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# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## JULY 2025 HIGHLIGHTS





## GENERAL OVERVIEW

July 2025 was defined by stronger coordination with partners, investment facilitation, and measurable progress on national monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems. The Federal Government and the UN met in Mogadishu to review the 2021–2025 Cooperation Framework and chart the 2026–2030 agenda across governance, economic growth, social services, and climate resilience. The Ministry introduced the e-NIMIS digital M&E platform at the Social Development Pillar subcommittee, advancing data collection and performance tracking.

Capacity-building featured prominently: an M&E study visit to Uganda produced concrete outputs—including a learning report, cooperation with the Uganda Evaluation Association, and a work plan to strengthen Somalia’s evaluation system. A two-day technical meeting with JICA focused on youth employment and entrepreneurship for vulnerable groups.

On investment and cooperation, SOMINVEST engaged the Saudi Ambassador to deepen investment ties, while the Ministry launched the sixth “Investment Opportunities” report on professional services. Strategic policy dialogue also continued through consultations with the World Bank on Somalia’s first Country Climate and Development Report (CCDR).



## MINISTER'S MESSAGE



*Fellow Somalis and partners, This month, we took practical steps to align cooperation and finance with our national priorities under the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029) and Vision 2060. At the Government-UN Joint Steering Committee, we set a clear course for the 2026–2030 cooperation framework, centring on good governance, economic opportunity, social services, and climate resilience.*

*We are investing in systems that deliver results. The e-NIMIS platform and our Uganda study visit mark a decisive shift toward evidence-based planning and accountability across government. We are equally committed to jobs and private-sector growth, engaging development partners like JICA on youth employment and promoting investment, including through sectoral analysis and dialogue with international investors.*

*Our direction is consistent and forward-looking: mobilise fair and sustainable finance, strengthen institutions, and create opportunities for all. For their dedication, and I invite all stakeholders to continue aligning efforts with the NTP for a more resilient and prosperous Somalia.*

**H.E. Mohamud C. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene)**  
**Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development**

## MONITORING & EVALUATION DEPARTMENT COMPLETES STUDY VISIT ON BUILDING A NATIONAL



**Mogadishu, 28 July 2025** – The Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia held a consultative meeting in Mogadishu to review Save the Children’s Somalia Strategy (2025–2027).

The discussion examined in depth how the new strategy would align with the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029) and ensure it reflects the country’s real needs—especially for children, education, social protection, and the development of essential services.

The session was officially opened by the Ministry’s Director General, Mr. Mohamed Shire, and attended by Director Generals from federal agencies, directors from various departments of the Ministry, and representatives of Save the Children.

## MINISTER OF PLANNING MEETS THE AMBASSADOR OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA TO SOMALIA



**Mogadishu, 28 July 2025** – The Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development, H.E. Mohamud A. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene), received Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Somalia, H.E. Ahmed bin Mohammed Al-Mawlid.

The meeting focused on strengthening development cooperation between the two countries, with particular emphasis on

on aligning Saudi grants with the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029). The two officials also underscored the importance of encouraging Saudi investment in Somalia amid growing interest from Saudi investors.

The Minister affirmed the Ministry’s commitment to facilitating these opportunities to advance bilateral cooperation and thanked the Kingdom for its consistent support to Somalia.



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Kampala, 26 July 2025 – The Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Department of the Ministry concluded a five-day working visit to Kampala, Uganda, aimed at enhancing knowledge and practical experience in establishing and implementing monitoring and evaluation systems for development programs. The visit, held from 21–25 July 2025, focused on peer learning and analysis of Uganda’s evaluation system—recognized as advanced, efficient, and embedded within government structures. Particular attention was paid to the pivotal role of the Uganda Evaluation Association (UEA) in advancing evaluation policy, strengthening evaluators’ skills, and promoting an evidence-based and accountable culture. During the visit, the delegation held productive meetings with the Office of the President, Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Finance, National Planning

Authority, the Uganda Evaluation Association (UEA), and the Uganda Management Institute. M&E officials observed first-hand the working methods of these institutions, especially how they implement quality evaluations that support sustainable development, national planning, and government performance tracking. The study visit produced: a comprehensive learning report on Uganda’s evaluation practices; recommendations and insights for establishing a National Association of Evaluators in Somalia; cooperation agreements between the M&E Department and UEA to strengthen experience-sharing and training; and a work plan to support strengthening Somalia’s monitoring and evaluation system. The Ministry views this visit as an important step in strengthening public institutions and building a sustainable national evaluation system that can underpin development planning. It also deepens regional cooperation and Somalia’s contribution to implementing the African Union’s Agenda 2063.

