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Federal Government of Somalia is pleased to present the highlights of the latest engagements and initiatives undertaken by the Ministry during this month February 2024.



Senior Leadership Meeting

The Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia held a high-level meeting chaired by H.E. Mohamud A. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene). The meeting was primarily focused on discussing critical strategic issues related to the implementation of the National Development Plan (NDP-9) and the Ministry's five strategic plans, which were launched earlier this year. During the meeting, the leadership also engaged in a detailed resource mobilization strategy discussion, exploring the best possible ways to mobilize resources for the successful implementation of the development plans. The meeting also reviewed the Official Direct Assistance (ODA) analysis report for the years 2022 and 2023 with a view to identifying any gaps and areas for improvement. Furthermore, the meeting discussed the efforts required to achieve the Ministry's vision and objectives. They explored various measures that could be taken to ensure that the desired outcomes are achieved in a timely and efficient manner.



Meeting with Parliamentary Sub-Committee

A delegation from the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, led by the Honourable Mohamud A. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene), held a highly productive meeting with the Parliamentary sub-committee on Budgetary, Planning, and Accountability of the Federal Parliament of Somalia. During the meeting, the delegation and the sub-committee discussed a range of issues, including the achievements of the Ministry over the past year, plans for 2024, and ways to enhance collaboration between the Ministry and the sub-committee to maximize transparency and accountability. It is worth noting that the sub-committee plays a critical oversight role in monitoring the activities and performance of the Ministry. Therefore, the discussions focused on ways to strengthen the relationship between the two entities and ensure that the Ministry's operations are aligned with the national development agenda. Overall, the meeting was conducted in a cordial and constructive atmosphere, with both parties expressing their commitment to working together towards achieving the economic development goals of Somalia.



Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Exercise

The Monitoring and Evaluation Department under the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, In collaboration with Monitoring and Evaluation teams from the Federal Government of Somalia, Federal Member States and Banadir Regional Administration of line ministries within the Social Pillar conducted a joint Monitoring and Evaluation exercise in the Federal Member States and Banadir Regional Administration. The main objective of this collaboration was to conduct a joint M&E exercise in the Federal Member States and Banadir Regional Administration to assess the ongoing UNICEF-funded projects. The exercise aimed at measuring the achievements of these projects, identifying the challenges faced, and learning lessons from the experiences. The ultimate goal was to gather recommendations for evidence-based decisions that would help enhance social services across the country. This concerted effort marks a significant step towards improving the quality and effectiveness of social service delivery in Somalia.



Launching the Second Phase of Joint Resilience Program (JRP 2.0)

The Ministry of Planning, Investment, and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia has taken a significant step towards improving the living standards of the Somali people by launching the second phase of the Joint Resilience Program (JRP 2.0). This program aims to address various challenges the communities face, including limited access to essential services, food insecurity, and inadequate livelihood opportunities. The JRP 2.0 program aligns with the goals outlined in the National Development Plan (NDP) and emphasizes sustainable development to meet present and future needs. The program is designed to provide critical assistance in these areas and help improve the lives of people across four districts in the Puntland and Galmudug regions of Somalia. The JRP 2.0 program is a comprehensive initiative that addresses the root causes of poverty and vulnerability, promoting resilience among the most vulnerable communities. The program includes improving access to water, sanitation, and hygiene, enhancing agricultural productivity, promoting sustainable natural resource management, and providing better healthcare services. Overall, the JRP 2.0 program is expected to significantly impact Somalia, improving millions of people's lives by providing them with essential services, livelihood opportunities, and food security. The Joint Resilience Program 2.0 is a collaborative effort between the Somali Government, UNICEF, and WFP, funded with the support of the German Cooperation Agency (KfD).



