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INTRODUCTION

In **February 2026**, the Ministry of Planning, Investment, and Economic Development (MoPIED) made significant progress in strengthening coordination, aligning policies, and actively participating in development efforts, all as part of its National Transformation Plan (2025–2029).

MoPIED led key high-level consultations, engaged proactively with donors, and implemented transformative institutional reforms aimed at advancing food security, improving drought response, establishing robust monitoring and evaluation systems, and promoting strategic investments. These ambitious initiatives highlight the Government's strong commitment to sustainable development, national ownership, and making tangible progress toward long-term resilience and inclusive economic growth.



Annual Review of WFP Programs in Somalia



February 22, 2026 – The Ministry of Planning, Investment, and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia (MoPIED), through its monitoring and evaluation department, held the annual review meeting of projects implemented by the World Food Programme (WFP) in the country from January to December 2025.

The meeting was officially opened by the Director General of the Ministry of Planning, Mr. Mohamed Shire, and was attended by officials from the Office of the Prime Minister, other government ministries, and senior WFP officials led by the Deputy Head of Programmes at WFP Somalia, Michele Kiermeier.

The main purpose of the meeting was to conduct a thorough review of WFP project performance, with a focus on the impact these projects have had on communities. Special emphasis was placed on ensuring that these programmes are fully aligned with the National Transformation Plan (NTP).

During the meeting, participants analyzed how WFP contributes to the overall National Agenda by moving beyond emergency response toward broader programmes that build community resilience and drive economic growth—an approach that fits within the government’s long-term development direction.

The reports presented during the meeting covered key areas, including Result-Based Monitoring, which assessed the progress of projects and their tangible impacts on people’s lives; Government Agency Collaboration, providing updates on agreements (LOAs) between WFP and Somali ministries to strengthen national ownership; and Existing Challenges, discussing strategies to overcome security and environmental issues that hinder service delivery.



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The meeting concluded with an action plan to strengthen cooperation between the government and WFP in 2026. Participants agreed to improve monitoring quality and ensure that every form of assistance entering the country contributes to long-term resilience and future-building, in line with the direction set by the National Transformation Plan.





Director General of the Ministry of Planning Holds a Meeting with His Counterpart from the Ministry of Interior



February 21, 2026 - The Director General of the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development (MoPIED), Mr. Mohamed Shire, received at the Ministry headquarters his counterpart from the Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation (MOIFAR), Mr. Abdulkadir Elmi Ali, and a delegation he led.

The meeting focused on the possibility of expanding MOIFAR projects financed through the Somali Joint Fund (SJF), and strengthening cooperation on donor engagement and the search for additional resources (resource mobilisation).

Both sides emphasized the importance of strengthening inter-agency government coordination to ensure effective implementation, financial transparency, and alignment of projects with national development priorities.

Meeting with Chinese Investors (Investment Scaling)

February 18, 2026 – The Director of the Investment Department at the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development, Mr. Mohamed Dubo, held a meeting with Chinese investors who have worked in Somalia for more than 10 years and have established successful investments in construction and food-and-beverage processing.

The meeting focused on expanding those investments, creating additional job opportunities, and increasing domestic production to strengthen exports.



This step is part of implementing the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029), which prioritizes modernizing infrastructure and strengthening national industrial processing and production.

Somalia is gradually emerging as an open market, attracting international investment and driving economic growth.



Joint Federal, State and Partner Delegation Conducts Field Monitoring Mission on JRP 2.0 in Galmudug



February 18, 2026 - The Federal Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development (MoPIED), in collaboration with the Ministry of Planning of Galmudug State, conducted the JRP 2.0 Field Monitoring Mission in Galmudug State (Adado, Dhusamareb, and Galkayo) from 13–18 February.

The mission brought together key stakeholders, including relevant Galmudug line ministries, UNICEF, World Food Programme (WFP), and other implementing partners, to assess progress in project implementation and to strengthen collaboration and coordination across priority areas and interventions.

The mission included field visits to major project sites, including health facilities (MCH centres and hospitals), schools, water infrastructure, and livelihoods support sites. These visits enabled direct engagement with beneficiaries, community representatives, and local authorities.

The monitoring focused on service delivery improvements, community-level impact, implementation performance, and operational challenges. The field engagements provided valuable first-hand insights into achievements to date, identified gaps, and highlighted areas requiring additional technical and financial support to enhance programme effectiveness and sustainability.





Deputy Minister Closes the NTP Monitoring & Evaluation Strengthening Workshop



February 17, 2026 – The Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development, H.E. Mohamed Adan Mohamed, closed the workshop on strengthening the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) system of the National Transformation Plan (NTP), which had been taking place in Mogadishu over the past two days.

Organized by the Monitoring and Evaluation Department, the workshop was attended by 25 federal government ministries, the Office of the Prime Minister, and the National Presidency. The focus was on strengthening institutional collaboration, coordinating activities, and harmonizing monitoring and evaluation procedures to ensure effective implementation of the NTP.

Speakers emphasized that the success of national plans depends on strong institutional linkages, continuous collaboration, and a unified system that produces measurable results. The workshop also discussed finalizing the M&E framework and strengthening accountability and data quality.





