

PARLIAMENT SUPPORT PROJECT (PSP-II)

BACKGROUND

The Parliament Support Project (PSP-II) focusses on strengthening the effectiveness and accountability of Somalia's parliamentary institutions.

Its work contributes to both peacebuilding and statebuilding objectives, in line with the government's National Development Plan (NDP) and the Sustainable Development Goals - particularly SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions).

With a view to improving political representation and assisting in the completion of the constitutional review process, the project focuses on the main pillars of democratic governance and inclusive politics in

Somalia, namely the Federal Parliament, State and Regional Parliaments and civil society.

OBJECTIVE

PSP-II aims to foster inclusive politics by helping parliamentary institutions increase their effectiveness, accountability and responsiveness to the needs of all citizens, both men and women.

The project also promotes participation in political processes as a means of contributing to national statebuilding and peacebuilding goals.



PROJECT PRIORITIES

We work with ministries, parliament, civil society and other partners at all levels to build capacity and reach consensus.



All our work is carried out in line with the government's NDP and in close coordination with other One UN partner agencies.

Within this framework, the PSP-II project's main priorities are to achieve the following:

- ▶ Strengthen both Houses of the Federal Parliament to become effective and representative institutions that promote transparency, inclusion and participation in political processes.
- ▶ Strengthen the Somaliland and the Puntland Parliaments as well as the emerging State Assemblies' capacities and structures.
- ▶ Strengthen civil society to engage with and monitor parliamentary work.
- ▶ Foster the implementation of SDG 16 by strengthening capacities for dialogue, research and analysis.
- ▶ Ensure that all parliamentary bodies and assemblies engage with and respond to the needs of civil society, including marginalized groups.

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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- ▶ Strengthened legislative and oversight capacities of the Federal Parliament, resulting in adoption of bills including the Anti-Corruption Bill, Revenue Bill and Petroleum Bill.
- ▶ Supported the Parliamentary Oversight Committee to review the Constitution and develop procedures for its adoption.
- ▶ Trained MPs across the country on parliamentary processes, the 2030 agenda, implementation of the SDGs and human rights.
- ▶ Helped establish the CSO Advisory Board in Puntland to advocate for women, youth and marginalized groups in the Puntland legislation and for increasing the number of women in parliament.
- ▶ Organised 3rd Annual Women MPs Conference to advocate for greater political representation of women, gender responsive budgeting and adoption of legislation to promote women's rights.

PRIORITIES FOR 2020

- ▶ Support the Federal Parliament to adopt the constitution.
- ▶ Build capacity of MPs to debate key laws and monitor implementation of the NDP and SDGs.
- ▶ Build capacity for civil society to engage in parliamentary work.
- ▶ Help establish a Legal Drafting and Research Unit in the Puntland Parliament.
- ▶ Strengthen the Speakers' Forum to assist MPs of both Houses of the Federal Parliament.
- ▶ Support parliamentary committees to organize public hearings and public consultations to increase transparency
- ▶ Strengthen women's caucuses to advocate for gender sensitive legislation and budgeting, greater participation of women in decision making and protection of women's rights.



PARTNERS AND BUDGET

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As the UN’s development network, our mission is to connect the Somali government and people with the resources and information they need to drive their own development according to their own priorities.



BUDGET

TOTAL BUDGET, 2018-2020

DONOR	US\$
ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK	135,00
NORWAY (through MPTF)	520,104
SWITZERLAND (through MPTF)	1,988,529
UNDP	2,853,069
TOTAL	5,496,702

DELIVERY TO DATE

DONOR	US\$
ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK	0
MPTF (NORWAY/ SWITZERLAND)	2,084,673
UNDP	1,853,068
TOTAL	3,937,741

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

- National Federal Parliament
- Puntland Parliament
- Somaliland Parliament
- Jubaland State Assembly
- Galmaadug State Assembly
- South West State Assembly
- Hirshabelle State Assembly
- UNSOM
- UNCT

SUPPORT

DONORS

Our work on parliamentary support would not be possible without generous funding from:

- Islamic Development Bank
- Norway
- Switzerland
- UNDP

