\$ 100 million in value of contracts. In addition to UN Security Council sanctions lists, the system now includes the US and EU sanctions/restricted lists. Progress has also been made tracking advisors embedded in the government with this information being uploaded in the UN/World Bank managed Capacity Injection Reporting Tool (CIRT) database. The CIRT has been updated to capture advisory/professional support provided in response to COVID-19. The bi-annual reports on both systems are being generated and disseminated accordingly.

By June, the draft Collaborative Risk Management Strategy for Somalia aid stakeholders has been completed along with the Capacity and Capability Assessment and Strategy implementation plan. All three documents are currently under review.

Progress has been made under the UN MPTF national window objectives of the Joint Justice Programme. The procurement process for acquiring services for the construction of correction facilities in Baidoa and South Galkayo



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has been completed by the Ministry of Finance in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice (FGS & respective FMSs) and overseen by the RMU. Construction work started in July 2020.

UNDSS

UNDSS security aircraft carries out security assessments, and offered transportation for field security Advisors, to reinforce security in inadequately covered areas. Security was also reinforced in Ambassador and Mansoor Hotels in Somaliland through the Special Protection Units.

Other Key Achievements

COVID-19 response

While the RMU has continued to perform its duties through virtual interaction, it has also responded to the requests for risk analysis on COVID-19 response related activities and partners. As noted in the above report, the RCO coordinated the development of the socioeconomic component of the COVID-19 Country Preparedness and Response Plan. The RCO also led the review of the UN Programme Criticality Framework to ensure that to the UN in Somalia was able to respond to the current COVID-19 pandemic while maintaining regular life-saving operations.

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

Like all other UN MPTF Joint Programmes, COVID-19 severely impacted the ability of the Enablers programme to implements its plans activities. Alternative implementation modalities and virtual communication arrangements had to be implemented to ensure continuity in the provision of enabling services.

As the RMU increases its provision of timely, accurate and specific information analysis in response to growing requests, this is taking the RMU in more refined areas of support across the project cycle. This has correspondingly resulted in the provision of quality over quantity, and therefore a reduction in the current annual target for risk analysis.

COVID-19 has limited face to face interactions, especially activities that require face-to-face interaction, and reduced field monitoring activities planned for the reporting period under the national window. While some consultations took place during Q1, most Q2 activities were reduced to virtual interaction with internal and external RMU partners. The RMU has not been able to conduct any risk management courses during the first half of 2020. The course materials are being adjusted for virtual learning platforms and it is expected that activities will commence in August through December 2020.

UNDSS experienced many challenges in maintaining security aircraft due to funding shortages. Alternative bilateral funding needs to be secured to ensure continuity of operations.

Peacebuilding impact

Catalytic effects

Gender



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Proportion of gender specific outputs in Joint Programme ⁵	Total no. of Joint Programme Outputs	Total no. of gender specific Outputs
	17	5
Proportion of Joint Programme staff with responsibility for gender issues ⁶	Total no. of Staff	Total no. of staff with responsibility for gender issues
	20	3
Human Rights		
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 (Number)	
	4	
No. of Joint Programme outputs designed to build capacity of duty bearers to fulfil their human rights obligations towards rights holders.	Result (Number)	
	3	
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:		
Communications & Visibility		
UN Country Results Report 2019 published by RCO in May 2020: https://somalia.un.org/en/45668-un-somalia-country-results-report-2019		
UN MPTF 2019 Annual Report: https://somalia.un.org/en/36640-un-multi-partner-trust-fund-2019-annual-report		
MPTF Newsletters:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund: Quarter 4 2019 Newsletter: https://somalia.un.org/en/38112-un-multi-partner-trust-fund-quarter-4-2019-newsletter 		

⁵ Gender Specific Outputs are those that are specifically designed to directly and explicitly contribute to the promotion of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment.

