



**MINISTRY OF PLANNING, INVESTMENT AND
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INTRODUCTION

In **January 2026**, the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development (MoPIED) further strengthened its leadership role in coordinating national development, with a strong focus on implementing the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029), reinforcing the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) framework, and enhancing strategic partnerships with development stakeholders.

Throughout the month, the Ministry convened strategic meetings with international organizations including Alight, Medair, Human Appeal, UNFPA, and the European Union. These engagements emphasised aligning development programmes with national priorities, strengthening results-based monitoring and reporting systems, and ensuring transparency and accountability.

The Ministry's senior leadership also reviewed the 2026 annual work plan to ensure timely, coordinated, and performance-based implementation. Meanwhile, the Federal Government of Somalia and the European Union officially launched a €102 million package to support the implementation of the NTP, reflecting international confidence and strategic cooperation.

This January 2026 Newsletter outlines the actions taken, partnerships strengthened, and ongoing efforts to accelerate results-based planning in order to achieve sustainable development, stability, and inclusive economic growth.



Ministry of Planning Strengthens Monitoring and Evaluation Cooperation with Alight and Medair



Mogadishu, January 26 & 31, 2026 – The Monitoring and Evaluation Department of the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development held consultative meetings with Alight Somalia and Medair Somalia to strengthen strategic cooperation in Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E), aimed at enhancing transparency, accountability, and effective implementation of development projects.

The meetings were chaired by Mr Mohamud Said Nur, Director of the M&E Department. The January 31 meeting was attended by Mr Hussein Abdirisq Mohamed, Head of Projects and Acting Country Director of Alight Somalia, and Mr Hassan Abdirahman Abdi, Head of Monitoring and Evaluation. The January 26 meeting was attended by Ms Sophia Kahinga, Country Director of Medair Somalia, along with the organisation's project leadership team.

During the meetings, presentations were delivered on programme performance, with discussions focusing on implementation and alignment with the National M&E Policy, harmonisation of M&E procedures, conducting joint monitoring and evaluation missions, strengthening data sharing and improving implementation processes, and ensuring projects fully align with the priorities of the National Transformation Plan (NTP). Both sides agreed to strengthen ongoing collaboration and take practical steps to deliver tangible, sustainable results that promote good governance and development effectiveness.





Somalia and the European Union Officially Launch €102 Million to Support the Implementation of NTP 2025–2029



January 29, 2026 – The Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mohamud Abdirahman Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene), together with the Minister of Finance, H.E. Bihi Iman Egeh, and Ms Myriam Ferran, Deputy Director-General for International Partnerships at the European Union, officially launched €102 million in EU funding for Somalia.

The funding package comprises four strategic programmes: strengthening state-building and stability; expanding access to quality education; managing migration and providing durable solutions for internally displaced persons; and promoting inclusive economic growth.

These programmes are fully aligned with the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029), directly supporting Somalia's national development priorities and contributing to sustainable development, stability, and equitable economic opportunities.

The Minister of Planning expressed appreciation to the European Union for its continued support and fruitful partnership with the Federal Government of Somalia, emphasising the importance of further strengthening strategic cooperation between Somalia and the EU.

Head of Training Participates in International Training on Modern Training Methodologies – Kuwait (19–29 January 2026)

January 29, 2026 – The Head of Training and Development at the Human Resources Department of the Ministry of Planning, Mr Idris Osman Ali, participated in the Training of Trainers Programme on Modern Training Methodologies, held at the Arab Planning Institute in Kuwait from January 19–29, 2026.

The programme focused on strengthening training skills, planning and management of training programmes, and applying modern methodologies to improve institutional training quality.





Ministry Strengthens M&E Cooperation with Human Appeal



January 28, 2026 – The Monitoring and Evaluation Department of the Ministry and Human Appeal Somalia held a meeting in Mogadishu to strengthen cooperation in Monitoring and Evaluation and reinforce transparency, accountability, and efficiency.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Mohamud Said Nur and attended by Dr Saydul Alom, Country Director of Human Appeal Somalia.

Discussions focused on improving project implementation systems, strengthening data sharing, and ensuring that humanitarian programmes align with national strategic priorities and equitably reach vulnerable communities.

Senior Leadership Meeting of the Ministry

January 27, 2026 – The Ministry held its senior leadership meeting in Mogadishu, chaired by the Minister, H.E. Mohamud Abdirahman Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene).

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Minister, Mr Mohamed Adan Mohamed, the Director General, Mr Mohamed Shire, department directors, and senior advisors.

The leadership reviewed the Ministry's priority areas, with particular attention to the progress and implementation schedule of the 2026 annual work plan to ensure coordinated and timely execution.

The meeting also focused on accelerating the implementation of the NTP and strengthening the M&E system to enhance accountability, transparency, and results-based reporting.





Minister Meets with UNFPA Representative



January 25, 2026 – The Minister of Planning met with the UNFPA Representative in Somalia, Dr Mary Otieno.

Discussions centred on strengthening cooperation between the Ministry and UNFPA, particularly in development planning, project coordination, monitoring, and evaluation.

Both sides emphasised ensuring that all programmes align with the NTP and UNFPA's Country Programme Document, with a focus on transparency, accountability, and sustainable impact.

Best Performing Staff Awards 2025



20 January 2026 – The Ministry held its annual awards ceremony recognising the best-performing staff of 2025.

Award recipients received certificates of recognition presented by ministers, members of parliament, representatives of the Civil Service Commission, civil society leaders, and senior federal officials.

The ceremony serves as a motivational platform to strengthen efficiency, quality, and productivity across the Ministry.



Deputy Minister Participates in Arab Planning Institute Board Meeting – Kuwait



January 8, 2026 – The Deputy Minister of Planning, H.E. Mohamed Adan Mohamed, participated in the first Board of Trustees meeting of the Arab Planning Institute for 2025–2026, held in Kuwait.

The meeting reviewed the Institute’s achievements under its 2024–2025 annual plan, the final year of the Ninth Strategic Plan (2020–2025), and discussed institutional, financial, and administrative development priorities.

The Deputy Minister reaffirmed Somalia’s commitment to strengthening cooperation in training, institutional capacity building, and development planning.

