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GENERAL OVERVIEW

This monthly newsletter for **December 2025** provides an overview of the activities, strategic engagements, and key achievements carried out by the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development at both the federal and federal member state levels, as well as with partners during December.

The newsletter highlights the Ministry's leadership in coordinating development planning, implementing the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029), strengthening international partnerships, and enhancing monitoring, evaluation, and accountability systems.

During December, the Ministry focused on strengthening collaboration between the Federal Government and Federal Member States; holding consultations on the United Nations Cooperation Framework (UNCF 2026–2030); enhancing the capacity of government institutions; and leading national responses to emergencies such as drought.

Overall, this newsletter reflects the Ministry's strategic direction, the results achieved, and the next steps necessary to accelerate sustainable development in line with national priorities.

MINISTER OF PLANNING AND UN HUMANITARIAN & DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR CONVENE A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING



Mogadishu, 27 December 2025 – The Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mohamud A. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene), held an important meeting with the Deputy Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in Somalia and Deputy Humanitarian and Development Coordinator, Mr George Conway.

The discussions focused on the implementation and coordination mechanisms of the United Nations development cooperation framework in Somalia.

The meeting emphasised the need to finalise the UN Cooperation Framework (UNCF), which is currently awaiting Cabinet approval. The two sides also discussed strengthening the use of national financial systems (country systems) in the implementation of development programmes and projects to support national institutions and enhance their operational capacity.

In addition, the meeting reviewed the transition phase of the United Nations Transitional Mission in Somalia (UNTMIS) and its implications for development coordination and collaboration between government institutions and the United Nations.

The parties also reflected on major achievements in 2025, including the launch of the National Transformation Plan (NTP), the near completion of the UNCF process, and strengthened coordination within the Somalia Joint Fund and broader aid coordination mechanisms.

Both sides agreed to further strengthen cooperation, coordination, and partnership in priority development areas in 2026 to enhance development outcomes and state-building and economic development gains.

CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS ON THE NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION PLAN (NTP) PILLAR WORKING GROUP CONCLUDED



Mogadishu, 24 December 2025 – The Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development, H.E. Mohamud A. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene), officially closed a four-day consultative meeting (21–24 December 2025) on coordination mechanisms for the pillars of the National Transformation Plan (NTP).

Organised by the Ministry's Aid Coordination Department, the meetings brought together representatives of Federal Government institutions and private sector stakeholders. The final day focused specifically on Pillar Four of the NTP: Environment and Climate Resilience.

Discussions explored practical measures to address climate change risks, with an emphasis on policy frameworks, investment opportunities, early warning systems, and private-sector engagement. Key areas discussed included renewable energy, waste management, water resources, flood prevention, and environmental and climate-related investments, all of which are priority areas under the NTP.

The consultations concluded with a joint commitment to strengthening sustained collaboration between the government and the private sector to accelerate NTP implementation and ensure climate-resilient and sustainable development.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION (M&E) CAPACITY-BUILDING TRAINING CONCLUDED



Mogadishu, 13 December 2025 – The Monitoring and Evaluation Department of the Ministry of Planning successfully concluded a five-day capacity-building training on Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E).

The training brought together participants from government institutions, civil society organisations, and academics to improve the quality of programme monitoring, evaluation, and results-based management.

Participants received practical training from M&E experts, focusing on results measurement, data-driven decision-making, and improving implementation efficiency. Participants confirmed that the skills acquired would directly strengthen their professional performance.

The closing ceremony featured remarks from the UNDP Somalia Programme Manager, Ms Shella Khan; the Governance Development Project Manager, Mr Abdirisq Hirsi; the Chairperson of the Somalia Evaluation Society (SOMES), Mr Mohamud Noor; and the Director of Galayr Consultants, Mr Farah. All speakers highlighted the importance of the training in strengthening government capacity and reaffirmed their commitment to continued support.

The Director of the M&E Department, Mr Mohamud Said Nur, confirmed that the Department will continue to organise regular training to ensure that development programmes deliver tangible and sustainable results.

OFF-BUDGET AID FLOW CONSULTATION MEETING



Mogadishu, 13 December 2025 – The Aid Coordination Department of the Ministry of Planning hosted a consultative meeting on structuring off-budget aid flows.

