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OCTOBER 2025 HIGHLIGHTS





GENERAL OVERVIEW

October 2025 was a month of intensive collaboration between the Ministry and development partners, focusing on accelerating the implementation of the National Transformation Plan (NTP) 2025–2029. Key highlights included strengthening cooperation with the World Bank to improve planning, coordination, and M&E; signing a development cooperation agreement in Mogadishu between Somalia and Germany; establishing the Interim Executive Committee of SOMES to unify the evaluation community; holding national-level consultations with the UN, WFP, FAO, Save the Children, and others to align programmes with NTP priorities; ongoing monitoring and accountability led by the M&E Department; and increasing private-sector participation to create jobs and boost economic growth. These efforts demonstrated transparency, data sharing, and a results-driven approach to sustainable development.





MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I commend all Ministry staff, government institutions, and our development partners for their diligent efforts in October. Our engagement with the World Bank and other international partners, the significant agreement with the German Government, and the establishment of the Interim Executive Committee of SOMES all show that we are headed in the right direction: towards transparency, accountability, and measurable results.

Our priorities are twofold:

Every programme must fully align with the NTP 2025–2029 and have a direct impact on citizens' lives; and The Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) system and e-NIMIS must serve as the foundation of decision-making, allowing us to showcase real, verifiable performance.

I particularly commend the technical teams leading consultations with the UN, WFP, FAO, and other partners, as well as the stewardship of the Somali Joint Fund (SJF), which has improved transparency and alignment of funding. Meanwhile, strengthening private-sector participation and our efforts to improve the investment climate are paving the way for inclusive economic growth.

As we approach November, I expect all departments to:

- Accelerate implementation of agreed accountability recommendations with partners;
- Submit M&E reports with evidence-based results;
- Prepare the Ministry's participation and outputs for the Annual Monitoring & Evaluation Conference scheduled for 18 November 2025; and
- Enhance information sharing and transparency to foster broader trust.

Finally, I would like to thank all our partners and international friends who stand in solidarity with Somalia. We are one team with a shared vision: a stable, just Somalia advancing towards sustainable development.

May Allah grant us success.

H.E. Mohamud A. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene)

Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING MEETS THE WORLD BANK COUNTRY MANAGER FOR SOMALIA



Mogadishu, 30 October 2025 - The Federal Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development, H.E. Mohamud A. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene), held an important meeting with Mr Hideki Matsunaga, the World Bank Country Manager for Somalia.

The discussion focused on strengthening collaboration between the Ministry and the World Bank—particularly programme planning and coordination, monitoring and evaluation, and improving the investment climate to attract domestic and foreign investment.

Both sides agreed to reinforce cooperation to accelerate the implementation of the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029) and to align World Bank support with national priorities to achieve measurable results.

DIRECTOR GENERAL MEETS DIRECTORS GENERAL OF STATE MINISTRIES OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY



30 October 2025 - The Director General of the Ministry, Mr Mohamed Shire, accompanied by the Director of M&E, Mr Mahamud S. Nur, met with the Directors General of the state-level Ministries of Commerce from Galmudug, Hirshabelle, South West, Jubbaland, and North-East.

The meeting focused on accelerating economic growth, strengthening the private sector's role, and enhancing coordination between state commerce ministries and international development actors. It was also emphasised that all projects implemented in federal member states must fully align with the NTP (2025–2029).

THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND CARE INTERNATIONAL CONVENE A KEY MEETING

30 October 2025 - The Ministry and CARE International held a productive meeting at the Ministry's headquarters to review the findings of the jointly conducted Accountability Report.

Participants included the Directors of M&E (Mahamud S. Nur), Planning (Mohamed Weli), and Aid Coordination (Abdifatah Gaandi). Discussions centred



on aligning CARE-supported programmes with the NTP 2025–2029 and strengthening the implementation of the government-led national monitoring and evaluation system. Both sides agreed to fast-track priority recommendations, deepen collaboration, and enhance transparency, data sharing, and programme linkages nationwide.

SOMALIA AND GERMANY SIGN A €75 MILLION DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGREEMENT



28 October 2025 - The Federal Government of Somalia and the Federal Republic of Germany signed a development cooperation agreement in Mogadishu, exceeding €75 million. The agreement was signed by Minister Beenebeene and Mrs Julia Hanning, Head of the East Africa Department at Germany's BMZ.

Running for two years starting in 2026, the cooperation aligns with the NTP 2025–2029.

