

Puntland:

Proposed Public Financial Management and State Capacity Building Program Grant

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Outline

- Background
- Proposed Program components
- Proposed Institutional and implementation arrangements
- Key Performance Indicators



"Fast Track Four Priorities"

- A comprehensive public sector expenditure management reform program to ensure public resources are spent prudently, in accordance with priorities, and properly accounted for
- Customs reforms to mobilize urgently needed domestic revenues



"Fast Track Four Priorities" continued

- Central banking reforms and financial sector development to promote macroeconomic stability and private sector savings and investment
- Civil service reform and institution building to overhaul the existing civil service structures in Puntland and rebuild the federal civil service.



Approach Requires

- Recognizing the low current policy and operational capacity of the Somali State
- A substantial donor commitment to provide financial resources to fund the system and build the necessary domestic capacity.
- A comprehensive and coordinated 5 year program to respond to the needs of the TFG, Somaliland and Puntland



Program Design

- Proposed program based on a joint identification mission comprising UNDP, DfID and the World Bank in October 2007.
- Public Financial Management Steering Committee the Arab League, the World Bank, DfID, EC, UNDP, USAID, AfDB has been established-- and is open to other interested donors.



Project Components

PFM Reform

- Customs Modernization and Reform
- Strengthening the Financial System
- Support for State Capacity Building
- Development Learning Centers
- Institute of Professional Accountants
- Fiduciary Agent Services



Public Financial Management

Strengthen and functionalize the offices of

- Accountant General
- Auditor General
- MoF Internal Audit Unit
- Public Procurement and Disposal Authority



Public Financial Management Continued

Establish

- Ministry of Finance Budgeting and Macroeconomic Policy Units
- Parliamentary PFM Oversight Committees
- A decentralized financial management system



Customs Modernization

- Improve the Legal and Regulatory Framework
- Outsource Pre-Shipment Inspection (PSI)
- Restructure and reorganize customs administration
- Simplify and Automate Customs Procedures

Customs Modernization and

Reform Continued

Upgrading and Rehabilitation of Customs Facilities

- Developing Customs Intelligence and Enforcement Capacity
- Monitoring & Evaluation

Strengthening the Financial System

- Policy Advice and Capacity building
- Improve the Financial Legal and Regulatory Framework.
- Computerizing Central Bank Treasury and Related Functions
- Establishing a National Payments System
- Introduction of a New Currency



Support for State Capacity Building

- Strategic policy decisions in the office of the President, Prime Minister and Cabinet.
- Federal Civil Service Commission Recruitment and Change Management Payroll Cleansing and Auditing



Development Learning Centers

- Establishment of the DLC network as an independent legal entity
- Constructing, equipping and staffing the DLC network
- Development and Delivery of DLC Curricula and Related Partnership Arrangements with Regional Training Centers.



Development Learning Centers Continued

Support the operation of the DLC network

Monitoring and Evaluation

Independent Institute of Professional Accountants

- Establishment of the IPA as an independent legal entity
- Constructing, equipping and staffing the IPA
- Twinning arrangements
- Support the operation of the IPA
- Monitoring and Evaluation



Fiduciary Agent's Services

- Program coordination and management of development partner funding;
- Financial management;
- Compliance with the development partners procurement guidelines;
- Monitoring and Evaluation



Implementation Arrangements

- The Program will be initially executed through a fiduciary agent overseen by the donor group financing the program.
- Oversight of the fiduciary agent based on a memorandum of understanding to be developed during appraisal.



Implementation Arrangements

- In time significant administrative responsibility for the Program could be transferred to Somali government structures.
- The beneficiaries of the program subcomponents will also participate fully in every stage of the quality assurance process

Key Performance Indicators

- Public Finance Management (PFM) capacity developed/strengthened
- Efficient accounting and transparent reporting procedures
- Local procurement capacity
- Budget preparation process strengthened



Key Performance Indicators (continued)

- Federal, state, and local government domestic revenue base established
- Macroeconomic stability
- Capacity for bank supervision and monetary policy
- New local currency in circulation
- Commercial banks re-established



Key Performance Indicators (continued)

- Efficient, professional and performancebased federal civil service
- Puntland civil services professionalized and right sized
- Development Learning Centers meeting cost recovery targets
- Internationally recognized independent professional association of accountants