⁶ 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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- UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund: Quarter 1 2020 Newsletter: <https://somalia.un.org/en/45576-un-multi-partner-trust-fund-quarter-1-2020-newsletter>

Aid Flows in Somalia 2020: <https://somalia.un.org/en/46669-aid-flows-somalia-2020>

COVID-19 Country Preparedness and Response Plan: <https://somalia.un.org/en/42820-somalia-country-preparedness-and-response-plan-cprp-covid-19-april-2020>

Looking ahead

RCO

Given the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic and uncertainty on when and how regular operations will be able to resume, it is likely that the second half of 2020 will continue to impact Joint Programme activities. However, alternative working arrangements and implementation modalities should allow the Programme to deliver against its commitments.

Despite these challenges, the last six months of the year will be critical in framing the UN's next phase of support to Somalia in the coming five years. The UN Common Country Analysis will be finalized and published. The RCO will support the formulation of the priorities and outcomes for the UNCF. Consultations with a broad range of stakeholders will continue to inform the development process of the UNCF. It is expected that the UNCF will be finalized and endorsed by UN and government leadership in the coming months. In parallel, the RCO will continue to implement the necessary coordination and implementation arrangements for the UNCF which will become operational at the beginning of 2021.

To ensure effective secretariat support to the UN MPTF, its Programmes, participating agencies and donors, the RCO is expected to complete the recruitment process for a dedicated senior portfolio manager for the fund. This will be the first RCO staff member dedicated full time to improving fund performance.

The RCO will continue to provide coordination support to the UN system's ongoing response to COVID-19. A revised CPRP is currently under review to ensure its conformance with UN global requirements and is expected to soon be released. The RCO is working to ensure the UN's response to COVID-19 is coordinated with other partners, notably through the Somalia Donor Group and with special focus on coordinating efforts with the World Bank.

Continued support will be provided for the operationalization of the revised aid architecture, monitoring of the MAF, and the next phase of the AIMS. In addition to supporting government counterparts, the RCO is engaging the UN focal points for the Pillar Working Groups and the MAF task force to ensure coordinated engagement in these processes across the UN system. The RCO is also working through the Somalia Donor Group to ensure coordination with the donor community on these issues.

RMU

The key results expected in the second half of 2020 include: finalization of the Collaborative Risk Management Strategy and its Implementation Plan, and engagement with the Multi-Partner Risk Working Group to implement the Strategy; Undertake online/virtual 'Managing Project Risk' courses to participants from Office of the Prime Minister/Aid Coordination Unit and Midnimo Project; Finalize the concept note on the RMU post 2020; Undertake risk management analysis for the UNCF. During August/September, the RMU, in coordination with UNSOM's



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Integrated Elections Support Group, Political Affairs and Mediation Group and Integrated Analysis Team will undertake elections risk analysis and provide screening and risk management support during the elections.

The RMU will continue to advice, support, and coordinate with UN entities on risk management, accountability, and quality assurance activities. Six Risk Management, Accountability and Quality Assurance virtual working group meetings have been scheduled in the second half of the year. The RMU will coordinate and support implementation of the UN Business Operations Strategy, especially the HACT elements as part of the Finance Working Group, and Procurement Working Group on the UN Vendors and Long-Term Agreements.

The RMU will continue to undertake UN and donor partner risk analysis and respond to ad-hoc verification and advice requests from the UN Agencies. The RMU will continue to make enhancements to the CIMS and CIRT databases. Oversight and capacity building will be provided to the MPTF National Window during the construction of the correction facilities.

DSS

UNDSS will continue to seek financial support to ensure continued operations of its aircraft.



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ANNEX 1. RISK MANAGEMENT

Type of Risk ⁷	Description of Risk	Mitigating Measures

⁷ 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
[I.e. Programme oversight field monitoring visit]		[Monitoring of project undertaken by CO Programme oversight unit; POPP mandates that these must take place for each project minimally once a year.]	
[I.e. Project Board Meeting]		[Should take place quarterly.]	
[I.e. DIM Audit]		[Should take place annually above certain financial thresholds; organized by CO.]	
[I.e. Independent Evaluation]		[Should take place as per project document.]	
[I.e. Engineering site visit.]			
[I.e. Stakeholder Review Consultation]			



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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			
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