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INTRODUCTION

In **April 2026**, the Ministry of Planning, Investment, and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia further strengthened its leadership role in guiding the country's development agenda, focusing on coordinating planning, accelerating investment, and implementing effective results-based monitoring and evaluation systems.

During this period, the Ministry held strategic meetings at both national and international levels to strengthen collaboration with development partners, align projects and policies with the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029), and enhance transparency, accountability, and the performance of government institutions.

The Ministry's efforts also clearly demonstrated the importance of harmonizing national planning, fast-tracking the attraction of domestic and foreign investment, and building capable, coordinated government institutions that operate on the basis of measurable results.

This report presents the key events, meetings, and developments that took place between April 1 and April 30, 2026, reflecting the Ministry's strategic direction and its ongoing efforts to achieve sustainable economic development that benefits all Somali citizens.



Strengthening Donor Coordination and Improving Development Aid Management



April 30, 2026 - 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 Heads of Cooperation of Germany and the United Kingdom, Mr. Simon Hagemann and Mr. Chris Pycroft, who are the co-chairs of the Somali Donor Group.

The meeting focused on strengthening cooperation in the coordination of international aid mechanisms. The officials reviewed achievements and existing challenges and agreed on practical pathways to improve aid management. Emphasis was also placed on accelerating the implementation of the National Transformation Plan (NTP), taking into account the changes in global Official Development Assistance.

Strengthening Partnership with UN Women for Inclusive Development



April 29, 2026 - The Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mohamud A. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene), held a meeting with Ms. Anna Mutavati, Regional Director for East and Southern Africa at UN Women.

The meeting focused on strengthening cooperation between the Government of Somalia and UN Women to support inclusive and sustainable development, aligned with the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2026–2030).

During the meeting, both sides discussed issues including community participation in planning, expanding economic opportunities, supporting peace and stability, strengthening data systems, and building the capacity of government institutions.

Both sides finally agreed to further strengthen cooperation and coordination to achieve effective results that benefit Somali society.



Accelerating Economic Analysis and Improving Strategic Reporting



April 26, 2026 -The Director General of the Ministry, Mr. Abdifatah Abdulkadir Farah (Abdifatah Hared), held a strategic meeting with the Economic Development Department.

The Director of the Department, Dr. Abdinasir Omar Katib, presented the achievements of 2025, the 2026 work plan, the status of preparation of the Economic Outlook Report, and the priority activities for the second quarter (Q2) of this year.

The Director General instructed the department to accelerate economic data analysis and production, strengthen the quality and timeliness of strategic reports, and ensure that all activities are directly aligned with the implementation of the National Transformation Plan (#NTP2025_2029).

The meeting was part of the Director General's efforts to strengthen internal performance within the Ministry and ensure that key departments effectively contribute to the country's economic growth.



Developing Aviation Investment and Air Infrastructure



April 26, 2026 - The Director and staff of the Investment Department of the Ministry held a high-level meeting with the leadership of the Somali Civil Aviation Authority to strengthen strategic cooperation and open investment opportunities in the aviation sector and related infrastructure.

The meeting focused on strengthening the attraction of both foreign and domestic direct investment, reviewing national aviation investment projects, and improving overall services provided to investors.

The meeting also highlighted the importance of improving service delivery and strengthening post-establishment investor care systems to ensure transparency, predictability, and competitiveness in the open market.

The meeting reflected a shared vision to transform Somalia into an aviation hub, built on an improved investment environment, growing investor confidence, and a long-term vision for sustainable economic growth.



Accelerating National Plan Implementation and Strengthening Internal Performance



April 25, 2026 - The Director General of the Ministry held strategic meetings with the Directors of the Planning and Aid Coordination Departments, focusing on accelerating the implementation of ministry plans and strengthening strategic direction.

The meetings reviewed progress on the annual work plan, achievements, and challenges requiring urgent solutions. The directors of the two departments—Mr. Mohamed Wali and Mr. Abdifatah Osman Hassan—presented reports on ongoing activities and how they align with the priorities of the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029).

During the meeting, the Director General emphasized the importance of strengthening transparency, accountability, and results-oriented performance, noting that the Ministry’s efforts are directly linked to the implementation of the government’s performance commitments.

“We are expected to deliver tangible results. We must double our efforts to ensure the implementation of national plans,” said the Director General.

The meetings concluded with an agreement to strengthen cooperation and accelerate priority activities, ensuring that plans are translated into tangible actions that positively impact national development.





Strengthening Departmental Performance and Alignment with National Priorities



April 22, 2026 – The Director General of the Ministry officially launched a series of meetings with various departments to accelerate work and implement national priorities.

