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Foreword



Somalia has come a long way. The people of Somalia have struggled hard and made great sacrifices to break out of the cycle of violence and instability.

We are proud to say that the relationship between the European Union and Somalia has helped to lay the foundations for this progress.

We have stood by the Somali people for the last twenty years and we commit to standing with the people for the future.

The European Union will continue to support the building of inclusive, effective and efficient institutions which will provide services to the Somali people.

The Delegation of the European Union to Somalia

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By working in close partnership with the Somali government, the European Union engagement is rooted in the desire to promote economic growth, rebuild the state, improve stability and reduce poverty among the people of Somalia.

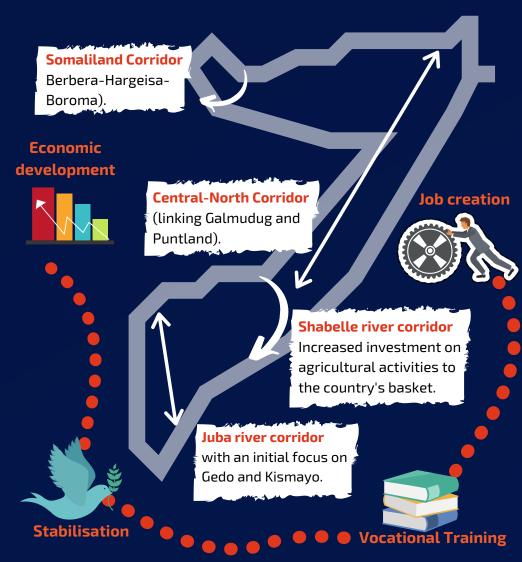
## Territorial Approach

# Territorial Approach

The European Union in Somalia follows a territorial approach in its programming in order to build synergies between key sectors such as job creation, economic development, Technical, Vocational and Education Training (TVET) as well as stabilisation. The territorial approach involves close collaboration with local authorities in key geographic areas and aims to improve the efficiency of development cooperation and strengthen sustainable economic growth, create jobs and improve service delivery.

The comprehensive €83 million programme for 'Inclusive Local and Economic Development' (ILED) will focus on creating synergies between the key sectors along the four geographic corridors. The Programme will ensure alignment with national and local priorities and will be implemented along specific selected corridors across the country.

### Inclusive, Local & Economic Nevelopment Programme



# The Three Pillars



Building effective and sustainable responses to security challenges.

#### INCLUSIVE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Responding to vulnerabilities and creating economic opportunities.

### DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

Building state legitimacy and responsiveness, and democratic governance.



## Inclusive Socio-economic Development

# Economic Growth

Economic development and growth plays a critical role in Somalia's state and peace building process.

The EU has continuously supported all traditional primary sectors (agriculture, livestock and artisanal fisheries) improving access to market, services, inputs and natural resources for small farmers, pastoralists, agro-pastoralists and fishermen. Animal health, land and water management, sustainable agriculture and more recently, support to value addition in livestock and fisheries sector have been the main field of interventions. Future interventions will be defined on stronger partnerships with the private sector and Government at both the Federal and State levels.

Alongside our partners, we have been promoting a more conducive environment for private sector development and non-traditional sectors. As part of this strategy, the EU maintains a close dialogue with the Chambers of Commerce and private sector at Federal and regional level through informal meetings and the participation to the Somali Public-Private Dialogue.

#### **Key Achievements 2018**

6,500+

Farmers, pastoralists, agropastoralists and fishermen have benefited from improved access to services, inputs and markets.

### IMPROVED ACCESS TO SERVICES & MARKETS



### SUPPORTED ENTERPRISES



87

Enterprises supported to develop their economic activities in multiple sectors.

6,865

Hectares of land with improved access to irrigation and flood control.

**IRRIGATION** 



1,414

Jobs created through support to the private sector.

**JOBS CREATED** 



**Economic Growth 13** 

Source: European Union



The EU acknowledges the need to move away from crisis containment to a more structural, long-term approach to vulnerabilities, with an emphasis on anticipation, prevention and preparedness. We are committed to addressing protracted crises, the risks of violent conflict and other structural pressures including environmental degradation, climate change, migration and forced displacement and to ensure that efforts are tailored to the specific country needs. Therefore, our approach to resilience in Somalia is based on the vision that solutions are embedded in equitable development.

