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# **YOUTH SECTOR**

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# Why the Ministry of Youth?

YOUTH ARE THE VEINS OF LIFE-Somali Proverb  
"Da'yartu waa halbawlaha nolosha!"

- Youth are the majority of the population. Despite their quantity, they are the future of this country and therefore Somaliland has considered "Youth" issues as critical and established a special Ministry, on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2000, for the policymaking, coordination and leadership of the Youth Sector.
- The Ministry envisions a meaningful involvement of youth in the overall national development processes and where young generations are educationally, spiritually, socially and economically empowered.

# Targets and Priorities in relation to the PSGs in the SSA

## PSG.4: Economic Growth:

- **Develop national entrepreneurship policy and strategy to promote small and medium businesses**
- **Conduct a study of labor market needs and skills shortages to target vocational and technical training**
- **Develop and strengthen institutes that provide vocational and technical certified based on the market study**
- **Provide youth employment and paid internship schemes that provide on the job training**
- **Establish and staff youth business development and capacity support centers in Somaliland regions**
- **Develop programs to provide seed capital to youth entrepreneurs**

# Cont... Targets and Priorities in relation to the PSGs in the SSA

## PSG.5: Revenue and Services:

- **Increase accessibility and student participation by making education more appealing and more available to all.**
- **Devise strategies for improving the gender balance in school enrolment, retention and teachers recruitment**
- **Expand opportunities for technical, vocational education and training.**
- **Empower the non-formal education and expand in all regions.**

# Cont... Targets and Priorities in relation to the PSGs in the SSA

## PSG.4&5:

- **Design and implement a youth sports and recreation strategy which enhances access, equity and opportunity for the youth**
- **Enhance the knowledge understanding and appreciation of young people regarding Somaliland culture**
- **Engage the Diaspora to contribute on youth development initiatives, where Diaspora members should also provide a real picture of life in Diaspora so to avoid unrealistic dreams of Somaliland youth.**

# Progresses made on all PSG areas

- **Somaliland Youth Policy developed and endorsed by the cabinet.**
- **Somaliland youth development fund launched by the president.**
- **Labor market study done in four regions in 2012**
- **Job center established in Hargeisa Somaliland**
- **Regular youth tournaments conducted.**
- **Employment strategy developed in Somaliland employment conference in 2013.**
- **Youth employment project funded by the SDF is on progress.**

# Challenges

- **Lack of marketable skills, employment counseling, limited income generation and seed money. no paid internship opportunities**
- **Lack of National Youth Employment Strategy**
- **Lack of career guidance in education institutions**
- **Lack of loan scheme for self employment activities**
- **Migration of young people out of the country**
- **Limited mobilization of the Diaspora as an economic investment source**
- **No up to date labour market studies**
- **No applicable rules and regulations for the sports to control the ethics and conduct of the sports family.**

# Challenges

- **No sports and recreational areas in the town plan of major cities of Somaliland.**
- **Limited of knowledgeable referees, coaches and skilled players.**
- **Lack of outdoor youth spaces and parks.**
- **Limited sports materials and equipments, play grounds and recreational centers for the promotion of sport activities.**

# Way forward

- **Speed up the approval and implementation of youth employment promotion project funded through the SDF.**
- **Develop Somaliland youth employment strategy.**
- **Operationalize the youth development fund launched by the president.**
- **Support to implement the Somaliland youth policy which was endorsed by the cabinet in 2010.**
- **Create awareness raising against Human Trafficking across the country.**

# Recommendations

- **Increase funding for youth programmes.**
- **Support the Ministry in the coordination of the Youth Sector.**
- **Consider the Youth Agenda in such forums where donors and Somaliland actors are meeting.**
- **Promote the Youth Agenda as a critical national and donor agenda.**