## TECHNICAL MEETING TO ACCELERATE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT



**Mogadishu, 23 July 2025** – In collaboration with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the Ministry concluded a two-day technical meeting in Nairobi focused on youth employment and entrepreneurship for vulnerable groups.

The Ministries of Commerce & Industry and of Labour & Social Affairs also participated.

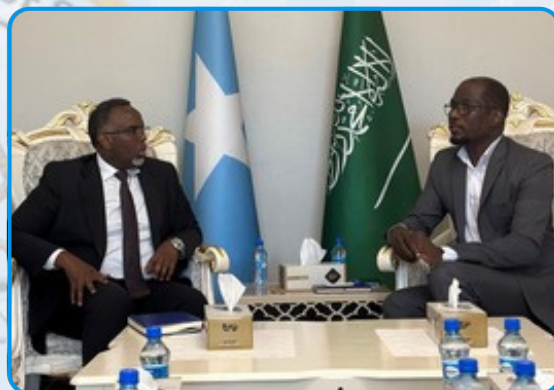
The sessions reviewed progress of earlier programs and strengthened plans to build institutional capacity and improve service quality.

## SOMINVEST AND THE SAUDI AMBASSADOR DISCUSS STRENGTHENING INVESTMENT

**Mogadishu, 23 July 2025** – Mr. Mohamed Dubo, Director of the Investment Promotion Office (SOMINVEST) at the Ministry, met with H.E. Ambassador Ahmed Mohammed Al-Mawlid of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Somalia.

The meeting centered on strengthening investment relations between Somalia and Saudi Arabia and discussed strategic actions to enhance cooperation—particularly in economic development and facilitating foreign direct investment.

Ambassador Al-Mawlid highlighted the growing interest of Saudi companies in Somalia's investment markets and stressed the importance of having mechanisms that enable these companies to operate effectively in the country.



## MINISTRY AND UNIVERSITIES DISCUSS THE NATIONAL EVALUATION CURRICULUM

**Mogadishu, 17 July 2025** – The Ministry's Monitoring & Evaluation Department held a consultative meeting with officials from SIMAD University, the Somali National University, and Mogadishu University to provide input on a National Evaluation Curriculum under development.

University representatives shared practical recommendations for improving the curriculum and the most suitable

approaches for its administration and implementation. They also discussed how to disseminate the curriculum across the education sector to ensure deep understanding and active participation.





## MINISTRY HOSTS THE QUARTERLY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONITORING & EVALUATION FOR THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PILLAR



Mogadishu, 16 July 2025 – The Ministry, through its M&E Department, hosted the quarterly meeting of the Sub-Committee on Monitoring & Evaluation for the Social Development Pillar. Attendees included representatives from federal ministries under the Social Development Pillar. Discussions focused on strengthening coordination among government institutions, the United Nations, and international partners working on social development. Acting Director of the M&E Department, Mr. Jibril Jama Rafle, opened the meeting and stressed the Sub-Committee's importance, noting that monitoring and evaluating institutions' work plans are central to achieving effectiveness in development programs. The meeting examined ways to accelerate M&E implementation for the 2025 work plan and formally presented the e-NIMIS digital M&E system– a modern tool to enhance data collection and performance tracking. The meeting was formally closed by the Acting Director General of the Ministry, Mr. Abdifitah Osman Hassan (Gaandi), who emphasized the need to align government efforts to achieve development objectives.

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF SOMALIA AND THE UNITED NATIONS DISCUSS THE DIRECTION OF COOPERATION FOR 2026-2030



**Mogadishu, 15 July 2025** – The Federal Government of Somalia and the United Nations held the annual meeting of the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) in Mogadishu to review implementation of the UN Cooperation Framework (2021–2025) and to pave the way for future collaboration. The meeting, organized by the Ministry's Aid Coordination Department, was officially opened by Deputy Prime Minister Salah Ahmed Jama and co-chaired by the Minister of Planning, H.E. Mohamud A. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene), and the UN Deputy Special Representative, George Conway. Participants reviewed results achieved by UN programs in 2024, the 2025 priority plan, and evaluation recommendations. They also discussed in depth the new 2026–2030 framework, including good governance, economic development, social services, and climate resilience. The meeting concluded with an understanding on interim steps to advance work in 2025 and an agreement to reconvene at year-end to assess progress and future strategic alignment.



