Quarterly Report:
Joint Programme for Support to the Electoral Process in the Federal Republic of Somalia

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CONTRIBUTING DONORS:
ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AWP Annual Work Plan
DFID Department for International Development
EISA Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa
FGS Federal Government of Somalia
HLPF High-Level Partnership Forum
IESG Integrated Electoral Support Group
JP Joint Programme
LOA Letter of Agreement
MOIFA Ministry of Interior and Federal Affairs
MPTF Multi Partner Trust Fund (UN)
NAM Needs Assessment Mission
NCF National Consultative Forum
NIEC National Independent Electoral Commission
PIP Project Initiation Plan
PSGs Peacebuilding and Statebuilding Goals
SDRF Somalia Development and Reconstruction Facility
SIDA Swedish International Development Agency
TST Technical Support Team
UNDP United Nations Development Programme
UNSOM UN Assistance Mission in Somalia
SECTION 1 – KEY DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

- This reporting period saw the rolling out of the “Joint Programme for Support to the Electoral Process in the Federal Republic of Somalia”. The Joint Programme was signed on 17 June 2015 and has an initial duration of six months. It brings together the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the UN Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM) to support Somalia to prepare for and hold credible elections through the provision of support to the National Independent Electoral Commission (NIEC), the development of the legal framework for elections and support to promote better understanding of the electoral process.

- The Joint Programme contributes directly to the Peacebuilding and Statebuilding Goal of Inclusive Politics (PSG 1) to “achieve a stable and peaceful federal Somalia through inclusive political processes”. The Joint Programme is implemented by the United Nations Integrated Electoral Support Group (IESG) working in partnership with the Ministry of Interior and Federal Affairs (MoIFA) and NIEC. The Programme builds on the work of its precursor, the Project Initiation Plan (PIP) which set the ground work for establishing the Joint Programme.

- Further to an earlier electoral needs assessment mission (NAM) undertaken in late 2013, the United Nations Department of Political Affairs deployed a pre-assessment team from 6-12 July 2015 to take stock of the situation in Somalia with regard to preparation for elections in 2016. The team noted that its interlocutors identified major challenges to conducting “one person one vote” elections in the originally envisaged timeline of 2016. The primary factor cited by those whom the team met was that overall progress in “Vision 2016” has come more slowly than originally expected.

- At the second Ministerial High-Level Partnership Forum (HLPF), held in Mogadishu on 29 and 30 July 2015, Somali leaders and constitutional institutions both at the federal and state levels were commended for their determination to deliver an electoral process in 2016. The HLPF agreed to a consultative process that would identify electoral options and endorsed guiding principles for the electoral process in 2016. Subsequently, a three-day meeting of federal and regional leaders took place in Mogadishu from 19-21 September 2015 which culminated in the launch of the National Consultative Forum (NCF) to discuss and decide on the most appropriate electoral model to ensure a transparent political transition in 2016.

- The second Programme Board meeting took place on 10 September 2015 at which donor partners agreed to expand the scope of the Joint Programme to include a separate output to support the Consultative Process and the 2016 electoral process. As a result of this decision the Joint Programme will adopt a twin-track approach: (i) support to the consultative process and implementation of the 2016 electoral process; and (ii) support to prepare and develop capacity to conduct universal elections and referendum in due course. A revision of the Programme Document to include the aforementioned output will also take place by the end of 2015.

- Funding for the Joint Programme is channeled through the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) with contributions received in this quarter from the Department for International Development (DFID)/United Kingdom, Italy, Norway and Sweden and finalization of an agreement with the European Union anticipated in the next quarter. In addition to contributions received through the MPTF the Joint Programme also benefits from in-kind contributions and funding support from UNSOM through the UN Integrated Electoral Support Group (IESG) and from UNDP core resources. The IESG comprises both UNSOM and UNDP staff who work together to implement and deliver the
Joint Programme. UNSOM provides half of the IESG’s staff, the IESG office and much of the IESG office equipment and security convoys.

- The NIEC commissioners were endorsed by Federal Parliament on 6 July 2015 and took their oath before Parliament on 21 July 2015. The selection and appointment of the Commissioners took place in line with procedures specified in the NIEC Law, adopted in February 2015. Expert advice during the drafting of the NIEC Law was provided by the IESG through the PIP. Subsequently, the nine-member commission, which includes two women, chose its chairperson, Ms. Halima Ismail Ibrahim, and deputy chairperson, Mr. Sayid Ali Sh. Mohamed.