Food Security Coordination Meeting

The Ministry of Planning, Investment, and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia organized a crucial event to address food security coordination in the country. This event gathered together line ministers from the economic development pillar to discuss the nexus between food security, economic growth, and stability. The Director-General, Mohamed Shire, presided over the meeting and emphasized the importance of modernizing agricultural practices and diversifying the economy to fortify food security in the country.

During the meeting, the participants discussed various strategies to improve food security in Somalia. They underlined the urgency of adopting modern agricultural practices, diversifying the economy, and investing in technology to enhance food production and distribution. The Economic Outlook Report was also a major highlight of the meeting, as the participants emphasized its significance in shaping investment and policy decisions. As the meeting concluded, a unified call resounded for collaboration between federal institutions and Federal Member States. All participants expressed their shared commitment towards achieving economic development and food security for all Somalis. It was a fruitful and productive event highlighting the importance of coordination and collaboration in achieving food security and economic growth.



Progress in Durable Solutions Projects

Zahra Abdi Mohamed, the Director of Poverty Reduction and Durable Solutions at the Ministry of Planning, Investment, and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, held a meeting with the Director Generals of Southwest State Ministries and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) office in Somalia. The meeting primarily focused on discussing the progress and acceleration of durable solution programs per the National Durable Solutions Strategy and South West Action Plan. As part of her working visit to Baidoa, South West State of Somalia, the Director also met with representatives from the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and Qatar Charity. During the meeting, they discussed the progress and achievements of durable programs and projects. The meeting was a crucial step towards ensuring the success of durable solution programs in the region, and it is hoped that the discussions will lead to the implementation of sustainable solutions that will help alleviate poverty and promote economic development in Somalia.



Meeting with Denmark Ambassador

The Minister of Planning, Investment, and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mohamud A. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene), recently held a meeting with Steen Sonne Andersen, the Ambassador of Denmark in Somalia. The meeting focused on Denmark's five-year bilateral development program and its relationship with Somalia. The discussion emphasized the importance of prioritizing initiatives that address immediate concerns, such as climate change and resilience, while also considering long-term initiatives that aim to empower Somali communities and facilitate sustainable development. During the meeting, both parties highlighted the need to utilize the country's existing system to ensure the effectiveness and sustainability of these initiatives. The Minister and the Ambassador recognized the significance of promoting Somali ownership and involvement in the development process, as well as the importance of building local capacity and expertise. Overall, the meeting was productive and highlighted the shared commitment of Denmark and Somalia towards promoting sustainable development and improving the lives of Somali people.



Safety Training for MoPIED Personnel

Mohamed Shire, the Director-General of the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, has kicked off a comprehensive two-day training program aimed at enhancing health and security awareness among the Ministry's staff this month. The objective of the training was to ensure the safety and well-being of all personnel working in the Ministry, thereby creating a secure and healthy work environment. The training sessions were conducted by professionals and included interactive presentations on first aid, security, and risk management. These presentations provided the staff with practical knowledge and skills to manage emergency situations effectively. Additionally, a practical outdoor demonstration of fire safety was conducted to equip the staff with essential skills and knowledge in case of a fire emergency. The training program was designed to be practical and interactive, allowing staff members to ask questions, participate in discussions, and share their experiences. The program was highly successful, and the staff members actively engaged in the training sessions, gaining valuable insights and skills to manage emergency situations better. Overall, the training program was a significant step towards ensuring the safety and well-being of the Ministry's staff and creating a secure and healthy work environment.



Meeting with Investment Sub-Committee

The Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mohamud A. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene), accompanied by Deputy Minister H.E. Mohamed Abdikadir Ali and Director General Mohamed Shire met with the investment sub-committee of the House of the People of the Federal Parliament of Somalia. Both sides discussed the Investment Promotion Agency bill in great detail during the meeting. Minister Farah and his team answered insightful and thought-provoking questions from committee members, who were keen to learn more about the proposed legislation before its review and second reading. The meeting was productive, and all parties involved expressed their commitment to promoting investment and economic growth in Somalia.



