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PROGRAMME SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Period: 1 January – 30 June 2018

Project Name	Combatting Poverty and Vulnerability in Somalia through Social Protection
Gateway ID	JP Social Protection #106901
Start date	1 November 2016
Planned end date (as per last approval)	June 2019
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Participating UN entities	UNICEF, WFP
NDP Pillar	PWG 7: Resilience
UNSF Strategic Priority	Strategic Priority 4: Strengthening resilience of Somali institutions, society and population.
Location(s)	n/a
Gender Marker	2a

Total Budget as per ProDoc	USD 1,515,000
MPTF:	USD 1,515,000
Non-MPTF sources:	PBF:
	Trac:
	Other:

Total MPTF Funds Received			Total non-MPTF Funds Received	
PUNO	Reporting Period	Cumulative	Reporting Period	Cumulative
WFP	0	561,293	0	0
UNICEF	0	953,707	0	0
Total	0	1,515,000	0	0

JP Expenditure of MPTF Funds ¹			JP Expenditure of non-MPTF Funds	
PUNO	Reporting Period	Cumulative	Reporting Period	Cumulative
WFP	146,500	146,500	0	0
UNICEF	0	0	0	0
Total	146,500	146,500	0	0

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. Steering Committee Meeting Held with agreement on roles and actions
2. Government leadership decision made
3. Desk Review received from consulting agency
4. Technical Working Group (government) formed

HIGHLIGHTS OF KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

The Joint Programme has agreed on leadership and approach with government partners moving forward, critically with regards to the consultation processes to develop a draft social protection policy. The first Steering Committee meeting has taken place, with three Ministries, including the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MoLSA) who has now taken on the leadership of social protection, including the activities of the joint programme. An inter-ministerial technical working group has been formed to support the policy development process, and the consulting agency has completed a social protection desk review which allows for lessons learning in policy and framework development for Somalia. A contract has also been agreed to develop a capacity gap analysis through the consultation process to better understand where and how these needs should be prioritized moving forward.

SITUATION UPDATE

The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MoLSA) has come to the forefront and confirmed their leadership of social protection as per government mandates moving forward. This agreement was reached in conjunction with the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management (MoHADM) and the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development (MoPIED) who will both continue to have strong roles in working with MoLSA on social protection and the joint programme moving forward. All three ministries are members of the Steering Committee, with the Minister of MoLSA chairing.

Social Protection and the work of the joint programme continues to be a focus under the Resilience Pillar, with the Pillar Working Group, and the Social Protection, Food Security and Nutrition Sub-Working Group acting as key coordination bodies for the programme.

In addition to the Pillar Working Group (and sub-Working Group), and the Joint Programme Steering Committee, a government Technical Working Group has also been agreed, with membership from a wide range of ministries with a key role to play in social protection moving forward. This group will serve to advise and coordinate throughout the consultation processes of the policy development.

These developments have seen a pushing back of certain activities in the workplan, critically the consultation processes for the policy development as it was necessary to have clear government leadership, mandates and roles agreed at the federal level before this begun. These consultations are now scheduled to begin in July.

SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT RESULTS MATRIX

OUTCOME STATEMENT

SUB-OUTCOME 1 STATEMENT

Policy and institutional frameworks for social protection are developed



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Output 1.1: Social protection policy for Somalia developed			
INDICATOR	TARGET	PROGRESS ON OUTPUT INDICATOR²	
		REPORTING PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
Approved social protection policy	Social protection policy consultations held in six capitals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government technical working group formed. Desk review completed by consulting group. Consultation tools and planning completed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan for consultations developed.
	Social protection policy draft developed		
	Social protection policy reviewed and revised		
	Social protection policy endorsed by Government		
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR)			
Output 1.2: Social protection communications strategy developed and implemented			
Social protection communications strategy in place and communications activities undertaken	Consultation held with Federal Member States on effective means of communications in each state	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consulting group contracted to develop communication strategy through visits and consultation with federal member states and community. 	
	Social protection communications strategy developed and costed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consulting group contracted to develop communications strategy and implementation plan. 	
	Social protection communications strategy endorsed and rolled out		
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR)			
Output 1.3: Somalia-appropriate SDG targets for social protection indicators developed			