- The appointment of the commissioners in July 2015 was a key milestone in the electoral process and enabled capacity development support to the NIEC to commence. The IESG advisers were able to meet regularly and work closely with the NIEC and held three workshops with the NIEC:
  - Workshop on electoral principles with the NIEC and MoIFA (3 August)
  - Workshop on electoral management and NIEC role and responsibilities (9-10 August)
  - Workshop on team building and strategic planning (28 September-2 October)

- As a direct result of these workshops the NIEC held its first press conference in Mogadishu on 10 August 2015, its 2nd press conference in Nairobi on 2 October 2015 and developed and shared its Vision and Mission statement and 12 month Action Plan on 2 October 2015.

- The NIEC moved into its interim office in August 2015 which was constructed, furnished and equipped through the Joint Programme.
### Section 2 – Progress Against Outputs & Planned Activities in Annual Work Plan

#### Output 1 – Physical Establishment of the NIEC

**Narrative update on Progress towards Output**

The NIEC commissioners were endorsed by Federal Parliament on 6 July 2015 and took their oath before Parliament on 21 July 2015. The selection and appointment of the Commissioners took place in line with procedures specified in the NIEC Law adopted in February 2015. Expert advice during the drafting of the NIEC Law was provided by the IESG through the PIP. In August 2015, the NIEC moved into its temporary office which was constructed, furnished and equipped by the Joint Programme. This enabled the Commissioners to become functional and operational as a commission quickly.

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<td>1. NIEC physically established</td>
<td>1. No NIEC in place</td>
<td>1. NIEC physically established and functional</td>
<td>1. After the endorsement and appointment of the Commissioners in July, the NIEC was provided with a temporary office built, furnished and equipped through the Joint Programme. Two rental vehicles were also provided to the NIEC as well as hotel accommodation for all commissioners.</td>
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#### Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan

- **Activity 1.1:** Construction work to rehabilitate interim premises for NIEC headquarters in Mogadishu
- **Activity 1.2:** Procurement of office equipment, furniture, 2 armoured vehicles for NIEC in Mogadishu
- **Activity 1.3:** Planning for and site assessment of a permanent location for NIEC headquarters in Mogadishu
- **Activity 1.4:** Provision of technical support: Architect and procurement specialist. One national procurement officer to be attached to MoIFA

#### Progress Against Activities

- 1.1. Through the Joint Programme the NIEC was provided with a temporary office in August 2015.
- 1.2. As part of the establishment of the NIEC office the Joint Programme provided the NIEC with office equipment and furniture. At the end of Q3, procurement of 9 non-armoured vehicles (preferred by the NIEC instead of 2 armoured vehicles) was initiated and delivery will take place in the next quarter. In the meantime two rental vehicles with drivers were provided to the NIEC.
- 1.3. Assessment of a site identified by the FGS for independent commissions was conducted in early 2015 and initial plans were drawn up for the site.
However as the site is not ideal and is no longer available there is a pressing need to identify another site for the NIEC’s permanent offices and warehouses for which the IESG is supporting the NIEC to locate suitable land.

- 1.4. NA at this stage

**Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements**

- Parliamentary decision on the appointment of the NIEC Commissioners.
- Construction of the NIEC office: On the spot monitoring by the Joint Programme and certification of completion of construction provided by the contractor.
OUTPUT 2 – NIEC SUPPORTED TO DEVELOP CAPACITY TO CONDUCT ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUM

Narrative update on Progress towards Output

During the reporting period, the Joint Programme organized 3 separate workshops with the NIEC on electoral principles (3 August); electoral management and NIEC role and responsibilities (9-10 August); and team building and strategic planning (28 September-2 October). As a direct result of these workshops the NIEC acquired a deeper understanding of the steps and tasks involved in organizing elections and its role and responsibilities. It also acquired the confidence and information needed to hold its first press conference in Mogadishu on 10 August 2015, its 2nd press conference in Nairobi on 2 October 2015 and developed a 12 month Action Plan and its Vision and Mission statement. The Action Plan sets out and prioritizes the NIEC’s key activities with an accompanying timeline. The NIEC’s Vision and Mission statement outlines its goal of building trust in the electoral process and safeguarding the aspirations of the Somali people. The Programme has been closely working with the NIEC on its organizational structure and is advising the NIEC on ToRs for key staff including the ToR of the Secretary-General who will head the NIEC Secretariat. To date, the Secretariat has not been yet established.

