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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AMEP	Activity Monitoring and Evaluation Plan
AMISOM	African Union Mission in Somalia
ASOW	Activity Scope of Work
AU	African Union
BFC	Boundaries and Federal Commission
CDCH	Center for Dialogue, Civic Education, and Human Rights
COP	Chief of Party
CSO	Civil Society Organization
DG	Director General
FGS	Federal Government of Somalia
FY	Fiscal Year
GJD	Governing Justly and Democratically
HR	Human Resources
IJA	Interim Jubaland Administration
IDP	Internally Displaced Person
IEE	Initial Environmental Examination
IGAD	Inter-Governmental Authority on Development
ISWA	Interim South-West Administration
IT	Information Technology
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MoCA	Ministry of Constitutional Affairs
MoF	Ministry of Finance
MoICT	Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism
MoIFA	Ministry of Interior and Federal Affairs
MoJ	Ministry of Justice
MoPIC	Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation
MoPWR	Ministry of Public Works and Reconstruction
MoWHR	Ministry of Women's Affairs and Human Rights
MoYS	Ministry of Youth and Sports
MP	Member of Parliament
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NDP	National Development Plan
NEC	National Electoral Commission

NIEC	National Independent Electoral Commission
NISA	National Intelligence and Security Agency
OPM	Office of the Prime Minister
OoP	Office of the President
PEG	Partnership for Economic Growth
PFM	Public Financial Management
PS	Peace and Security
PSG	Peace Building and State Building Goal
SNA	Somali National Alliance
SNTV	Somali National Television
SONNA	Somali National News Agency
SOP	Standard Operating Procedures
SOSCENSA	Somalia South-Central Non-State Actors
SOWPA	Somali Federal Government's Women Parliamentarian Caucus
SSF	Somalia Stability Fund
SSG	Strengthening Somali Governance
TIS	Transition in Somalia
ToR	Terms of Reference
UAE	United Arab Emirates

I. CONTEXT UPDATE (By Region)

Mogadishu

In this reporting quarter, the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) has been working on finding an alternative to the elections plan laid out in Vision 2016 through the National Consultative Forum (NCF). The aim of the conference is to enable a common agreement on the method of transfer of power when the FGS mandate expires in September 2016. The NCF brings together representatives from Puntland, Jubaland, Galmudug, Hiiraan, and Middle Shabelle, with civil society actors, and various political leaders to consult, debate, and choose an alternative electoral format. This is part of the 'guiding principles' presented and endorsed at the high-level partnership forum, which was held in Mogadishu in July 2015. SSG's work is largely connected to the overhanging political context in Mogadishu, and SSG is providing civic engagement capacity building support to the NCF by working with the Technical Support Team (TST) members responsible for the NCF on a communications strategy and civic outreach planning.

Somaliland

This quarter, Somaliland began voter education for the 2016 elections amid political uncertainty over the current president's controversial term extension. The extension sparked protests and counter-accusations by the government, opposition parties, and the international community last year. The voter education program is expected to commence in Q2, and SSG is working with the Somaliland National Electoral Commission (NEC) to implement voter education grants for civil society organizations (CSOs) in Somaliland. In political highlights this quarter, Somaliland has issued a strong warning against the plan to transfer the talks between Somalia and Somaliland to traditional leaders under the Turkey-led negotiations. The government of Somaliland warned the public and the traditional leaders not to participate in any conference deciding the future of Somaliland and have accused Turkey of bias.

Puntland

This reporting period saw the building of the political tensions between Galmudug and Puntland states come to fruition. On November 23rd, 11 people were killed and more than 30 were injured in clashes between Puntland and Galmudug forces in south Galkayo city. Tensions flared on November 22 when both sides cited hostilities over the disputed Galkayo Airport. FGS Prime Minister met with Puntland's president Abdiweli Mohamed Ali to hold peace talks with traditional elders and officials in Puntland. The Prime Minister was able to mediate between the warring factions and both the Puntland and Galmudug Presidents agreed to hold negotiations over disputed issues of state formation and the Galkayo Airport. The political tensions and the misinformation surrounded the closing of the Garowe Airport have contributed to the delays in SSG's governance strengthening work in Puntland. However, SSG was able to utilize the local SSG staff to conduct skills development programming, public consultations and to finalize the MoUs with key partner institutions in Puntland.