Consultation to Accelerate the Food Security & Nutrition Preparedness Plan



February 16, 2026 – In response to the drought situation in the country, the Ministry of Planning, Investment, and Economic Development held a consultation meeting to accelerate the preparation of the Food Security and Nutrition Preparedness Plan, which is now at its final stage.

The meeting was chaired by the Director General of the Ministry, Mr. Mohamed Shire, and attended by officials from the Ministries of Agriculture, Livestock, Labour and Social Affairs, Water Resources, and the National Disaster Management Agency (SoDMA).

This plan sets the stage for a high-level meeting between the Federal Government of Somalia and international partners to strengthen cooperation, align efforts, and accelerate practical actions to reduce the impact of food insecurity and malnutrition caused by drought.



Workshop in Dhusamareb on Aligning Plans in Galmudug



February 14, 2026 – The Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government, in cooperation with the Galmudug Ministry of Planning, concluded in Dhusamareb a three-day workshop focused on coordinating transformation planning and aligning the 2026 work plans of Galmudug government ministries and agencies.

The workshop also strengthened strategic collaboration between planning ministries at the federal and federal member state levels.

It was attended by Director Generals, Planning Directors, and technical experts from Galmudug ministries, who analyzed priority needs, existing challenges—especially the impact of widespread drought—and how to develop a unified plan to address current conditions.

Special emphasis was placed on ensuring that annual work plans are fully aligned with the National Transformation Plan (NTP) and the Galmudug Transformation Plan, while strengthening the knowledge and skills of planning staff.

Finally, the meeting produced a draft 2026 Galmudug Work Plan to guide implementation of development projects and services in the state. The Director General of the Galmudug Ministry of Planning officially closed the workshop and praised participants for their in-depth discussions and clear presentation of priorities and challenges, emphasizing the need to hold similar meetings regularly to accelerate completion of a unified and effective plan.





Minister and DG Meet WFP Representative



February 14, 2026 – The Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development, H.E. Mohamud A. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene), accompanied by the Director General, Mr. Mohamed Shire, held a productive meeting with the WFP Representative in Somalia, Mr. Hameed Nuru.

The meeting took place as Somalia faces worsening drought conditions after the expected rains failed, directly affecting food security, the livelihoods of vulnerable families, and the resilience of rural and urban communities.

The discussion focused on accelerating and scaling up life-saving assistance for people and livestock; aligning the National Transformation Plan (#NTP2025_2029) with WFP's Country Strategic Plan (2026–2030) to ensure strategic coherence and effective collaboration; and strengthening national institutions' partnership with WFP to support data-driven decisions, national priorities, and measurable results.

The Minister emphasized that the Federal Government of Somalia is committed to pairing emergency response with sustainable solutions that strengthen community resilience, improve food security, and support economic recovery for drought-affected households. The Ministry of Planning will continue its leadership role in coordinating national and international partner efforts to ensure assistance fully aligns with national priorities and long-term development goals.





DG Meets Republic of Korea Ambassador on Humanitarian Cooperation



February 13, 2026 – The Director General of MoPIED, Mr. Mohamed Shire, met in Nairobi with Mr. Kang Hyung-Shik, the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Somalia, to further strengthen strategic humanitarian cooperation between the two countries. He was accompanied by the Deputy Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Somalia in Kenya, Mr. Mukhtaar Mahad Daud.

The meeting focused on the worsening drought and food insecurity following the failure of the 2025 Deyr rains, which were the lowest in the last forty years.

Somalia continues to face three overlapping challenges: climate-change-driven drought, widespread food insecurity, and a decline in international funding that has affected humanitarian operations.

The meeting particularly highlighted the Republic of Korea's food assistance (rice distribution), described as a life-saving intervention reaching vulnerable communities directly.

The discussion also addressed the financial constraints facing the UN World Food Programme, which has significantly reduced the scale of assistance it provides, even as humanitarian needs continue to grow.

The meeting followed the Director General's visit to the Republic of Korea last year, where he met officials from KOICA and the Ministry of Agriculture during the Busan Forum 2025. Those talks focused on strengthening development cooperation, agricultural resilience, and long-term institutional capacity building.

Both sides reaffirmed their joint commitment to urgent humanitarian support while also emphasizing sustainable food systems and economic recovery efforts.

The Federal Government of Somalia deeply appreciates the growing partnership with the Republic of Korea, especially during this critical period when the country faces overlapping challenges.



DG Participates in Somalia–Kenya & Diaspora Trade Week Launch



February 12, 2026 – The Director General of MoPIED, Mr. Mohamed Shire, participated in the opening of the Somalia–Kenya and Diaspora Trade Week exhibition in Nairobi.

This important forum provided an opportunity to strengthen economic cooperation between the two countries, with particular focus on the role of the private sector and the Somali diaspora.

During the event, the Director General joined panel discussions and responded to questions regarding Somalia’s economic strategic direction, especially investment promotion, cross-border trade expansion, and accelerating inclusive economic growth—consistent with the National Transformation Plan (2025–2029).