Output Indicators | Baseline | Annual Target | Progress to date
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1. NIEC Secretariat organizational structure in place | No NIEC organizational structure in place | NIEC organizational chart and ToRs developed | Not developed. The Programme has been closely working with the NIEC to advise Commissioners on an organizational structure.
2. Number of briefings, workshops, study tours and/or training sessions held for the NIEC | No capacity development carried out so far | At least 1 briefing or workshop for the NIEC to be held in six months | 3 - The Programme has supported 3 separate workshops on electoral principles, electoral management and strategic planning for the NIEC since July 2015 that have contributed to the NIEC acquiring a deeper understanding of the steps and tasks involved in organizing elections and its role and responsibilities.

Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan

- Activity 2.1: Support NIEC to develop its organizational structure, staff ToRs, NIEC budget, and planning and management processes

Progress Against Activities

- 2.1. The Programme is closely working with the NIEC to advise Commissioners on an organizational structure and ToRs for key staff
• Activity 2.2: Briefings, workshops, retreats, training and study tour(s) for NIEC
• Activity 2.3: Provision of technical expertise: Training adviser and other advisers/Consultants

including the ToR of the Secretary-General.

2.2. Workshops supported by the Joint Programme:
   o 3 August: A workshop on electoral principles with high-level delegates of MoIFA and the NIEC. A total of 15 persons (14 men and 1 woman) took part in the workshop.
   o 9 to 10 August: NIEC workshop on electoral management and principles and criteria for democratic elections; and roles and responsibilities of Members of the Commission. Supporting South-South cooperation and regional transfer of knowledge the Joint Programme invited the former Chairperson of the Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa to share with the NIEC her experiences and insights during this workshop. 8 commissioners (7 men and 1 woman) participated in the workshop.
   o 28 September to 2 October: Team building and strategic planning workshop for the NIEC. 8 persons (6 men and 2 women) took part in the workshop which resulted in the NIEC developing a 12 month Action Plan and its Vision and Mission statement.

2.3. The IESG expanded during this reporting period with the recruitment of the Chief Electoral Operations Adviser (UNDP); Training and Capacity Development Specialist (UNDP); External Relations Adviser (UNSOM); Public Outreach and Media Relations Adviser (UNSOM); Legal Adviser (UNSOM); and Logistics Adviser (UNSOM) to provide expertise and customized capacity development advisory support to the NIEC.

Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements
• Internal reporting and photographs of the workshops.
• NIEC Action Plan and Vision and Mission Statement.
OUTPUT 3 – LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUM DEVELOPED

Narrative update on Progress towards Output

During this reporting period political attention has been focused on the Consultative Process with attention on electoral legislation expected to pick up towards the end of the year once the electoral option for 2016 is agreed upon. The compilation of Somalia’s historical election laws is expected to be completed in the next quarter with the translation of six historic Somali laws from Italian into English completed within this reporting period.

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<td>1. Number of meetings and/or workshops with the parliamentary committee and Somali authorities responsible for drafting electoral legislation</td>
<td>4 meetings held in January 2015 with the parliamentary committee</td>
<td>At least 5 meetings to be held in six months</td>
<td>1. Due to the political attention given to the Consultative Process there was no progress in drafting of electoral legislation this quarter.</td>
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<td>2. Number of consultations and roundtables with stakeholders supported by the UN</td>
<td>No consultations/ roundtables held so far</td>
<td>At least 1 consultation/ roundtable to be held in six months</td>
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Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan

- Activity 3.1: Consultations, roundtables, meetings and workshops related to the development and drafting of electoral legislation
  - Workshop on electoral systems
  - National and regional consultations
- Activity 3.2: Compilation of Somalia’s previous (historical) electoral legislation
- Activity 3.3: Provision of technical expertise:
  - Electoral systems consultants and expert speakers for electoral systems workshop
  - Gender and elections specialist
  - National legal consultants