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



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Social protection SDG targets for Somalia adopted	Two-day launch workshop with stakeholders to present social protection-related SDG goals and indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government inter-ministerial social protection technical working group (the key stakeholder body to be consulted) formed. 	
	Draft social protection SDG targets developed and shared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consulting group contracted to work with MoLSA and federal member states to develop SDG roadmap 	
	Two-day workshop with stakeholders to finalize social protection-related SDG goals and indicators		
Output 1.4: Social protection-related capacity of key national counterparts for effective implementation of programs built			
Social protection -related technical capacity in key ministries in each state	Social protection capacity assessment of key ministries (federal and state) undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group contracted to undertake capacity assessment Capacity of key counterpart in MoLSA raised through participation in World Bank SP core course. 	
	Quarterly social protection training for PSG5 Social Protection Sub-Working Group members conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Protection orientation session developed and agreement reached in SWG for delivery in next meeting. 	
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR)			
SUB-OUTCOME 2 STATEMENT			
Strategies to reach vulnerable populations through social protection are identified			
Output 2.1: Key characteristics associated with poverty and reduced access to services identified, to advise development of a targeting system for social protection			



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Poverty and vulnerability data associated with reduced service access available	SCOPE and other relevant databases analyzed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultant completed two missions, including consultation of major stakeholders, and database mapping and analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ToRs for consultant developed.
	Report on characteristics of vulnerable households in SCOPE and other relevant databases developed		
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR)			
Output 2.2: Geo-tagged data on supply of key social services incorporated into the humanitarian biometric beneficiary and transfer management platform (SCOPE) database			
	Mapping of key social services conducted (including geo-tagging)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nutrition centres geo-tagged in SCOPE 	
	Social service data incorporated into SCOPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nutrition centres geo-tagged in SCOPE 	
UNDP ONLY: sources of evidence (as per current QPR)			
Output 2.3: Access of excluded populations in two communities to social services and humanitarian/development support analyzed			
Data on access of excluded populations to social services and development benefits available	Social network analysis (SNA) conducted in two communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment of inclusion specialist underway. 	
	SNA results analyzed, compiled and disseminated		

NARRATIVE

2018 has brought a strong new partner into the programme, being the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MoLSA). We consider this to be a very positive development, with the government mandate for social protection now clearly sitting with MoLSA it is important they are a strong part of the joint programmes activities and implementation. It also brings Somalia in-line with international practice on mandate and leadership for social protection.

This development, while positive, did bring some challenges to the programme, in the need to ensure that leadership and roles were clearly agreed before moving forward with federal member state consultations. The role of the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management (MoHADM) remains critical to the social protection joint programme, particularly in light of the importance of developing shock-responsive systems, and the work of the ministry in particular in working on joining the humanitarian and development spheres. Similarly, the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development (MoPIED) remains critical in bringing together the many ministries that need to be engaged moving forward, and of course, the federal member states.



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Despite the delay in the consultations processes for the policy development, important achievements have been made in this period, with the steering committee formed and meeting, an agreement reached on the role of the government Ministries engaged, and a Technical Working Group formed with representatives from a significant number of ministries engaged to support the policy development process.

A consulting group was contracted to begin work on the communications strategy and implementation plan, a capacity assessment to be undertaken in conjunction with the member state consultations, and the development of SDG indicators and a realistic roadmap for Somalia. Recruitment processes are also underway for a specialist to assist in better understanding vulnerability, with a particular focus on exclusion and inclusion.

An IMS specialist has also undertaken two missions to map and analyze the databases utilized by the humanitarian community, with the goal of better understanding vulnerability characteristics as they are captured in these systems. A first report of this exercise is under draft.

Finally, a key senior member of MoLSA was supported in undertaking the World Bank's core course on Social Protection in Washington, D.C., significantly raising the capacity of the ministry and building new relationships with core external partners, including the World Bank.

All of these activities contribute towards the Pillar Working Group's milestone of development a social protection policy and building foundational frameworks.