The first meeting was held with the leadership and staff of the Monitoring and Evaluation Department and the Investment Department, focusing on work familiarization and reviewing the progress of activities and existing plans.

The Directors of the two departments, Mr. Mohamud Said Nur and Mr. Mohamed Dubo Mohamed, presented reports on recent performance, existing challenges, and priority activities of the Ministry, while also highlighting the need to accelerate the implementation of the annual work plan.

The Director General commended the work carried out by the departments and emphasized that his leadership will focus on strengthening performance, enhancing internal coordination, and ensuring that all Ministry activities are directly aligned with the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029), in order to achieve tangible results that impact economic development and the lives of citizens.

These meetings are part of efforts to strengthen transparency, accountability, and results-based performance, which are the backbone of implementing the country's development agenda.





Promoting ICT Investment and Strengthening Telecommunications Cooperation



April 22, 2026 – The Director of the Investment Department (SOMINVEST) of the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development, Mr. Mohamed Dubo, held a meeting with the Director General of the National Communications Authority (NCA), Mr. Mustafa Yaasin Sheikh.

The meeting focused on strengthening cooperation between SOMINVEST and the NCA, promoting investment in technology infrastructure, and enhancing a business environment that facilitates ICT investment in the country, in line with the National Transformation Plan (2025–2029) and national laws. Both sides agreed on the importance of policy coordination, developing modern infrastructure, and supporting investors engaged in the technology sector.

The meeting also included presentations on priority national projects related to the development of the country's technology sector.

Strengthening Monitoring and Evaluation Collaboration with Development Partners



April 21, 2026 – The Director of the Monitoring and Evaluation Department of the Ministry, Mr. Mohamud Said Nur, together with officials from the department, held a productive meeting with a senior delegation from Oxfam Somalia.

The meeting focused on strengthening cooperation between the Ministry and the organization, and ensuring that Oxfam's monitoring and evaluation procedures fully align with the national system established by the Ministry for implementing the National Transformation Plan (NTP).

Both sides recognized the importance of close and effective collaboration to accelerate development efforts and emphasized strengthening long-term strategic cooperation.



Aligning WFP Programs with the National Transformation Plan



April 21, 2026 – The Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mohamud A. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene), held a productive meeting in his office with the Country Director of the World Food Programme (WFP) in Somalia, Mr. Hameed Nuru. This meeting was part of efforts to strengthen strategic cooperation between the Federal Government and international agencies, with a focus on aligning development projects with the country's long-term vision.

During the meeting, both officials held in-depth discussions on aligning the implementation of the National Transformation Plan (NTP) with WFP's Country Strategic Plan (CSP) prior to its formal approval. This will ensure that WFP's projects directly respond to national priority needs, while also strengthening the capacity of government institutions to take a leading role in implementing the UN Cooperation Framework (UNCF 2026–2030).

The Minister and the Director also agreed to enhance cooperation in food security and nutrition, utilizing the Food Security Crisis Preparedness Plan (FSCPP) to address recurring challenges.

Both sides emphasized that, to ensure transparency, it is essential to strengthen coordination, monitoring, and evaluation systems for projects implemented under the National Transformation Plan.

Finally, Minister Beenebeene commended WFP for its continued support to the Somali people and reaffirmed the government's commitment to facilitating and accelerating projects that promote sustainable development and economic self-reliance.



Implementation of the National Monitoring and Evaluation Policy



April 21, 2026 – The Director of the Monitoring and Evaluation Department of the Ministry, Mr. Mohamud Said Nur, held a productive meeting with the Director General of ADRA Somalia, Mr. Jorge Silva.

The main issues discussed included strengthening the implementation of the National Monitoring and Evaluation Policy; improving systems for analyzing project results to ensure transparency and accountability; and ensuring that development projects produce sustainable results aligned with the national plan.

ADRA leadership committed to fully adhering to government policies while strengthening close collaboration with the Federal Government of Somalia.



Government Performance Monitoring and Acceleration of National Results



April 18, 2026 – Officials and staff from the Office of the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development—particularly the Monitoring and Evaluation Department—conducted monitoring visits to the Ministries of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation; Justice and Constitutional Affairs; and Endowments and Religious Affairs.

The monitoring visit to the Ministry of Interior was jointly led by the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Office of the Prime Minister, Mr. Abdirizak Ibrahim, and the Director General of the Ministry of Planning, Mr. Abdifatah Abdulkadir Farah.

Meanwhile, the visits to the Ministries of Justice and Endowments were led by the Deputy Permanent Secretary and the Director of Monitoring and Evaluation, Mr. Mohamud Said Nur.

During the meetings, the focus was on evaluating first-quarter performance (January–March), revising second-quarter plans (April–June), and setting strategic priorities for upcoming activities.