Progress Against Activities

- 3.1. Progress in this activity is likely to resume towards the end of quarter 4.
- 3.2 Translation of six historic Somali laws from Italian into English has been completed in this reporting period. The compilation of all historic electoral related laws is expected to be completed in Q4.
- 3.3 Progress in this activity will resume in quarter 4 with the recruitment of a Somali legal adviser for the Ministry of Interior and Federal Affairs (MoIFA)

Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements

- Translated documents.
**OUTPUT 4 – INCREASED UNDERSTANDING OF THE ELECTORAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND ELECTORAL PROCESSES AMONGST STAKEHOLDERS**

**Narrative update on Progress towards Output**

From 4 to 6 August 2015, the Joint Programme organized a three day introductory BRIDGE workshop on Strengthening Democratic Processes for 22 members of the Ministry of Interior and Federal Affairs (MOIFA). BRIDGE (Building Resources In Democracy, Governance and Elections) is an internationally recognized electoral training course. The thematic areas covered in the workshop included democratic principles, the electoral architecture (legislative framework – including international and regional instruments), electoral systems, the electoral cycle, working with stakeholders, public outreach and civic education. As a result of this training the Ministry is better positioned to develop and implement a work plan to support Somalia’s democratic transition. In addition, the Programme commenced work on developing a lexicon of electoral terminology and has so far translated 480 electoral terms and their definitions from English into Somali.

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<td>1. Number of roundtables and/or workshops to enhance understanding of electoral systems and electoral processes held for Somali authorities and stakeholders</td>
<td>1. No roundtables/workshops held so far</td>
<td>1. At least 1 roundtable/workshop to be held in six months</td>
<td>1. Introductory 3 day BRIDGE training on Strengthening Democratic Processes provided to 22 MOIFA staff (20 men and 2 women) from 4 to 6 August 2015.</td>
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<td>2. No lexicon exists so far</td>
<td>2. Lexicon developed</td>
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<td>3. No electoral-related factsheets developed so far</td>
<td>3. At least 1 factsheet to be developed in six months</td>
<td>2. 480 terms and their definitions have been translated from English into Somali as the first step in developing a lexicon of electoral terminology.</td>
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<td>NIEC law and its English translation not disseminated widely</td>
<td>NIEC law printed</td>
<td>3. A factsheet to promote public awareness on the role of the NIEC has been drafted and finalization is expected in the next quarter.</td>
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<td>2. Development and printing of an English-Somali lexicon of electoral terminology</td>
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<td>3. Development and printing of electoral-related material and factsheets; and printing of the NIEC law</td>
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**Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan**

**Progress Against Activities**

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• Activity 4.1: Consultations, roundtables, meetings and workshops related to increasing understanding and awareness raising
• Activity 4.2: Development and printing of an English-Somali lexicon of electoral terminology
• Activity 4.3: Development and printing of electoral-related material and factsheets; printing of the NIEC law; and development of an outreach program
• Activity 4.4: Provision of technical expertise:
  - Civic/Voter Education specialist
  - Translation, graphic design and website design services

• 4.1. From 4 to 6 August, the project organized a three day introductory BRIDGE workshop on Strengthening Democratic Processes for 22 members (20 men and 2 women) of the Ministry of Interior and Federal Affairs (MoIFA)
• 4.2. As the first step in developing the lexicon 480 terms and their definitions have been translated from English into Somali.
• 4.3. A factsheet on the role of the NIEC has been drafted and finalization is expected in the next quarter.
• 4.4 The UNSOM Public Outreach and Media Relations Adviser whose work includes civic/voter education took up her position this quarter. The ToR for website services for the NIEC was developed and will be advertised in the next quarter.

Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements
• Translated draft electoral lexicon.
**Output 5 – Coordination of Electoral Assistance**

**Narrative update on Progress towards Output**

The IESG continues to participate in the PSG1 working group and sub-working group meetings and to hold bilateral meetings with donors and other electoral assistance providers. Preparations have been made for an electoral coordination meeting with the NIEC, donor partners and electoral assistance providers to be held on 2 October 2015 in Nairobi. The IESG also shared in this reporting period its first newsletter (July-August) with donor partners to inform them of the latest electoral developments. Coordination was also undertaken with the Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA) for it to support the NIEC to hold briefings with civil society networks.