Other Key Achievements

- There has been a new interest in social protection, and specifically in safety nets as the humanitarian community looks to options for sustainable transition from emergency cash transfers. The joint programme has played a critical role in raising the profile and role of the government in these discussions and providing a resource in its activities and work towards this.

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

The consultations process for the policy development and other key activities under the joint programme were delayed for the first quarter and more of 2018, largely due to the need to ensure government had the space and support to agree internally on clear leadership and roles in the process moving forward.

The planned capacity building session that was agreed to take place in the Sub-Working Group has been delayed due to a long break in Pillar Working Group meetings. The Joint Programme would still prefer to utilize the official coordination mechanism of experts and actors provided by the SWG, however if necessary will undertake these activities separately to avoid further delays in the second half of 2018.

Peacebuilding impact

Catalytic effects

Gender



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Proportion of gender specific outputs in Joint Programme ³	Total no. of Outputs	Total no. of gender specific Outputs
	7	<i>No gender specific outputs. Output 2.3 contributes significantly towards equity with a strong gender lens, but it is not specific as it seeks to understand exclusion and vulnerability more generally (including but not specific to gender).</i>
Proportion of Joint Programme staff with responsibility for gender issues (as of end of 2017) ⁴	Total no. of Staff	Total no. of staff with responsibility for gender issues
	2	2
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 (No.)	
	4	
No. of Joint Programme outputs designed to build capacity of duty bearers to fulfil their human rights obligations towards rights holders.	Result (No.)	
	2	
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)	
	Yes	
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)	
	Yes	
Describe nature of cost sharing: Significant staff time, including the attention of both the Minister and specialized social protection staff has been committed and undertaken by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. Time and energy also contributed by MoHADM, and MoPIED, including at the Ministerial level.		
Communications & Visibility		
These activities have not yet started. A communications strategy will be developed during the consultation process to ensure visibility of Ministry and Donors.		
Looking ahead		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The consultation processes for the policy development are scheduled to begin in July, with key government counterparts in each member state consulted, as well as development and humanitarian partners, community members 		

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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and leaders, donors, and the private sector. This consultation process will provide the necessary information to begin the drafting process of the policy, in consultation with the government technical working group.

- Alongside the consultation process for policy development, a capacity assessment will take place to allow us to better identify and plan for capacity development activities later in the year.
- A communications strategy will be developed, building on the information gained through community and government consultations on social protection to ensure we are able to identify gaps in understanding and plan communication and advocacy pieces accordingly.
- Research will be undertaken in vulnerable communities to better understand the challenges of inclusion and exclusion, and characteristics of vulnerability in Somalia.
- The programme intends to hold an official ‘launch’ event at the opening of the federal level consultation event, which will include high level guests, including from the Italian Cooperation as the donor.



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ANNEX 1. RISK MANAGEMENT

Type of Risk ⁵	Description of Risk	Mitigating Measures
Political	Delays due to elections and political changes	Programme must have support of the line ministries who are capacitated. Preliminary and background work completed during delays.
Operational	Difficulty identifying a consultant/firm to undertake the social network analysis; Delays in hiring consulting firm to develop policy	Various consulting firms approached and SP expert recommended to be contracted by firm with the winning bid.
Security	Inaccessibility of field sites due to security	Alternate sites and measures such as government ministry with national staff from the contractor leading the consultations.
Operational/Other (Contextual)	Inaccessibility of some sites leads to incomprehensive service data; Incomplete database or inconsistent registration of household information limits usefulness of data.	Assuring data quality and re-registration as necessary.

⁵ 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]		N/A	
[I.e. Project Board Meeting]		Steering Committee Meeting Quarterly	
[I.e. DIM Audit]			
[I.e. Independent Evaluation]		A final program evaluation will be undertaken at the end of the program (early-2019)	
[I.e. Engineering site visit.]			
[I.e. Stakeholder Review Consultation]		Steering Committee Meeting Quarterly	

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.	MoLSA, WFP		30 April – 11 May 2018	0	2	2	Social Protection Core Course	Washington, D.C.	World Bank
Totals:				0	2	2			