



**7th High Level Aid Coordination Forum
Hargeisa
Republic of Somaliland**



Partnership Principles

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PARTNERSHIP PRINCIPLES

Mutual commitments made by the **government** and **development partners**

Outlines commitment on **how** the government and the development partners should work together to achieve results.

The principles will serve as tool to monitor progress of commitments on both sides.

Partnership Principles contd..

The agreed upon principles are as follows:

- Development is Somaliland-**owned** and Somaliland **led**
- Aid is **aligned**
- Aid operations are **designed and delivered in partnership with government institutions**
- Aid is provided in line with the **government budget cycle** - helps to strengthen government Public Financial Management (PFM) systems

Partnership Principles contd..

- Channeled through **preferred instruments** of the government - SDF
- Supports institutional capacity development
- Provided in a **coherent** and **coordinated** way and fragmentation is avoided
- **Transparent and predictable**
- Provided in a **conflict sensitive manner**

OWNERSHIP

Planning and Prioritization

- SSA based on National Development plan (2012-2016) on it.
- National Planning Commission (NPC) of Somaliland underwent a prioritization process of the NDP
- Made financing allocations from the Somaliland Development Fund (SDF) based on peacebuilding and state building criteria
- Repeated in 2014.

Area for improvement

- GoSL estimated the cost of NDP to be 1.2 billion
- The SSA has not been costed yet due to lack of capacity and technical assistance .
- The World Bank intends to provide this support under the Somaliland's Public Financial Management Reform Strategy.

ALIGNMENT

- Development partners are starting to refer to SSA objectives and targets.
- For example at the 6th High Level Aid Coordination Forum (HLACF), the United Kingdom, United States, the World Bank, and the United Nations identified which PSGs they would support.
- UN programmes, such as the Joint Programme on Local Governance, are currently undergoing a process to align their work with the SSA.

Area for Improvement

- A functioning Aid Information Management System (AIMS) needs to be strengthened also known as (DAD).
- Information about development partner activities and alignment has been difficult to capture.
- With the anticipated review of the AIMS, this information should be easier to assess in 2015.

HARMONIZATION

- Development aid coordination through the eight sector coordination working groups continues, with active participation from international organisations.
- Needs strengthening.
- Currently, the World Bank, the EU and the SDF Secretariat work closely together to minimize sector fragmentation in water, roads, environment, and agriculture.
- There is an increasing move towards a **division of labour** jointly, by government and development partners, e.g.
 - Public Financial Management
 - Civil Service Reform
 - Justice Sector Reform

HARMONIZATION cont...

Areas for improvement:

- Aid coordination at the sectoral level needs consolidated support because of its important nature at planning, prioritization, implementation and monitoring.
- The government needs to put forward proposals for support, with the assistance of technical and financial resources. This will assist in transparency and predictability
- To increase the effectiveness of the AIMS the World Bank and UNDP are planning to conduct a strategic review of the system to establish a well-functioning AIMS in 2015.
- This review will consider how aid flow information is embedded into national planning and budgeting processes.
- Currently, the SDF is the only fund which has ceilings for each year based on the funds available, it is the only fund that provides a degree of predictability.

USE OF COUNTRY SYSTEMS

- One of the New Deal principles reflected in the SSA is the commitment to strengthen and use country systems, For example:
- The USAID supported Transition Initiatives (TIS) Program incorporates the National Tender Board during its procurement processes.
- The SDF uses the National Planning Commission for prioritization, financing allocation and approval of projects presented by line ministries and agencies.
- SDF procurement is based on the proposed Procurement Bill which is to go before Parliament.
- The SDF also have an Incentive Fund – to be agreed
- The World Bank Multi Partner Fund (MPF) will serve as a vehicle for building and using country systems

CONFLICT SENSITIVITY

- It is strongly recommended that the Government and development partners cooperate in ensuring that their interventions are designed in a conflict-sensitive manner, adhering to 'Do no harm' principle
- It would be appreciated if the government would be consulted before any public statements or announcements to minimize conflicts to arise

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

In 2014, the HLACF approved the Monitoring and Evaluation framework of the Somaliland Special Arrangement (SSA). It will assess three core components which are:

- Aid effectiveness, will focus on key indicators relating to the quantity and quality of development cooperation in Somaliland.
- Milestones and results — which respectively focus attention on the process of implementing the SSA,
- Key outputs, and outcomes of development activities

THANK YOU