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INTRODUCTION

In August 2026, the Ministry focused on strengthening evidence-based planning, coordinating government institutions, preparing the DanQaran Government Performance Report 2022–2026, and advancing the priorities of the National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029). The month also featured high-level engagements led by the Minister and Director General with national and international partners, emphasizing partnership, investment, data sharing, and accountability.



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DANQARAN GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE REPORT 2022-2026

August 23 – Prime Minister Hamza Abdi Barre visited the Ministry, where he reviewed progress in preparing the report. Minister Mohamud A. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene) briefed him on the results achieved across the pillars of the DanQaran Government Programme and the remaining challenges. The Prime Minister commended the Ministry's efforts and urged the team to accelerate the work.

August 22 – The National Economic Council, led by its Chairperson, Dr. Hassan Aden Hoosow, visited the Government Performance Report Preparation Centre. Technical experts and the report preparation teams briefed the Council on progress and the steps being taken to finalize the report.

Between August 10 and 20, ministers, directors-general and other senior officials visited the centre to review and validate data from their respective institutions. Particular attention was given to performance in security, justice, reconciliation, international relations, the economy, energy, health, fisheries, education, family affairs, human rights, communications, information, civil aviation and the civil service.

The validation process also involved the National Statistics Bureau, the Ministry of Endowments and Religious Affairs, the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Petroleum, and NIRA. Their participation helped ensure that data included in the report is accurate, verified, and evidence-based.

The intended outcome is a national document that enables citizens and stakeholders to clearly understand what the DanQaran Government has achieved, the results delivered, the challenges encountered, and where Somalia stands today.

1. MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENTS



Minister Closes the Aden Adde Fellowship Program 2026

August 20, 2026 – Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development Mohamud A. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene) officially closed the Aden Adde Fellowship Program 2026, jointly organized by SIU University and Minbar Forum. He emphasized the importance of knowledge, leadership, and innovation among Somali youth, and certificates were presented to the participants.



Somalia and WFP Discuss Strengthening Community Resilience and Food Security

August 17, 2026 – The Minister met with Mr. Carl Skau, Acting Executive Director of WFP. Discussions focused on strengthening community resilience to drought, floods and climate impacts; aligning government and WFP programmes; and ensuring support reaches the people and areas most in need. The two sides also discussed expanding the role of the private sector and mobilizing financing for Somalia's development priorities in line with NTP 2025–2029.



Ministry of Planning and UNDP Strengthen Development Cooperation

August 16, 2026 – The Minister received the new UNDP Resident Representative in Somalia, Mr. Christophoros Politis. Discussions focused on accelerating development planning and implementation, aligning cooperation with NTP 2025–2029, strengthening the role of the private sector, and identifying new approaches to financing development.



MINISTER LAUNCHES PLAN TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

August 11, 2026 – The Minister launched the plan to establish the National Council for Population and Development, which will support people-centred national planning and bring together government and development partners around population and development priorities. The Council will support implementation of NTP 2025–2029.



Minister Chairs Ministry Leadership Meeting

August 9, 2026 – The Minister chaired the Ministry's regular leadership meeting, which reviewed departmental performance and progress in implementing the third-quarter work plan. The Director General and department directors presented the status of activities, challenges, and next steps. The Minister directed departments to strengthen coordination, accountability and efficiency.



MINISTRY AND SIMAD UNIVERSITY STRENGTHEN RESEARCH COOPERATION

August 9, 2026 – The Minister received a delegation from SIMAD University led by the University President, Dr. Abdikarin Muhudin Ahmed. Discussions covered economic and development research, data sharing, and the preparation of studies to support evidence-based policy and planning and accelerate implementation of NTP 2025–2029.

2. DIRECTOR GENERAL'S ENGAGEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Director General Chairs Biweekly Meeting with Department Directors

August 31, 2026 – Director General Abdifatah Abdulkadir Farah chaired the biweekly meeting with the Ministry's department directors. The meeting focused on coordination, performance monitoring, and accelerating implementation of Ministry plans. It also reviewed cooperation with UNDP, the Ministry's financial system, and third-quarter activities under the Work Commitment Schedule.



