EU and UNHABITAT highlight impact of SECIL project in Mogadishu

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Today, the EU and UNHABITAT marked the closure of the SECIL project with a ceremony highlighting the jobs and basic urban services it has created for the Mogadishu’s residents over the past 3.5 years. With a total support of 3.5 million EUR, the EU and its implementing partner UNHABITAT rehabilitated key markets, established a sustainable solid waste collection system, strengthened regulations and skills in the construction sector, established laboratories for the testing of water quality and construction material quality, improved access to safe drinking water, established a Technical Training Centre, and provided valuable employment and livelihood opportunities to community groups engaged in low-cost fuel production.

"The SECIL is a great achievement for Somalia's capital, said the EU Ambassador to Somalia, Michele Cervone d'Urso. It will bring a visible change in the Mogadishu resident's every day lives by providing cleaner water, a cleaner environment and more jobs. And this is what the Somalis want."

The project "Sustainable Employment Creation and Improved Livelihoods for Vulnerable Urban Communities in Mogadishu (SECIL)" has worked in close partnership with the Benadir Regional Administration (BRA) to ensure the sustainability of project activities. The EU, UN-Habitat and BRA highlighted the unique approach of the SECIL project and praised its developmental outlook. They also emphasized the strong commitment of the local authorities to take over and maintain project activities for the future. (END)

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Donor: European Union / UNHABITAT (co-financing)

Implementing partner: UNHABITAT

Cost: Total Budget 3.893.511 - EU contribution 3.500.000 (90%)

Location: Mogadishu

Implementation period: 42 months (2/09/2011 to 01/04/2015)

Results:

1. Economic activity and sustainable employment created in the private sector through the improvement and rehabilitation of strategic economic infrastructure and the establishment of appropriate operational systems and management;
2. Improved access to services, and employment generation, through the establishment of sustainable Solid waste management system and support to business involved in garbage collection, disposal and waste valorisation activities (e.g. recycling);
3. Improved capacities, upgraded skills and job creation in the construction sector, including enterprises engaged in building works and the production of building materials;
4. Employment generation and improved access to services, through technical support to enterprises engaged in water supply, water management and liquid waste disposal;
5. Innovative technologies introduced and employment created in the energy and environmental protection sector with particular focus on renewable green energy, environmental mitigation and the creation of viable PPPs;
6. Business support services strengthened and enabled to provide effective assistance to existing and emerging enterprises.