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<td>1. Number of coordination and information-sharing meetings held</td>
<td>1. Only bilateral information-sharing meetings held so far</td>
<td>1. Coordination mechanism established and functioning</td>
<td>1. Preparation for an electoral coordination meeting scheduled for 2 October in Nairobi. Ongoing bilateral meetings.</td>
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<td>2. Matrix mapping out electoral assistance undertaken by different providers</td>
<td>2. No matrix developed so far</td>
<td>2. Matrix developed and updated regularly</td>
<td>2. A draft matrix is being developed and will be shared in quarter 4.</td>
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**Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan**

- Activity 5.1: Information-sharing and coordination meetings
- Activity 5.2: Development and updating of a matrix mapping out electoral assistance undertaken by different providers

**Progress Against Activities**

- 5.1. The IESG participated in PSG1 Working Group meetings on 2 July and 10 September 2015 as well as the PSG 1 Sub-Working Group meeting on elections held on 9 September. The IESG also shared its first newsletter (July-August) with donor partners to inform them of the latest electoral developments.
- 5.2 A draft matrix is being developed and will be shared in quarter 4.

**Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements**

- Minutes of PSG1 Sub Working Group and Working Group meetings.
- IESG newsletter.
**OUTPUT 6 – SUPPORT TO THE 2016 ELECTORAL PROCESS**

**Narrative update on Progress towards Output**

This is a new output which was endorsed at the Programme Board meeting on 10 September 2015 to support the Consultative Process to arrive at an electoral option and to support the implementation of that option in 2016. Initial support for the Consultative Process commenced with the provision of logistical support for the high-level meeting of federal and regional leaders in Mogadishu from 19-21 September which culminated in the launch of the National Consultative Forum (NCF). The NCF will play a decisive role to review the outcome of public consultations on electoral options and agree on the most appropriate electoral process for 2016. Delegates from the Galmadug Interim Administration were supported to travel to Mogadishu for the launch. Technical advice was also provided to UN leadership and the FGS on the Consultative Process. The Programme is currently in the process of hiring two advisers for the Technical Support Team (TST) that will support the conduct of the Consultative Process who will commence their work in October.

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<td>1. Number of consultative rounds held at federal and state/regional level</td>
<td>1. NA</td>
<td>1. Consultative Process held at federal level and in all states and regions (at least 6 consultations)</td>
<td>1. Launch of the National Consultative Forum (NCF) on 21 September 2015 in Mogadishu</td>
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**Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan**

- Activity 6.2: Provision of logistical support to the National Consultative Forum (NCF), the Task Force, the Technical Support Team (TST) and consultations in Mogadishu and regions.

**Progress Against Activities**

- 6.1. The Programme initiated the recruitment process for two advisers to the Technical Support Team (TST) who will commence their work in October.
- 6.2. Delegates from the Galmadug Interim Administration were supported to travel to Mogadishu for the high-level meeting of federal and regional leaders from 19-21 September which culminated in the launch of the National Consultative Forum (NCF)
- 6.3. The Programme provided technical advice to UN leadership and FGS on the Consultative Process. The Consultative Process will involve a series of public consultations to obtain feedback on electoral options which will be presented to the National Consultative Forum (NCF) for its review and agreement on the most appropriate electoral process for 2016.

**Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements**

- Joint communiqué by federal and regional leaders on the launch of the National Consultative Forum (21 September)
**OUTPUT 7 – PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

Narrative update on Progress towards Output

Programme management staff expanded in this quarter with the arrival of a Planning, Implementation and Coordination Specialist, Procurement Assistant and detail assignments for an Operations Specialist and Procurement Analyst. The 2nd Programme Board meeting was held on 10 September 2015 at which the Board agreed to expand the scope of the Programme by adding a separate output for the Consultative Process and adopting a twin-track approach to support (i) the consultative process and implementation of the 2016 electoral process; and (ii) to prepare and develop capacity to conduct universal elections and referendum in due course.