MINISTRY OFFICIALS COMPLETE LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN ARUSHA

August 29, 2026 – The Director General and the Directors of Economic Development and Monitoring and Evaluation participated in a seven-day leadership training in Arusha, Tanzania. The programme focused on strategic leadership, institutional innovation, management, public service delivery and economic opportunities arising from Somalia's integration with the EAC.



DIRECTOR GENERAL STRENGTHENS SOMALIA-DJIBOUTI COOPERATION

August 22, 2026 – The Djibouti delegation held a courtesy and introductory meeting with the Director General following a meeting between the delegation and the Ministry's Directors of Economic Development, Aid Coordination and Investment. Discussions covered the economy, trade, investment, research, knowledge exchange and the blue economy.



DIRECTOR GENERAL RECEIVES QATAR DELEGATION

August 11, 2026 – Director General Abdifatah Abdulkadir Farah received a development and investment delegation from the State of Qatar. Discussions focused on economic and investment cooperation and opportunities in livestock, agriculture, fisheries, food production, medical supplies, and financing for development projects.



DIRECTOR GENERAL MEETS OFFICIALS REVIEWING PERFORMANCE DATA

August 10, 2026 – The Director General received the Directors General of the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Petroleum, as well as the Director General of NIRA. They reviewed data submitted by their institutions and validated the sections relating to their institutions in the draft DanQaran Government Performance Report.



DIRECTOR GENERAL AND IOM DISCUSS ALIGNMENT OF PROGRAMMES WITH NTP

August 6, 2026 – The Director General met with IOM Somalia Chief of Mission, Mr. Manuel Marques Pereira. Discussions focused on aligning IOM programmes and strategy with NTP 2025–2029 priorities, joint planning, coordination of development efforts, and strengthening data systems related to migration and displacement.



DIRECTOR GENERAL WELCOMES WFP STRATEGIC PLAN

August 4, 2026 – The Director General participated in the launch of WFP's Strategic Plan for Somalia 2026–2029 and welcomed its alignment with NTP 2025–2029 priorities. He emphasized strengthening national institutions and systems, investment in agriculture and food production, and closer cooperation between the government and development partners.

3. NATIONAL AID POLICY



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August 20 – The Ministry held a federal-level consultation on the preparation of Somalia's National Aid Policy. The consultation brought together the Office of the Prime Minister and federal ministries and institutions, and assessed challenges in aid management and coordination. Participants agreed on a vision towards 2030 and reforms to strengthen coordination, transparency, accountability and inter-institutional cooperation.

August 18 – In collaboration with the Banadir Regional Administration, the Ministry held a consultation in Mogadishu involving civil society, business representatives and academia. Discussions focused on transparency, accountability, data management, results monitoring and aligning aid with national development plans. Together, the consultations strengthened a shared vision for a Somali-led and well-managed aid system responsive to national priorities.

4. OTHER KEY ACTIVITIES



INVESTMENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR PARTICIPATES IN REGIONAL WORKSHOP

August 7, 2026 – Director of Investment Ismail Abdalla Ali participated in an EABC regional workshop in Kampala, Uganda, focused on strengthening the capacity of institutions supporting trade and investment in the EAC. He also met with the Deputy Director General of the Uganda Investment Authority to discuss investment facilitation and institutional capacity building.



MINISTER LAUNCHES CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

August 3, 2026 – The Minister launched in Las Anod the Climate Resilience and Water Development Project of the North East State of Somalia. The project focuses on developing water infrastructure and strengthening community resilience to the impacts of climate change. The expansion of the project to two additional locations in Sool and Sanaag was also announced.

CONCLUSION

August 2026 demonstrated strengthened coordination among the Ministry's leadership, government institutions, and development partners. The focus remained on data- and evidence-based planning, coordination of development assistance, investment, community resilience and accelerating implementation of NTP 2025–2029. Meanwhile, preparation of the DanQaran Government Performance Report 2022–2026 advanced through key stages of data validation, approval, and finalization.



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