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**OBJECTIVE**

UNDP supports inclusive political processes at all levels in order to achieve a constitutional settlement that can provide the basis for:

- a new social contract, and
- effective, open and accountable government that enjoys widespread legitimacy, attracts popular support and provides for equitable and sustainable development and peace.
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 National Development Plan and in close coordination with One UN partner agencies.

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

- **FINALIZED CONSTITUTION** -
  A constitutional settlement agreed by all major stakeholders and completed within the mandated timeline.

- **NATIONAL DIALOGUE** -
  A process of constitutional review based on national dialogue and public consultation with the Somali people and all key stakeholders.

- **CIVIC UNDERSTANDING** -
  Broad-based civic education, outreach and engagement programmes (including programmes implemented by all key actors) to ensure that people across society understand their constitutional rights and duties.

- **CONSENSUS** -
  The resolution of contentious issues at all levels by ensuring that every stakeholder can participate meaningfully in the constitutional review process.

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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

▶ Supported FGS to establish a National Technical Working Group for Federalization, resulting in a political agreement on electoral models and petroleum resource sharing signed by FGS and FMS in 2018.
▶ Supported Ministry of Constitutional Affairs (MOCA) to hold a National Constitutional Convention with 500 participants from across Somalia for the launch of the constitutional review process.
▶ Supported FGS to establish the MOCA Forum, Parliamentary Oversight Committee (OC) and joint meetings for coordination between FGS and FMS institutions.
▶ Supported FGS on technical review of the Provisional Constitution.
▶ Supported the OC to develop rules for adoption of proposed amendments to the Provisional Constitution that are currently being debated by both Houses of the Federal Parliament.
▶ Supported constitutional review bodies to develop a common strategy and a workplan.

PRIORITIES FOR 2020

▶ Support government to draft legal options to reach consensus on contentious issues.
▶ Support MOCA to facilitate consultations toward a political settlement with inter-ministerial teams at the FGS level.
▶ Support government to facilitate consultations between FGS, FMS and civil society on the reviewed chapters of the Provisional Constitution.
▶ Support the drafting of final legal options after completion of the consultation process.
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

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IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

MOCA: Ministry of Constitutional Affairs
FMS-MOCAs: Ministries of Constitutional Affairs in the Federal Member States
NFP: National Federal Parliament

SUPPORT

DONORS

Our work on constitutional reform would not be possible without the generous support of:

- Denmark
- Norway
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- UK