This monitoring forms the backbone of efforts to accelerate implementation of the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029), while strengthening efficient, accountable, and results-based government institutions.



Launch of National Investment Projects and Attraction of Investment



April 18, 2026 – The Investment Department of the Ministry organized a two-day event in Mogadishu to launch and showcase National Investment Projects.

Participants included representatives from federal government institutions, Federal Member States, the Somali Chamber of Commerce and Industry, business leaders, universities, and international investors. This was the first time Somalia presented national investment projects aligned with international investment presentation standards, enabling investors to access reliable information and make informed decisions.

The objectives of the event included:

- Presenting national investment projects aligned with the National Transformation Plan (2025–2029)
- Attracting international investment and mobilizing domestic investment
- Increasing investor confidence
- Connecting project developers with investors

“The launch and presentation of these national investment projects demonstrate a major shift in Somalia’s economic development—from aid dependency toward investment-led growth,” said Director General Abdifatah Abdulkadir Farah.

“These projects are not only investment opportunities but are a key part of modernizing Somalia’s economy.”



Strengthening Ministry Leadership and Coordination



April 18, 2026 – The senior leadership of the Ministry held a welcoming and orientation meeting for the newly appointed Deputy Minister, Mr. Ismail Eid Mohamed.

During the meeting, welcoming remarks were delivered by the Minister and the Director General. The Deputy Minister expressed appreciation and officially assumed his duties.

Strengthening Government Capacity in Youth Employment Policies



April 17, 2026 - The Ministry successfully concluded a six-day training on policy formulation and implementation aimed at strengthening the capacity of Federal Government officials in youth employment and entrepreneurship (YEPS II).

The training, held from April 10 to 16, included 21 officials from key government institutions.

Participants gained skills in policy analysis, policy development, implementation planning, resource mobilization, and monitoring and evaluation, focusing on addressing youth unemployment challenges. The training concluded with group presentations and certificate awards.

This initiative is part of the government's efforts to build strong, coordinated institutions that deliver measurable results aligned with the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029).



Handover of the Director General Position



April 15, 2026 – The Minister officially presided over the handover of the Director General position between Mr. Abdifatah Abdulkadir Farah and the outgoing Director General, Mr. Mohamed Shire.

The ceremony was attended by federal and state ministers, members of parliament, senior officials, civil society representatives, and Ministry staff.

Improving Monitoring and Evaluation Systems for Development Projects

April 14, 2026 - The Director of the Monitoring and Evaluation Department of the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development, Mr. Mohamud Said Nur, held a meeting with the Director General of Concern Worldwide in Somalia, Mr. Richard Nunn.

The meeting focused on strengthening cooperation in monitoring and evaluation, ensuring implementation and adherence to the

National Monitoring and Evaluation Policy, and improving systems for reviewing and tracking development projects implemented by the organization in the country.

Both sides also paid a courtesy visit to the Outgoing Director General of the Ministry, Mr. Mohamed Shire, where they shared the outcomes of the meeting and practical recommendations for strengthening future cooperation.

The Director General warmly welcomed the partnership between the Monitoring and Evaluation Department and Concern Worldwide, and commended the efforts to strengthen high-quality monitoring and evaluation to ensure the effectiveness of development projects.





Strengthening Peace and Stability through the Somalia Stability Fund



April 14, 2026 – The Outgoing Director General of the Ministry, Mr. Mohamed Shire, participated in the Steering Committee meeting of the Somalia Stability Fund (SSF III), which was jointly chaired by the Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation, Mr. Ali Yusuf (Ali Hosh), and the United Kingdom Ambassador to Somalia, Mr. Charles King.

The meeting presented achievements from the previous year (Year 3) and discussed plans and approaches for the new year (Year 4).

Participants held discussions on strengthening peace, reducing conflicts, and addressing challenges such as drought and food insecurity.

Finally, the meeting agreed on the direction and priorities for Year 4, emphasizing the importance of cooperation between the government and international partners to achieve stability and sustainable development.



Unifying National Planning and Accelerating Implementation of the NTP



April 14, 2026 - The Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development convened a high-level consultative meeting in Mogadishu bringing together members of the National Development Council, which includes the Federal Minister of Planning, Ministers of Planning from Federal Member States, and the Banaadir Regional Administration.

This high-level meeting, organized by the National Planning Department of the Ministry, focused on unifying the national planning vision, setting development priorities, and accelerating the implementation of the country's strategic plans.

The meeting also emphasized strengthening cooperation between different levels of government and coordinating responses to ongoing emergency situations in the country.

The meeting was officially opened by the Minister of Planning, H.E. Mohamud Abdirahman Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene), who stressed the importance of building a unified system to guide national planning and accelerating implementation of the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029).