It focuses on four key areas: agriculture and food systems, education, jobs, and TVET, water and water-supply management, and climate resilience/adaptation. The agreement followed two days of negotiations in Mogadishu and builds on a prior agreement signed in 2023.

Minister Beenebeene said: "This partnership strengthens NTP priorities, especially job creation, essential services, and climate resilience." Mrs Hanning affirmed Germany's commitment to impactful programmes that support services and economic growth.

IMPLEMENTING THE NATIONAL M&E POLICY AND INTEGRATING DATA ON SERVICE DELIVERY



26 October 2025 - The Director of M&E, Mr Mahamud S. Nur, delivered a comprehensive briefing on the National M&E System during a meeting on service delivery and federal–state coordination organised by the Office of the Prime Minister.

The briefing covered modern methods and results measurement in M&E, NTP performance reporting, strengthening federal–state M&E linkages, the rollout of the National M&E Policy and associated administrative procedures, and data integration to drive evidence-based, results-oriented service delivery.

MINISTRY ESTABLISHES THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOMALIA EVALUATION SOCIETY (SOMES)



23 October 2025 - The Ministry convened a meeting in Mogadishu to establish the Interim Executive Committee of SOMES, a platform aimed at strengthening evaluation systems and promoting evidence-based decision-making.

Representatives from the Federal Government, civil society, academia, the private sector, international organisations, and the UN participated. The State Minister, H.E. Ahmednur Sheikh Mohamed, announced the committee members—drawn from Save the Children, the NIS Foundation, the Ministry of Health, and Zamzam Foundation—who will serve for one year to complete SOMES's formal setup and enhance national evaluation capacity.

DIRECTOR GENERAL MEETS FAO REPRESENTATIVE TO SOMALIA



20 October 2025 - The Director-General, Mr. Mohamed Shire, convened a meeting with Mr. Etienne Peterschmitt, the FAO Representative, to fortify collaboration and align upcoming FAO programmes and projects with the National Transition Plan (NTP). They also deliberated on the Joint Resilience Programme (JRP) and the Somali Food Security Preparedness Plan (SFSP), both of which aim to enhance community resilience and food security in Somalia. An agreement was established to conduct regular strategic reviews to monitor progress.

DIRECTOR OF INVESTMENT VISITS JEBEL ALI FREE ZONE AUTHORITY (JAFZA)



20 October 2025 - Mr Mohamed Dubo, the Director of Investment, visited JAFZA, where he received a comprehensive briefing on its history and success in attracting significant international investment. He is also participating in the World Investment Conference held in Sharjah, UAE, an event organised annually by WAIPA.

CONSULTATION ON WFP'S SOMALIA COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN (2026-2030)



15 October 2025 - The Ministry hosted consultations on WFP's five-year Country Strategic Plan (2026-2030) in Mogadishu, co-opened by DG Mohamed Shire and WFP Country Director El-Khidir Daloum.

The WFP presented lessons from 2022-2025 and outlined the new direction for 2026-2030. The Ministry presented the NTP 2025-2029 and the UN Cooperation Framework 2026-2030 to ensure alignment. Emphasis was placed on national ownership, data-driven planning, and community participation.

CONSULTATION ON THE UN COOPERATION FRAMEWORK FOR SOMALIA (2026–2030)



14 October 2025 - The Ministry and the UN Resident Coordinator's Office (UNRCO) held a consultation on the UN Cooperation Framework (2026–2030).

Discussions explored strengthening participation by civil society, NGOs, universities, media, and research centres, gathering inputs on development challenges and opportunities, and ensuring full alignment with national priorities and the NTP.

HIGH-LEVEL MEETING WITH SAVE THE CHILDREN



14 October 2025 - Chaired by the Directors of M&E (Mahamud S. Nur) and Planning (Mohamed Weli), the meeting reviewed the findings of the joint Accountability Report and agreed to strengthen the implementation of key recommendations, accelerate cooperation, and enhance transparency and data-sharing across programmes nationwide.

AFRICAN MINISTERS' MEETING ON PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & FINANCE – WASHINGTON, DC



14 October 2025 - Minister Beenebeene participated in the African Ministers' meeting on reforming the global financial architecture during the World Bank-IMF Annual Meetings in Washington, D.C., emphasising Somalia's commitment to establishing an equitable and responsive system for low-income and fragile states, as well as supporting reforms aligned with the NTP 2025-2029 and Vision 2060.

MINISTRY'S M&E DEPARTMENT MEETS WITH THE DANISH REFUGEE COUNCIL (DRC)

13 October 2025 - The Department met with DRC leadership to strengthen cooperation and integrate DRC programmes with the national Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) system, e-NIMIS. Both sides agreed to enhance collaboration and transparency to deliver tangible results for communities.