Macroeconomic and Human Impacts of El Nino Floods

The Monitoring and Evaluation Department of the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of Somalia, led by Director Mohamud Said Nur, participated in a crucial meeting organized by the Somalia Disaster Management Agency (SoDMA). The meeting aimed to discuss and develop a comprehensive report highlighting the macroeconomic and human impacts of the El Nino floods that have recently affected the country. The meeting was crucial as the report will estimate loss, damage, and immediate to long-term recovery needs. Representatives from various Ministries, Departments, and Agencies attended the meeting and provided invaluable contributions and recommendations. These contributions and recommendations will be integrated into the final plan, which is expected to play a crucial role in the post-disaster recovery process. Overall, the meeting was a significant step towards providing much-needed support to those affected by the floods, and the Ministry of Planning, Investment, and Economic Development of Somalia's Monitoring and Evaluation Department, led by Director Mohamud Said Nur, played a vital role in ensuring the success of the meeting.



Annual Work Plan and Achievement Review Meeting

The Honorable Minister of Planning, Investment, and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mohamud A. Sheikh Farah (Beene-beene), met with the Monitoring and Evaluation department as part of his routine engagement with various ministry departments. The purpose of the meeting was to review the progress made so far in the effective implementation of the 2023 Annual Work Plan and to present this year's Annual Work Plan aligned with the Ministry's Five-Year Strategic Plan. During the meeting, the Minister emphasized the importance of adhering to the timelines, milestones, and deliverables outlined in the plan and ensuring that resources are allocated appropriately to achieve the Ministry's objectives. The meeting was an excellent opportunity for the department to share their insights and progress reports with the Minister and receive feedback on how to best overcome any challenges that may arise in the future.



Consultation on Upcoming Development Coordination Forum

The Director-General of the Ministry of Planning, Investment, and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, Mohamed Shire, held a meeting with Permanent Secretaries/Director-Generals from various line ministries of the Federal Government of Somalia. These ministries included Ministries of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Finance, Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation, Health, Education and Higher Education, Labor and Social Affairs, and Environment and Climate Change. The primary objective of the meeting was to prepare for the upcoming Development Coordination Forum by discussing and refining the government's priorities in alignment with the National Development Plan. The participants formulated a draft meeting agenda and agreed to schedule a meeting with Pillar Working Group leads to finalize the agenda before the main Development Coordination Forum occurs. This collaborative effort aims to ensure that the government's priorities are effectively communicated and aligned with the PWG's objectives. This, in turn, will facilitate better coordination and successful implementation of development initiatives.