During the meeting, Ministers of Planning from Federal Member States delivered key remarks, presenting development conditions in their regions, existing opportunities, challenges, and priorities for the coming year.

The meeting also included presentations on policy, implementation strategies of the National Transformation Plan, investment, monitoring and evaluation, and progress made so far, prepared by different departments of the Ministry.

Key Outcomes of the Meeting:

1. Accelerate implementation of the National Plan by strengthening coordination and accountability
2. Unify planning, data sharing, and reporting among the Federal Government, Federal Member States, and Banaadir Region
3. Give priority to food security, nutrition, and humanitarian issues
4. Strengthen coordination with international partners, particularly alignment with the UNSDCF
5. Increase efforts to mobilize domestic and external resources for sustainable solutions

The Minister concluded the meeting by reaffirming the Ministry's commitment to strengthening cooperation between the Federal Government and Federal Member States to ensure effective implementation of the National Transformation Plan and achieve sustainable development that benefits all Somalis.



Implementation of the NTP Pillar Working Groups and Strengthening Mutual Accountability



April 13, 2026 - The Aid Coordination Department of the Ministry launched strategic meetings in Mogadishu as part of the Pillar Working Groups (PWGs) under the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029).

These meetings, held from April 13–16, evaluated progress made in 2025 and the level of implementation of NTP targets, while also establishing the Mutual Accountability Framework (MAF).

The first day focused on the Governance Pillar, with participation from government institutions (MDAs), where the general agenda for PWG meetings was approved.

These meetings strengthen coordination, accountability, and results-based implementation of the national plan.



Strengthening Monitoring and Evaluation Cooperation with NRC



April 13, 2026 - The Director of the Monitoring and Evaluation Department of the Ministry, Mr. Mohamud Said, held a meeting in Mogadishu with officials from the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC).

The meeting focused on: strengthening cooperation between the Ministry and NRC, improving monitoring and evaluation systems to ensure project effectiveness, sharing data on development projects, and ensuring NRC projects align with the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029).

NRC officials reaffirmed their commitment to adhering to government policies and maintaining strong collaboration.

Government Accelerating Monitoring, Evaluation, and Accountability



April 12, 2026 - In line with the long-term vision of the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029), the Office of the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Planning launched a comprehensive monitoring initiative to strengthen the “Performance Mirror” across government institutions.

The monitoring, led by Deputy Secretary General Mr. Abdirizak Ibrahim, included visits to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, and Education.

The Director of Monitoring and Evaluation, Mr. Mohamud Said Nur, explained that the system has been reformed to be based on reliable data and measurable results.

“Our goal is not only to visit offices, but to ensure that every plan developed by ministries is implemented as intended. We measure the gap between planned and actual results so that Somali citizens receive efficient and quality services,” he said.

The Ministry emphasized that this monitoring is the beginning of a continuous effort to ensure transparency, accountability, and results-based performance.



Development of Modern Bilateral Investment Agreements



April 11, 2026 - The Investment Department (SOMINVEST) organized a two-day workshop in Mogadishu to develop the framework for modern Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs).

The workshop brought together representatives from government institutions, Federal Member States, the Chamber of Commerce, businesses, universities, and international investors.

The objective was to review and approve the new BIT framework and align it with Somalia's investment laws (2023–2025) and the National Transformation Plan (2025–2029).

This marks the first time Somalia adopts a modern second-generation BIT framework, balancing investor protection with national regulatory authority.

Review of Social Sector Programs and Service Delivery Improvement



April 6, 2026 - The Monitoring and Evaluation Department organized a consultation workshop in Mogadishu to review reports on UNICEF-supported social sector programs.

The meeting analyzed achievements, challenges, and areas requiring improvement, and proposed practical recommendations to enhance service delivery.

Participants included the Office of the Prime Minister and relevant ministries such as Health, Education, Labor, and Youth.

The Director General commended the report and emphasized its role in strengthening accountability and improving service quality.



Strengthening Regional Cooperation and Investment Environment



April 2, 2026 - Mr. Ismail Abdalla Ali participated in a meeting to endorse the COMESA Investment Agreement.

The agreement aims to facilitate investment, increase investor confidence, and create a transparent business environment.

Somalia's participation reflects its commitment to attracting quality investment and strengthening regional cooperation.

Coordination of Social Sector Projects and Strengthening M&E Systems



April 1, 2026 - The Monitoring and Evaluation Department held a high-level meeting with the Social Affairs Pillar of the Office of the Prime Minister.

The meeting focused on strengthening institutional collaboration, improving data sharing, aligning social sector projects, and enhancing monitoring and evaluation systems to ensure full alignment with the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029).