Over the last 3 years, the EU has been promoting resilience building by supporting an eco-system approach- combining better disaster preparedness and collective response to shocks, enhancement and diversification of livelihoods and better natural resources management in rural and peri-urban areas.

### **Key Achievements 2018**

89,000+

vulnerable people reached through conditional and unconditional social transfers.

### SOCIAL TRANSFERS



169

communities developed and disaster risk reduction plan implemented.

## DISASTER MANAGEMENT



**BASIC SERVICES** 



68,140

people are benefitting from improved and sustainable access to water.

**85** 

critical socio-economic infrastructures have been built or rehabilitated.

LIVELIHOODS ENHANCEMENT



Source: European Union

Resilience 15

# Infrastructure

The EU is one of the main donors in the water and sanitation sector in Somalia. Our support in infrastructure has a specific importance in rebuilding Somalia's economy, providing employment and linking Somalia to other countries in the region.

The focus of ongoing interventions in the water sector is to provide access to safe water and sanitation. However, we are also supporting future regional infrastructure projects- such as contributing €42 million to a project that aims to rehabilitate and build 350 km of new roads.

Ultimately, our goal is to create more comprehensive linkages between infrastructure investments and key productive sectors to foster inclusive economic development.

#### **Key Achievements 2018**

70,000

People benefitting from increased access to clean water & 22km of water pipelines constructed.

ACCESS TO CLEAN
WATER



3,700

people with access to sustainable energy services and improved technology **ENERGY** 



CONSTRUCTION &
REHABILITATION OF NEW
REGIONAL ROADS



350 km

EU has committed to support new regional infrastructure projects; the EU aims to build new roads and rehabilitate 350 km of roads.

## Migration & Displacement

Displacement and mixed migration flows have numerous drivers which vary according to local contexts, but are commonly rooted in a lack of socio-economic opportunities, poverty, conflict, instability or climate change. The European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa is a key tool to address the management of mixed migration flows and displacement in Somalia and in the Horn of Africa.

The European Union seeks to mitigate the effects of displacement and strengthen the management of mixed

migration flows in Somalia. The €50 million RE-INTEG Programme strives towards finding durable solutions for displacement affected communities across Somalia and is implemented in close coordination with European Union programmes in the Education and Social Protection sectors to ensure synergies and avoid duplication of efforts.



Somalia is a land of origin, transit and destination of irregular migration flows in the Horn of Africa. As a result of multi-layered armed conflict, violence, insecurity, and increasingly frequent and severe natural disasters

### RE-INTEG Programme

€50 Million

Strives towards finding durable solutions for displacement-affected communities across
Somalia

Access to basic services





People have access to improved basic services

Assistance to returning migrants



27,074

Returning migrants benefiting from reintegration assistance

Income generating opportunities



People assisted to develop income-generating activities

## Supporting Education

The European Union recognises that education is a means to empower children and adults alike to become active participants in the transformation of Somalia.

To support good quality education for all children in Somalia, the EU provides school facilities, trains teachers & supports their salaries. At the EU, we are also focused on improving access to quality education. To achieve this goal, we provide scholastic materials among other educational resources to primary and secondary school children across the country. Capacity building support provided by the EU aims to strengthen the education system and improve learning outcomes for children.

Furthermore, the EU supports higher education as we recognise that higher education plays a crucial role in individual and societal development and in providing engaged citizens that Somalia needs to create jobs, economic growth and prosperity.

#### Key Achievements 2016-2018

142,226

The EU supported the enrolment and retention of primary and secondary school students.

## ENROLMENT AND RETENTION





#### **NEW CLASSROOMS**



180

School facilities have been expanded with the construction of 35 new schools and 180 classrooms.

94%

Increase in the number of students who sat their final Primary school examinations.

### **EXAMINATION CANDIDATES**



# Vocational Training & Youth Employment

Technical Vocational and Education Training (TVET) empowers individuals, organisations, enterprises and communities and fosters employment, decent work and lifelong learning. We believe that promoting greater access to skills development is particularly important because it provides opportunities for the young people of Somalia.

Through several skills training projects addressing the youth population of Somalia, a broader range of semi to highly skilled occupational profiles are being

developed with the support of the private sector. Some of the trainings offered by the various TVET centres across the country focus on dynamic sectors such as renewable energy and road construction.