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<td>2. Full programme document developed after the establishment of the NIEC and in line with recommendations of a follow-up UN Needs Assessment Mission (NAM) in 2015</td>
<td>2. Project Initiation Plan (PIP) set up in 2014 and Joint Programme being set up</td>
<td>2. Full programme document developed</td>
<td>2. At the Programme Board meeting on 10 September, donor partners agreed to extend the scope of the Joint Programme with the inclusion of support to the 2016 electoral process. A revised programme document is being developed.</td>
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**Planned Activities as per Annual Work Plan**

- Activity 7.1: Staffing: Deputy Chief Electoral Adviser, Planning, Implementation and Coordination Specialist and operations, administrative, finance, reporting and M&E personnel.
- Activity 7.1a: Support to MoIFA for the establishment and timely operationalization of the NIEC which includes a senior national coordination

**Progress Against Activities**

- 7.1. The Planning, Implementation and Coordination Specialist and the Procurement Assistant are both onboard. Recruitment for the positions of Operations Specialist, Finance Specialist and Administrative and Finance Assistant have been completed and the successful candidates are expected to take up their positions in the next quarter.
adviser, a national operations officer, a national finance officer and a national reporting officer

- Activity 7.2: Office, IT and communications equipment and one armoured vehicle
  - Office, IT and communications
  - One armoured vehicle
- Activity 7.2a: Support to MoIFA for office equipment and communications for MoIFA staff with responsibility for democratization and elections
- Activity 7.3: Development of a full project document after the establishment of the NIEC and in line with recommendations of a follow-up UN Needs Assessment Mission (NAM) in 2015
- Activity 7.4: Meetings of the Project Board
- Communications Support / Operations Support / Security Equipment and Support

**Sources of Evidence for Results Progress and Achievements**

- IESG organigram and HR files.
- Minutes of the Programme Board meeting of 10 September 2015

7.1.a. A Senior Technical Elections Advisor was recruited in May 2015 to work with MoIFA and continues to work with MoIFA.
7.2. The IESG office is operational and an armoured vehicle for the team has been procured with expected delivery in the next quarter.
7.2.a. NA
7.3. The Programme Document is being revised and is expected to be endorsed by the end of 2015.
7.4. The second Programme Board meeting was held on 10 September 2015.
SECTION 3 – GENDER

○ NIEC: women’s participation

In keeping with the minimum gender requirements prescribed in the NIEC law, two out of the nine individuals recommended as NIEC commissioners are women. The NIEC elected Ms. Halima Ismail Ibrahim as their chairperson.

○ IESG gender balance

The number of IESG staff members increased during the 3rd quarter and currently 41.6% of international staff members are women (5 out of 12).

○ Gender perspective in the provision of advice and during workshops and trainings

The promotion of gender equality and participation of women is incorporated in all advice provided by the IESG to the NIEC, MoIFA and to the FGS on the Consultative Process. Additionally, the Joint Programme invited Dr. Brigalia Bam, former Chair of the Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa, to one of the workshops with the NIEC to provide insights from her experience and as an example of a woman in an electoral leadership role. The IESG is also recommending the establishment of a gender unit within the NIEC and for more women to be included in the Consultative Process.
SECTION 4 – CHALLENGES / LESSONS LEARNT

- Benefits of a UNDP/UNSOM Joint Programme

The Joint Programme has been successful in combining and harnessing the expertise and resources of UNDP and UNSOM to deliver effectively as one. The Programme benefits from bringing together electoral expertise and programme and fund management expertise. The UN Integrated Electoral Support Group (IESG) comprising both UNDP and UNSOM members acts as one team to deliver the outputs of the Joint Programme and are able to draw on resources channeled through UNDP (MPTF) and UNSOM as well benefit from collaborative synergies with other UNDP and UNSOM sections such as political and constitutional affairs.

- Political uncertainty as a challenge

One of the main challenges for the Joint Programme is political uncertainty around the electoral process for 2016 and the timelines for universal or “one person one vote” elections and the constitutional referendum that impacts considerably on medium and long-term planning. In a fluid and sensitive situation developing and maintaining good working relations, flexibility and regular communication with all partners and within institutions has become even more critical in order for the UN Integrated Electoral Support Group (IESG) to adapt to changing timelines and priorities and to deliver on the Joint Programme.
## Section 5 – Risk Management