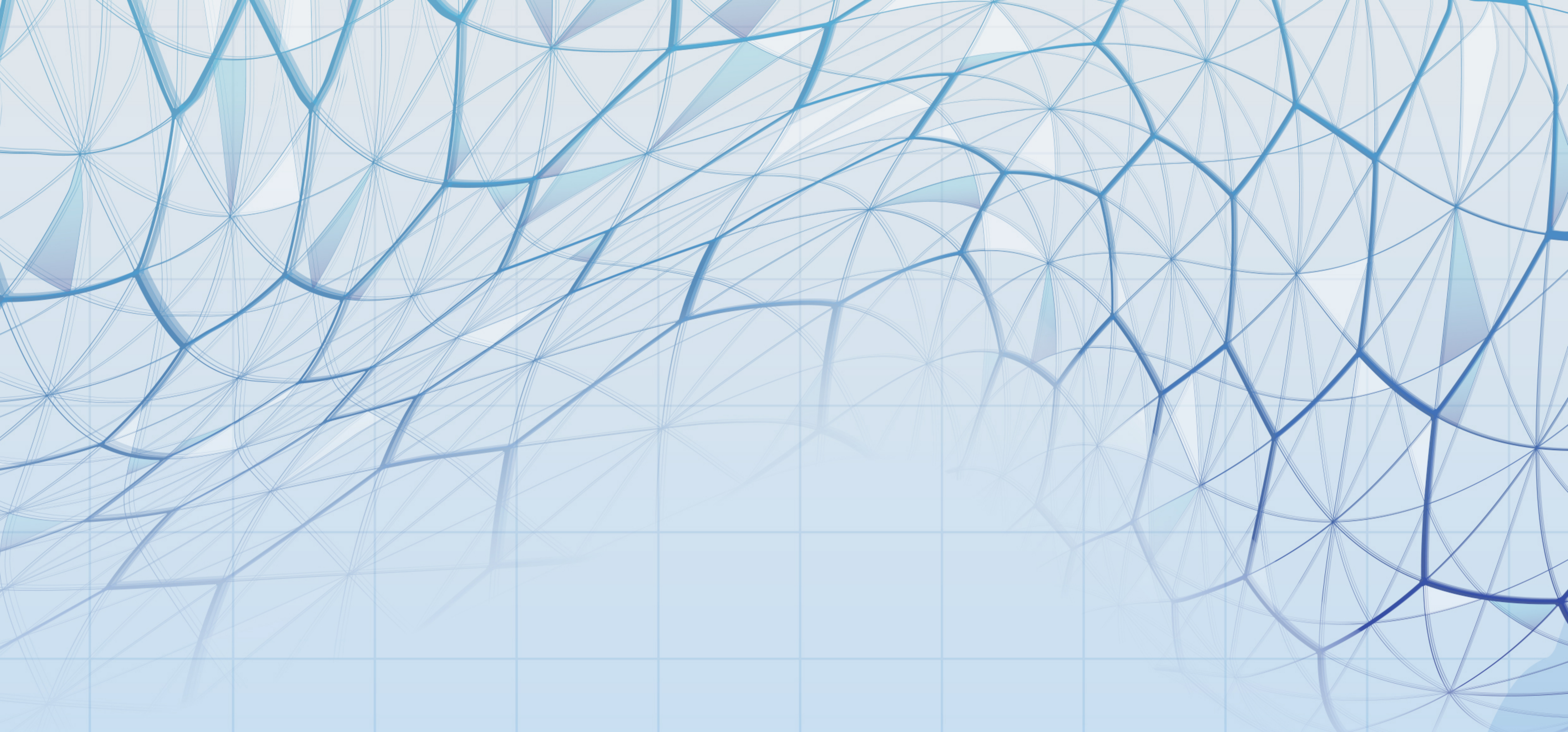
Meeting with UN Country Team

The Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mohamud A. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene), held a meeting with the United Nations Country Team, led by George Conway, to discuss important matters regarding the relocation of UN agencies to Somalia and collaboration on developing the National Development Plan-10 (NDP-10). The meeting was attended by Director-General Mohamed Shire and senior officials from the Ministry, where they discussed the impact of frequent climatic shocks on the country's economy and the efforts of the government and partners to strengthen resilience in the face of such challenges. The discussions also highlighted the effective implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit's (FSNAU) handover process. The meeting was an opportunity for the Minister to share his views on the critical importance of collaboration between the government and the UN agencies in addressing the country's economic challenges and developing long-term solutions for sustainable development. The discussions were productive and fruitful, with both parties agreeing to continue working closely together for the benefit of the Somali people.



Meeting with WFP Somalia Monitoring and Evaluation Team

The Monitoring and Evaluation Department of the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of Somalia, led by Director Mohamud Said Nur, held a meeting with Mr Muzafar KAEMDIN, the head of Monitoring and Evaluation at the World Food Program's Somalia office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss various ways to improve cooperation on the monitoring and evaluation of WFP projects in Somalia. The two parties agreed that fostering collaboration, ensuring accountability, and regularly evaluating aid and resilience programs were essential to achieving this goal. The meeting was very productive and fruitful, and both parties expressed their commitment to working together to achieve their shared objectives.



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