The meeting brought together experts and officials from the Ministry of Finance, the Office of the Auditor General, and other government institutions. Discussions focused on improving tracking mechanisms, coordination, and transparency of external assistance that is not channelled through the national budget.

The meeting was officially opened by the Director of the Aid Coordination Department, Mr Abdifatah Osman Hassan (Gaandi), who underscored the importance of establishing a unified system to manage aid flows, thereby strengthening accountability and the effectiveness of international assistance.

SOMALIA ENDORSES THE NEW EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY M&E POLICY



Mogadishu, 11 December 2025 – The Federal Government of Somalia joined other East African Community (EAC) member states in endorsing the new Monitoring and Evaluation Policy and Results-Based Framework during a three-day regional meeting held in Nairobi.

Somalia was represented by Mr Mohamud Said Nur, Director of the Monitoring and Evaluation Department at the Ministry of Planning. The meeting brought together senior officials and experts from across the region to review the new policy and its implementation framework, with a focus on strengthening national M&E systems.

Somalia actively contributed by sharing progress and data-driven approaches to monitoring and evaluation. Other member states acknowledged Somalia's contributions as valuable to strengthening regional decision-making systems.

The policy establishes a unified framework to enhance accountability, transparency, and performance monitoring in social and economic service delivery, while also strengthening cooperation between national and regional institutions.

EAC member states adopted the policy by majority vote and agreed to submit it to the Council of Ministers for final approval, marking a significant step toward harmonising M&E systems across the region.

WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION AND SUPPORT TO VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IN GALMUDUG CONCLUDED



Dhusamareb, 11 December 2025 – The Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development, in collaboration with the Galmudug Ministry of Planning, concluded a five-day workshop in Dhusamareb focused on strengthening development project coordination and support to vulnerable communities in Galmudug.

The Galmudug Minister of Planning, H.E. Abdirahman Haile, officially closed the workshop and thanked participants for their extensive discussions, which highlighted the severe challenges facing communities, particularly those affected by recurrent droughts.

Technical teams from both ministries assessed needs, analysed service delivery gaps, and aligned the federal member state plan with the National Transformation Plan. The Head of Programmes at the Federal Ministry of Planning emphasised the need for unified planning and joint implementation.

The workshop produced practical recommendations and priority actions to improve social services and support vulnerable populations, contributing to accelerated development planning in Galmudug and nationwide.

GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR ACCELERATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION PLAN



Mogadishu, 10 December 2025 – The Ministry of Planning hosted a high-level meeting in Mogadishu, bringing together Somali business leaders and international investors operating in the country.

Over 100 participants—including business leaders, investors, government officials, and diplomats—attended the meeting, which focused on accelerating economic development dialogue, raising awareness of priority economic sectors, strengthening NTP implementation, and enhancing collaboration between domestic and international investors.

The Director of SOMINVEST highlighted that the National Transformation Plan represents a national shift requiring significant investment and close collaboration with the private sector. He noted that the Ministry is preparing the second edition of the National Investment Promotion Strategy and related policies to improve the investment climate.

In his closing remarks, Minister Beenebeene emphasized that the increase in foreign investment demonstrates improving investor confidence and tangible results from government reforms. He called on domestic and international investors to work closely with the Ministry to accelerate NTP implementation and achieve inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

SENIOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS COMPLETE HIGH-LEVEL ECONOMIC POLICY TRAINING IN MALAYSIA



Mogadishu, 7 December 2025 – The Director General of the Ministry of Planning, Mr Mohamed Shire, and the Director of the Monitoring and Evaluation Department, Mr Mohamud Said Nur, participated in a high-level training programme on Economic Policy Analysis and Transformational Leadership, held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (28 November – 6 December 2025).

The training focused on NTP implementation, economic growth, fiscal reform, domestic revenue mobilization, workforce development, and strengthening M&E systems.

The delegation visited Malaysia's Ministries of Finance and Economy to learn about national planning, budget preparation, and M&E systems. Former Malaysian Minister of Economic Development, Mr Mustapa Mohamed, shared strategic insights relevant to Somalia's development trajectory.