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<td>Political / Strategic</td>
<td>There is a risk that the 2016 electoral process will draw attention and resources away from the preparations and capacity development required for eventual universal/“one person one vote” elections.</td>
<td>The Joint Programme, with donor agreement, has adopted a twin-track approach to support the 2016 electoral process while simultaneously supporting capacity development and preparations for universal elections and referendum in due course that includes support for capacity development of the NIEC and development of the legal framework.</td>
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<td>Political / Strategic</td>
<td>Delay in reaching agreement on an electoral option for 2016 could result in a very compressed timeframe in which to prepare and conduct the electoral process in 2016 prior to the expiration of the term of the Federal Parliament.</td>
<td>UN leadership to continue ongoing high-level engagement with the FGS and regional leaders to ensure the Consultative Process to agree on an electoral option for 2016 stays on track.</td>
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<td>Political / Strategic</td>
<td>Delay in defining the role of the NIEC in the Consultative Process and in implementing the electoral option in 2016 risks delaying the NIEC’s preparations for 2016.</td>
<td>UN leadership and the NIEC to continue its engagement with the FGS and regional leaders to clarify the NIEC’s role.</td>
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<td>Security</td>
<td>Security conditions adversely impact the frequency with which UN advisers can work closely with MoIFA, NIEC, Parliament and stakeholders.</td>
<td>UN to use alternative means such as videoconferencing or use offices at Villa Nabad to meet with counterparts and stakeholders.</td>
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1 Environmental; Financial; Operational; Organizational; Political; Regulatory; Security; Strategic; Other.
### SECTION 6 – MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

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<th>Monitoring Activity</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Description &amp; Comments</th>
<th>Key Findings / Recommendations</th>
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<td>Programme Board Meeting</td>
<td>10 September 2015</td>
<td>Electoral and programme updates</td>
<td>Expansion of the programme’s scope to include an output for the 2016 electoral process and endorsement of a twin-track approach to support the 2016 electoral process and to prepare for universal elections and the referendum in due course.</td>
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<td>UN Electoral Pre-Assessment Mission</td>
<td>6 to 12 July 2015</td>
<td>To take stock of the situation in Somalia with regard to preparation for elections in 2016.</td>
<td>Interlocutors identified major challenges to conducting “one person one vote” elections in the originally envisaged timeline of 2016.</td>
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<td>Construction site visits</td>
<td>July-August 2015</td>
<td>Construction of a temporary office for the NIEC.</td>
<td>Construction was completed satisfactorily and the office ready for occupancy.</td>
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## SECTION 7 – FINANCIAL REPORT

### Support to the Electoral Process


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<th>Donor</th>
<th>Total funds committed</th>
<th>Available resources for the year</th>
<th>Contribution as % of AWP</th>
<th>Expenditure</th>
<th>Balance[1]</th>
<th>% Delivery</th>
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<td>Norway</td>
<td>14,819</td>
<td>14,819</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>16,313</td>
<td>(1,494)</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>SIDA</td>
<td>250,000</td>
<td>250,000</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>163,376</td>
<td>86,624</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>UNDP (TRAC)</td>
<td>683,333</td>
<td>683,333</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>454,319</td>
<td>229,014</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>MPTF</td>
<td>2,710,450</td>
<td>1,304,721</td>
<td>36%</td>
<td>974,028</td>
<td>330,693</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>3,658,602</td>
<td>2,252,873</td>
<td>62%</td>
<td>1,608,036</td>
<td>644,837</td>
<td>44%</td>
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[1] Balance = Available resources + Expenditure - Expenditure
## ANNEX 1: TRAINING DATA

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<th>#</th>
<th>Target Group</th>
<th>Dates</th>
<th># of participants</th>
<th>Title of the training</th>
<th>Location of training</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>High-level delegates of MoIFA and the NIEC Commissioners</td>
<td>3 August 2015</td>
<td>14 M, 1 F</td>
<td>Electoral principles</td>
<td>Mogadishu</td>
<td>UN</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>MOIFA staff</td>
<td>4 to 6 August 2015</td>
<td>20 M, 2 F</td>
<td>Strengthening Democratic Processes: Introductory BRIDGE course</td>
<td>Mogadishu</td>
<td>UN certified BRIDGE facilitator</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>NIEC Commissioners</td>
<td>9 and 10 August 2015</td>
<td>7 M, 1 F</td>
<td>Electoral management</td>
<td>Mogadishu</td>
<td>UN</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>NIEC Commissioners</td>
<td>29 September to 2 October 2015</td>
<td>7 M, 2 F</td>
<td>Teambuilding, Strategic Planning and Electoral assistance coordination</td>
<td>Nairobi</td>
<td>UN and teambuilding facilitator</td>
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