As a result, trainees now have the opportunity to put what they have learnt into practice by carrying

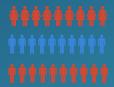
out internships and work placements in different sectors and industries.

#### **Key Achievements 2018**

3,246

People have benefited from TVET and skills development interventions.

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT



### JOB PLACEMENTS AND INTERNSHIPS



1,239

People benefited from job placements and internships in the targeted sector.

4,618

People were assisted to develop economic income generating activities and increase their business profits.

## SUPPORT TO INCOME GENERATING OPPORTUNITIES



Source: European Union

## Democratic Governance

## Democratic Governance

The inclusive politics agenda is at the heart of the peace and state building process in Somalia. The European Union is working together with Somalia in consolidating the achievements made in the previous years by working on inclusive state-building, democratisation and federalisation.

As a result of our support, there has been an increase in the number of laws, resolutions and other acts adopted by the National Federal Parliament thanks to technical assistance and strengthened organisational and human capacity.

Furthermore, with our support, there was an increase in the number of delegates who voted in the 2016 federal election. In addition, through assertive action, female representation in the Federal Parliament increased to 24.3%.

## Public Sector Institutional Reform

Public sector institutional reforms are crucial in Somalia for building inclusive, effective and efficient institutions to provide service delivery for the Somali population.

The European Union has been funding institutional capacity building and public administration reform programmes through the World Bank and UN Trust Funds. These programmes among others provide capacity injection with competent human resources, restructuring of government institutions, training of civil servants and the development of relevant legal and policy instruments.

We aim to foster incremental and sustained results given that public administration reform is a slow process and its success is very much dependent on continued political will and government leadership.

We will continue to support the building of inclusive, effective and efficient institutions which will provide services to the Somali people.

#### **Key Achievements 2018**



Civil service laws have been developed and approved at both the Federal Government and Federal Member State levels. The 'FGS' law has been reviewed and the draft is in parliament.

## CIVIL SERVICE LAWS DEVELOPED



### CORE STATE FUNCTIONS STRENGTHENED





Core state functions strengthened – planning, public finance management, monitoring & evaluation, strategic communication, human resources management, archiving and ICT applications.



HR training underway for civil servants.

Linkage of civil service schools to civil service training institute in the neighbouring countries for capacity building and knowledge transfer ongoing.

### CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING





Civil society continues to play a significant role in the democratisation, peace-building and reconciliation of Somalia, with actions focusing on civic education, community engagement, promotion of youth and women inclusion in governance and peace building processes as well as service delivery.

The EU has been a leading actor in contributing to enhancing Somali civil society to play a meaningful role in the peace building process and good governance. This has been achieved while trying to maintain a broad approach and work with all segments of the Somali civil society- from well-established Somali NGOs to community based organisations to professional associations and the private sector.

We have provided targeted support to human rights organisations, culture, gender and capacity building of media to promote free and independent media.

### **Key Achievements 2018**



Increased public awareness on human rights and access to justice.

## PUBLIC AWARENESS & ACCESS TO JUSTICE



#### **PEACEBUILDING**





Establishment of inclusive crossclan and inter-community peacebuilding platforms in Middle Shabelle, Hiran and Galgadud.



Increased public engagement on governance and civic education issues through public meetings, debates, citizen-government & dialogues.

### **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**



Civil Society 29



Through EU programmes, targeted support has been provided to a number of actors working in the area of cultural heritage as well as cultural industries in Somalia. The focus of current interventions funded in the sector include the strengthening of Somali identity, cultural heritage and diversity for inclusive peacebuilding and state-building.

The EU is currently supporting the Hargeisa cultural centre, the rehabilitation of the Somali National Academy of Science and Arts, establishment of small businesses for youth in the cultural sector as well as the rehabilitation of the Mogadishu stadium.







# Budget Support

As part of international efforts to scale up support to Somalia's socio-economic reforms and debt relief process, in 2018 the EU has introduced a Budget Support Operation amounting to €100 million. This innovative programme will help Somalia reinforce its resilience to external shocks and deliver on its ambitious reform agenda.