## WEEKLY MEETING OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Mogadishu, 14 July 2025 – The Ministry held its weekly meeting, chaired by Minister and Member of Parliament H.E. Mohamud Abdirahman Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene), and attended by the Deputy Minister, Mr. Mohamed Aden Mohamed; the Acting Director General and Director of Aid Coordination, Mr. Abdifatah Osman Hassan (Gaandi); directors of the Ministry's departments (Planning, M&E, Investment,

Economic Development); and senior advisors.

The meeting at the Ministry's headquarters focused on preparations for the Federal Government–UN Joint Steering Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow, 15 July 2025, in Mogadishu.

## STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE SOMALIA STABILITY FUND III (SSF III)



Mogadishu, 8 July 2025 – The Acting Director General and Director of Aid Coordination, Mr. Abdifatah Gaandi, participated in the SSF III Steering Committee meeting held in Mogadishu.

The meeting, co-chaired by the Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation, Mr. Ali Yusuf Ali (Xoosh); the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Mr. Hassan Macallim Mohamud Sheikh Ali; and H.E. Charles King, the British Ambassador to Somalia, was also attended by Mr. Faisal Hussein, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs; Mr. Caydaruus Macallim Hassan, Director General of the Ministry of Interior; and the SSF leadership. The Committee fully endorsed the Year 3 plans of SSF III, focusing on political stabilization, strengthening good governance, justice-sector issues, and social cohesion. The Ministry reaffirmed its commitment to aid coordination and to fostering effective partnerships that can deliver security and broad-based economic development for all Somalis.

## JRP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING REINFORCES COLLABORATION AND PROGRAM PROGRESS

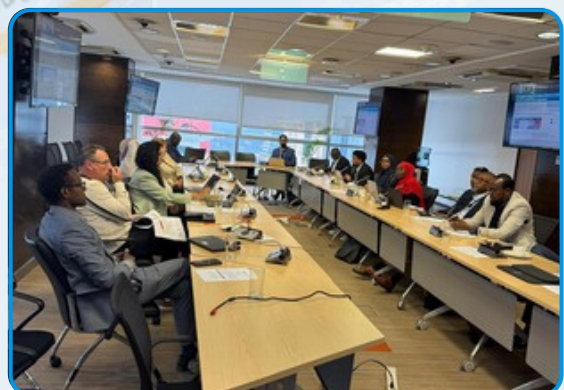


Mogadishu, 8 July 2025 – The Ministry organized a meeting of the Technical Committee of the Joint Resilience Program (JRP), attended by implementing ministries and FAO, UNICEF, and WFP. Discussions covered the six-month work plan remaining in 2025 for JRP 2.0 in Galmudug and Puntland. Key priorities included resolving existing bottlenecks, strengthening inter-ministerial collaboration, and aligning priorities to accelerate efforts to build community resilience. Participants agreed to work jointly to ensure the program stays on track to deliver sustainable results.

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT–WORLD BANK CONSULTATIONS

Nairobi, 7 July 2025 – The Senior Policy Adviser of the Ministry, Mr. Mohamed Macalim, attended a two-day consultation between the Federal Government of Somalia and the World Bank in Nairobi.

The consultations focused on preparing Somalia's first Country Climate and Development Report (CCDR), aiming to



reflect the realities of climate change and the country's development ambitions—so that CCDR recommendations will promote green growth, bolster community resilience, and reduce vulnerability and displacement from climate impacts, particularly in rural areas.



## SIXTH INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES REPORT OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

Mogadishu, 6 July 2025 – The Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development, H.E. Mohamud A. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene), officially launched the sixth report in the series on priority economic sectors for government investment, titled “Investment Opportunities in Somalia’s Professional Services.”

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## MINISTER OF PLANNING PARTICIPATES IN THE 4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT



Mogadishu, 2 July 2025 – The Minister joined a delegation led by the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Salah Ahmed Jama, to the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development in Seville, Spain.

Held every ten years, the conference brings together global leaders and development partners to discuss reforming and strengthening the development-finance

system to ensure fair, equitable, and affordable financing for vulnerable countries.

During the conference, Minister Beenebeene emphasized aligning development finance with Somalia’s national priorities through the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029) and Vision 2060, which guide the country’s aspirations for inclusive, sustainable growth and peace. He also planned bilateral meetings with counterparts and international organizations to strengthen cooperation toward Somalia’s development goals. The Ministry reaffirmed its commitment to implementing the NTP and Vision 2060 in partnership with development and international allies.





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