SOMALIA PARTICIPATES IN THE WORLDWIDE DIALOGUE ON ENHANCING DISASTER-RISK RESILIENCE



12 October 2025 - Senior Policy Adviser Mr Mohamed Macalin attended an ODI Global event in London on public finance and disaster risk management, discussing sustainable financing strategies for vulnerable countries, such as Somalia, to prepare for and recover from disasters and climate shocks.

CONSULTATION WITH SOMALI M&E PROFESSIONALS

11 October 2025 - the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Department convened a meeting with Somali MEAL professionals to strengthen national M&E frameworks, promote government accountability and transparency, and establish a unified approach to national evaluation.



SENIOR LEADERSHIP MEETING OF THE MINISTRY



8 October 2025 - Chaired by Minister Beenebeene and attended by the State Minister, Deputy Minister, DG, and department directors, the meeting focused on accelerating strategic priorities, particularly the implementation of the NTP 2025–2029. Updates covered the National M&E Policy, e-NIMIS, the Investment Promotion Agency (IPA) Bill (now in second

reading in the Upper House), and the completion of the National Industry Study. Donor alignment with the UN Cooperation Framework and UN agency programme documents was also discussed. Leaders urged departments to redouble efforts to meet the Ministry's mandates and NTP goals

ENHANCING PRIVATE-SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN SOMALIA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

8 October 2025 - The Ministry and UNDP co-hosted a session, chaired by DG Mohamed Shire and UNDP Somalia Resident Representative Lionel Laurens, to direct private investment to priority sectors, aiming to grow the economy, create jobs, and achieve national and global development goals (SDGs).



M&E DEPARTMENT HOLDS PRODUCTIVE MEETING WITH WFP



8 October 2025 - Chaired by M&E Director Mahamud S. Nur and WFP Head of Programmes Nicolas Joannic, the meeting reviewed the effectiveness and progress of joint programmes, the 2024 monitoring results, and plans for 2025. They agreed to accelerate the 2025 plan and conduct in-depth evaluations of at least two projects, briefing the Deputy Minister afterwards.

STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY WITH FAO

7 October 2025 - The M&E Department met with FAO (led by Head of M&E Wakweya Tamiru, accompanied by sector heads for Livestock and Agriculture) to review the 2024–2025 programme results and agree on steps to improve implementation and transparency, aligned with the NTP 2025–2029. A courtesy briefing was provided to the Deputy Minister following the meeting.



SOMALI JOINT FUND (SJF) MANAGEMENT MEETING



6 October 2025 - Co-chaired by Minister Beenebeene and UN Deputy Special Representative/Resident & Humanitarian Coordinator George Conway, discussions covered SJF finances and outlook, fast-tracking key programmes (e.g., Constitutional Review and the SPSP), and ensuring new programmes fully align with the NTP.

A modern dashboard for financial oversight was showcased to enhance transparency and data sharing. Participants included senior officials from the Ministry and the Ministry of Finance, as well as UN representatives and partners from Sweden and the Netherlands.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STRENGTHENS THE NATIONAL EVALUATION SYSTEM

6 October 2025 - The Deputy Minister, H.E. Mohamed Adan Mohamed, opened the workshop at the Ministry's headquarters in Mogadishu to review and validate the National Evaluation Curriculum and National Guideline Procedures. Discussions centred on developing evaluation skills, establishing standardised national standards and management procedures, and enhancing



accountability and transparency in government, aligning with the NTP 2025–2029.

SOMALIA & REPUBLIC OF KOREA DEEPEN COOPERATION ON FOOD SECURITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE



2 October 2025 - On the sidelines of the 2025 Busan Global Partnership Forum, DG Mohamed Shire met Mr Kim Shinjae of Korea's Ministry of Agriculture to enhance food security, climate resilience, and sustainable economic growth in line with the NTP. They agreed to support Somali farmers and rural communities, expand access to nutritious school meals, strengthen

early-warning systems, and explore Somalia's participation in Korea's global K-Rice Belt initiative.

STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

1 October 2025 - The Deputy Minister, H.E. Mohamed Adan Mohamed, chaired a meeting with the NGO Consortium and the Ministry's M&E Department to review the accountability of international organisations operating in Somalia, present previous assessment results, and launch the fourth data collection phase. The meeting also discussed preparations for the 2nd Annual M&E Conference, the establishment of SOMES, and the 2026 Work Plan to to strengthen effective cooperation and lasting accountability.



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