The programme enhanced institutional capacity, transparency, accountability, and sustainable economic growth.

LAUNCH OF WORKSHOP ON ALIGNING DURABLE SOLUTIONS PATHWAYS WITH NTP IMPLEMENTATION



Baidoa, 7 December 2025 – The Ministry of Planning, in collaboration with the South West State Ministry of Planning, kicked off a five-day workshop in Baidoa focused on aligning Durable Solutions Pathways with the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029).

The workshop was officially opened by the Deputy Minister of Planning of South West State, who emphasised its importance for regional development planning. The Director of National Planning presented the workshop objectives and expected outcomes, highlighting the importance of harmonised planning and implementation frameworks for durable solutions.

The workshop forms part of broader efforts to strengthen coordination, joint planning, and institutional capacity to ensure people-centred and sustainable development.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) CONSULTATION MEETING



Mogadishu, 7 December 2025 – The Ministry's Economic Development Department hosted a consultation meeting on government infrastructure projects and PPP opportunities.

The meeting focused on strengthening institutional capacity, improving the PPP legal framework, and identifying priority projects for sustainable investment. Government officials, private sector representatives, and academics participated in group discussions whose outcomes will inform the development of the National PPP Strategy.

The Ministry reaffirmed its commitment to fostering effective government-private sector collaboration to advance infrastructure development and economic growth.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN MOGADISHU



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NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN MOGADISHU



Mogadishu, 4 December 2025 – The Ministry of Planning hosted a consultative meeting of the National Development Council, bringing together the Federal Minister of Planning and Planning Ministers from Federal Member States.

The meeting focused on accelerating NTP implementation, strengthening federal–state coordination, drought response, and harmonizing national development planning.

The Minister of Planning emphasized the importance of a unified national planning framework to guide development efforts.

Federal Member State ministers presented progress updates, challenges, and priorities for the coming year. The meeting concluded with a reaffirmation of commitment to sustained federal–state collaboration to deliver sustainable development outcomes for the Somali people.

MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND UNRCO ALIGN THE UN COOPERATION FRAMEWORK WITH THE NTP



Mogadishu, 4 December 2025 – The Ministry of Planning, in collaboration with the UN Resident Coordinator's Office (UNRCO), convened a consultative meeting on aligning the UN Cooperation Framework (2026–2030) with the National Transformation Plan.

Participants included representatives from federal member states and UN agencies. Discussions emphasized data, research, and evidence as foundations for effective development policy.

The meeting concluded with a commitment to fully align the UN Cooperation Framework with national priorities and the NTP.

VALIDATION OF THE CONCEPT NOTE ON THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR POPULATION DEVELOPMENT (NCPD)



Mogadishu, 2 December 2025 – The Ministry of Planning convened a consultative and validation meeting to present and approve the concept note for establishing the National Council for Population Development (NCPD).

The meeting brought together government institutions working on social development, including education, health, social affairs, women's affairs, statistics, and displacement.

The NCPD aims to establish a strong national institution to lead population and social development issues and ensure population considerations are systematically integrated into national and sub-national development planning.

The initiative emphasizes evidence-based policymaking, strengthened partnerships, investment, and national and international cooperation, aligned with the NTP (2025–2029) and Vision 2060.

MINISTRY OF PLANNING LEADS NATIONAL DROUGHT RESPONSE COORDINATION



Mogadishu, 2 December 2025 – The Ministry of Planning convened a high-level meeting to accelerate drought response efforts across the country, chaired by Minister Beenebeene.

The meeting brought together senior officials from the National Disaster Management Agency (SODMA) and Ministry departments. Discussions focused on urgent humanitarian response, coordination of government efforts, and analysis of drought causes, including failed Gu and Deyr rains.

Following Cabinet directives, the Ministry of Planning was mandated to lead national coordination of drought response efforts.

The Minister called on religious leaders, business communities, civil society, and the Somali diaspora to contribute to relief efforts, emphasizing unity and coordination to save lives and livelihoods.

SODMA confirmed the severity of the drought and the need for a unified response involving government, communities, and international partners.

The Ministry reaffirmed its commitment to leading national efforts to mitigate drought impacts and protect vulnerable Somali communities.

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