The vision of this budget support operation is to increase the legitimacy and capacity of the government institutions to serve the Somali people, to further the federal project, and create the conditions for inclusive growth.

Budget support is not a blank cheque. Successive disbursement are linked to specific reform benchmarks and continued positive reform track-record.

Budget support makes full use of Somali country systems. Successive disbursements (6 over 30 months, of €15 million each) are directly contributing to implementing the priorities Somalia set for itself in its annual Budget.



Budget Support **promotes** reforms in the **fisheries**, **education** and **security sectors**.



Budget support is a contract between the EU and Somalia to promote **state building** and **resilience**.



It consists of 6 disbursements over a 30 month period.



# Security Sector Reform

The European Union recognises that the existence of peace, security and stability is a prerequisite to achieve sustainable economic development.

The EU's overall strategic objective is to accelerate the development of a Somali-owned security architecture in order to develop an accountable and affordable Somali security sector.

We support Somalia in combatting terrorism, tackling crime, providing daily policing services as well as ensuring safe and secure shipping to and from Somalia.

The EU supports AMISOM operations in Somalia through the provision of financial contributions to approximately 21,000 military and police personnel every year. AMISOM is a critical partner as it provides both training to the Somali National Army and Somali Police Forces across the country as well as carrying out offensive operations to disrupt Al Shabaab.

For several years, the EU has been providing stipends, equipment and infrastructure support to the Somali Police Force in order to promote improved stability and security in the country.



6,000

Training provided to over 6,000 members of the Somali National Armed Forces & providing them with financial support.

## TRAINING & PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT



PROTECTING
HUMANITARIAN &
FOOD AID



1.3M TONNES

Protection of 1,3 million tonnes of WFP humanitarian and food aid for the Somali people.

SAFE NAVIGATION OF WORLD TRADE



**15-20%** 

Ensured safe and secure freedom of navigation for 15-20% of world trade through the Gulf of Aden.

## Stabilisation & Local Governance

Our cooperation focuses on the components of the National Framework for Local Governance (the 'Wadajir' framework). These include; social reconciliation, civic engagement, local governance, strategic communications and tangible institutional and community infrastructure.

During 2016-2017, the EU has supported District Council formation. These processes have been Somali led and aligned with the overarching government priorities.

In Somaliland and Puntland, our support has resulted in the development of local government policies and legislations, support to small scale quick impact community projects and enhanced social accountability.



16

Local governments; 8 in
Puntland and 8 in Somaliland
able to perform core state
functions and delivering limited
services.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



### INFRASTRUCTURAL ASSETS



40

Infrastructural assets were delivered to more than 40 communities.

# Rule of Law

The EU recognises that to restore and maintain security and justice in Somalia, law enforcement and justice institutions need to be strengthened through structural security and justice sector reform.

For over 5 years, the EU has been the major funding partner of the Somalia Police Forces. Our current support to the sector is channelled through the Joint Police Programme. This includes; training & the provision of non-lethal equipment, financial support as well as capacity building. For instance, in the last 2 years, the police stipends programme has been used to leverage greater change within the Police force.

As one of the major partners supporting the rebuilding of the judiciary. the pace of actions has picked up in tandem with improved access to justice across the country.

### **Key Achievements 2018**

6,700

civil and criminal cases heard and adjudicated through mobile courts.

### **COURT HEARINGS**



### LAW GRADUATES



### **150**

students graduated with law degrees through a scholarship programme and working with justice institutions.

### **LEGAL AID**



40,000

individuals had access to legal aid and received legal representation & advice.

# Maritime Security

With the longest coastline in continental Africa, Somalia has the potential to greatly benefit from its vast maritime domain. In order for the country to unlock this economic potential, safe and secure Somali seas and guaranteed freedom of navigation are prerequisites.

Maritime security is established through the delivery of a number of functions that are commonly known as coast guard functions. These usually consist of maritime safety, port security, customs activities, law enforcement, border control, surveillance, environmental protection, search and rescue, maritime assistance service, accident and disaster response, and fisheries inspection and control.

Piracy and the smuggling and trafficking of humans, weapons and contraband have all been identified by the Somali government as key security threats.

EU NAVFOR Somalia Operation Atalanta works alongside other EU instruments such as EUCAP, UN and

other international agencies to support Somali government efforts to enhance national maritime security capabilities.

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