

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Technical Consultant – Development of a Framework for Integrating Off-Budget Aid into the National Budget System**

**Organization:** Federal Government of Somalia – Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development (MoPIED)

**Department:** Aid Coordination Office (ACO)

**Duty Station:** Mogadishu, Somalia

**Contract Duration:** 90 working days (maximum of 3 calendar months)

**Type of Contract:** Individual Consultancy

#### Background

Somalia relies heavily on external assistance, with donor-funded programs accounting for over half of the national budget. Despite this reliance, a significant proportion of aid is channeled off-budget, resulting in fragmented coordination, reduced government oversight, and misalignment with national development priorities, including the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029).

To address these challenges, the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development (MoPIED), with support from development partners, is seeking a **Technical Consultant** to conduct a comprehensive feasibility assessment and develop a framework to integrate off-budget aid into the national budgeting system.

#### Objective of the Assignment

The overall objective is to:

- Map and analyze the current landscape of off-budget donor support in Somalia.
- Identify key barriers to integrating off-budget aid into national systems.
- Provide evidence-based policy options and technical guidance to improve integration, transparency, and alignment with Somalia’s development priorities.
- Support improvements to the Aid Information Management System (AIMS) and provide a roadmap toward reflecting off-budget contributions in the national budget.

## Scope of Work

The consultant will undertake the following core activities:

### *1. Desk Review and Mapping*

- Conduct a structured mapping of existing off-budget aid inflows to Somalia.
- Analyze AIMS data, donor portfolio information, coordination platforms, and Somalia's Renewed Partnership documents.
- Identify sector-based aid volume, delivery modalities, fragmentation trends, and coordination gaps.

### *2. Stakeholder Engagement*

- Hold consultations with Federal Government institutions, Federal Member States (FMS), development partners, implementing partners, private sector, civil society, and donors.
- Gather technical inputs and institutional perspectives.
- Develop an implementation action plan describing how off-budget flows can be integrated into current systems.

### *3. Drafting*

- Produce the first draft assessment report outlining:
  - Current state of off-budget aid inflows,
  - Consultation findings,
  - Challenges and opportunities for integration,
  - Policy recommendations and integration pathways,
  - Actionable roadmap linking AIMS, MTEF, and the national budgeting process.

### *4. Validation Workshops*

- Facilitate validation workshops at FGS and FMS levels.
- Consolidate stakeholder feedback and prepare the final assessment and framework report.

## Deliverables

- Inception report and concept/action plan
- Desk review and off-budget aid mapping report
- Stakeholder engagement and communication plan
- Draft framework and policy recommendations for integrating off-budget aid
- Validation workshop report
- Final comprehensive framework and integration roadmap

## Minimum Qualifications and Experience

- Postgraduate degree in economics, public policy, development studies, public financial management, or a related field.
- Proven experience (minimum 7 years) in aid coordination, public financial management, development planning, or fiscal policy advisory.
- Demonstrated expertise in analyzing or implementing aid management systems, budget integration mechanisms, or donor coordination platforms.
- Strong understanding of Somalia's development context, national planning cycles, and donor-financed programs is highly desirable.
- Experience working with government ministries, UN agencies, international development partners, and civil society.
- Excellent analytical, consulting, report-writing, and stakeholder engagement skills.

## Reporting & Coordination

The consultant will report to the leadership of MoPIED through the Aid Coordination Office (ACO). MoPIED will coordinate tasks, stakeholder engagement, and information access, with technical support from UNDP and GIZ.

## Application Procedure

Interested and qualified candidates are invited to submit:

1. Cover letter outlining relevant experience
2. Updated CV
3. Technical proposal demonstrating understanding of the assignment
4. Financial proposal (lump-sum)

Send applications to:

**Email Subject Line or Submitted HR Mopied office:** *AIMS and Data Management Consultant – MoPIED*

**Submission Deadline: 5-July-2025**

### **Note**

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.