He emphasized that the Ministry is committed to strengthening efforts to improve the investment climate and encourage productive investment that leads to job creation, increased revenue, and sustainable growth.



High-Level Meeting with UNDP (Federal + Member States)



February 5, 2026 – The Director General of MoPIED, Mr. Mohamed Shire, together with the Director Generals of Planning Ministries from Jubbaland, Mr. Mohamed Weli Sheikh Ali, and Galmudug, Mr. Abdullahi Omar Adan (Sakiin), held a high-level meeting in Mogadishu with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The meeting focused on strengthening practical cooperation, accelerating implementation of development plans, improving capacity of Federal Member State institutions, and increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of programmes.

Ms. Shaila Khan, who led the UNDP delegation, thanked the Director General for coordinating the meeting and reaffirmed UNDP's commitment to work closely with Jubbaland and Galmudug, and to double down on cooperation efforts to achieve visible, sustainable results.



M&E Department Meets CISP Somalia



February 4, 2026 – The Monitoring and Evaluation Department of MoPIED and CISP Somalia held a meeting in Mogadishu to strengthen cooperation in monitoring and evaluation.

The meeting focused on enhancing accountability, transparency, data sharing, and efficient implementation of development projects.

It was chaired by the Director of the Monitoring and Evaluation Department, Mr. Mohamud Said Noor, and discussed the implementation of the National Monitoring and Evaluation Policy and ensuring projects are fully aligned with the National Transformation Plan.

This meeting is part of the Ministry's efforts to strengthen monitoring, evaluation, and reporting systems to ensure sustainable development results.



MoPIED & FAO Hold Consultation on CPF 2026–2030



February 3, 2026 – MoPIED, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), held a consultation meeting on the FAO Country Programming Framework (CPF) 2026–2030.

The meeting was officially opened by the Director General of the Ministry, Mr. Mohamed Shire, and attended by various federal and state government institutions.

Discussions focused on aligning FAO's strategic priorities with the National Transformation Plan and the UN Cooperation Framework.

Participants held open discussions and working group sessions to identify sector priorities and propose practical recommendations to strengthen food security, agricultural development, and community resilience.

The consultation demonstrated Somalia's commitment to evidence-based planning, effective coordination, and strong partnerships to achieve sustainable development.





High-Level Meeting to Align Food Security & Nutrition Coordination



February 2, 2026 — MoPIED hosted a high-level meeting at its headquarters in Mogadishu to monitor, track, and strengthen coordination on national Food Security and Nutrition, at a time when severe drought in parts of the country threatens lives and livestock.

The meeting was chaired by the Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development, H.E. Mohamud A. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene), and attended by Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, H.E. Mohamed Abdi Hayir (Maareeye); Minister of Livestock, Forestry and Rangelands, H.E. Hassan Hussein Mohamed (Eelaay); Minister of Energy and Water Resources, H.E. Abdullahi Bidhaan Warsame; Minister of Fisheries and Blue Economy, H.E. Ahmed Hassan Adan; Deputy Minister of Health and Social Care, Dr. Mohamed Hassan Mohamed; Commissioner of the National Disaster Management Agency (SoDMA), Mr. Mohamud Moallin Abdulle; Director General of MoPIED, H.E. Mohamed Shire; Director Generals of relevant ministries and agencies, including Interior, Statistics, Agriculture, and Livestock; and senior officials from the Office of the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

First, the Minister of Planning outlined the objectives of the meeting and stressed the importance of reliable data, effective institutional collaboration, and evidence-based planning to respond efficiently to food security and nutrition challenges and reduce the impact of drought.

During the meeting, SoDMA presented the latest drought situation, while MoPIED presented the Food Security and Nutrition Plan. Discussions also addressed strengthening inter-agency coordination, appointing focal points, and verifying and harmonizing statistical data led by the National Statistics Agency.



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At the conclusion of the meeting, participants agreed to continue food security and nutrition-related meetings, strengthen engagement with international partners, and set actionable tasks for the relevant institutions, with MoPIED leading overall coordination.





DG Meets UNICEF Deputy Representative on Strengthening Cooperation



February 1, 2026 – The Director General of MoPIED, Mr. Mohamed Shire, met Mr. Nisar Syed, UNICEF Somalia's Deputy Representative, who visited the Ministry headquarters.

The meeting aimed to strengthen cooperation between the Federal Government of Somalia and UNICEF and deepen collaboration in planning, monitoring, evaluation, and implementation of development and humanitarian programmes.

The two sides discussed aligning UNICEF's Country Programme Document (CPD 2026–2030) with the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029) to ensure UNICEF interventions directly support national development priorities.

They also discussed resource mobilisation, focusing on strengthening support to humanitarian programmes—especially those serving children, women, and vulnerable communities.

The Director General emphasized the importance of all international agencies working in a coordinated way and ensuring that their programmes align with Somalia's national plans and development strategy.

Mr. Nisar Syed reaffirmed UNICEF's commitment to supporting implementation of the National Transformation Plan, particularly on child-focused priorities, basic services, and community resilience.

The meeting concluded with an agreement to further strengthen strategic cooperation and accelerate coordination to achieve sustainable and effective outcomes for the Somali people.