II. SSG EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Objective 1

SSG provided capacity building support to work on several bills before Somalia's legislative branches in this quarter. These included the Foreign Investment Bill, the Procurement Bill, the Anti-Money Laundering and Financing Terrorism Bill, and the Media Bill, all of which were passed by the Federal Parliament. SSG also provided skills development to Parliament in legislative drafting and regulatory reform, as well as asset management policy, and office administration. The project's strategy for Quarter 2 is to continue to strengthen Somalia's deliberative bodies at both Federal and regional levels. This will include working with Parliamentary committees on legislative drafting, amending, advocacy and finally, civic engagement/constituency outreach in all regions of Somalia.

Objective 2

SSG followed up on the implementation of the assets management policy, job descriptions, Terms of Reference (ToRs), and standard operating procedures (SOPs) with the Ministry of Finance (MoF), Ministry of Public Works and Reconstruction (MoPWR), Ministry of Justice (MoJ), and Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MoPIC). Successes include MoPWR effectively implementing the four items and/or policies mentioned above, with a new team assigned to ensure compliance by various Ministry departments. Communications strategies for three key ministries' work in 2016, and activity plans for work with SSG were drafted and approved by MoF, MoPWR, and MoPIC. SSG also provided communications and coordination support to the National Development Plan (NDP) process. In Quarter 1, much of the work in Somaliland and Puntland entailed planning and agreeing on the key activities with ministry partners as well as drafting the Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) for key ministries. In Somaliland MoUs for the Ministry of National Planning and Development and the MoF were developed, and in Puntland MoUs for MoPIC and the Ministry of Justice, Religious Affairs and Rehabilitation were also created. In Quarter 2, SSG will work with the communications departments of partner ministries to ensure staff are trained on social media and how to maintain and populate websites being built for key ministry partners.

Objective 3

Over this quarter, SSG held advocacy skills development sessions to equip CSOs in Mogadishu and Hargeisa with the capacity to develop their individual advocacy plans. Curricula for additional skills development sessions for CSOs were designed, including business communications skills, social media strategies, report writing, managing team meetings, conducting presentations, and research skills. SSG continues to work on developing frameworks for civic dialogue and civic education for the Regional Consultative Forum (RCF), National Consultative Forum (NCF), and subsequent phases of the 2016 electoral process. Q1 governance strengthening work focused on providing CSOs and government counterparts opportunities to collaborate on timely issues such as the NDP, 2016 elections, the state formation process, and important legislative bills. During this period SSG's grants program also began in Somaliland with nine CSOs selected to conduct voter registration outreach work in six regions, two of which received grant awards in December. These first grantees will disseminate voter registration information to five districts in the Togdheer Region through a variety of mediums including drama performances and poetry shows, training of trainer's workshops, and community forums, among others. In Puntland, SSG held two skills development sessions focused on public financial management (PFM) for civil servants and CSOs. The sessions aimed to bring the two groups together to learn tools of financial governance and accountability.

A. Key Narrative Achievements

The SSG team conducts working lunches with the chairs of the five key parliamentary committee and six key ministry partners to update each other on activities, challenges and other issues. These working lunches serve to strengthen the project's relationship with its partners. SSG enabled interactions between parliamentarians, ministry staff, and CSOs through skills development activities.

The legislative drafting and regulatory reform skills development sessions, in particular, facilitated interactions and discussions between staff of both parliament and ministries. This is an achievement as the Parliament and the Executive branch often operate without any interaction with each other.

Another significant task completed this quarter was working on e-learning skills development that would create flexible and affordable mechanisms for our Somali civil servant partners. In October, SSG hired an e-learning and knowledge management consultant to conduct research on end user assessment of e-learning platforms and the different user groups already accessing or soliciting such services in Somalia, including conducting forums with ministries, universities, and civil society organizations. The consultant also performed a brief literature review to determine the existing evidence and research base for e-learning as a tool supports or discourages its use within the Somali context, highlighting observed or expected strengths or disadvantages that would need to be assessed during the course of a pilot platform and module, which ultimately informed recommendations to USAID at the end of the consultancy.

B. Quantitative Highlights

Key achievements during this quarter include:

Skill Development Activities:

- SSG delivered a total of 40 skills development events during this quarter making a combined total of 96 course-work days for 22 courses, attracting 590 participants (182 female & 408 male) from target counter-parts. The courses focused on; assets management, legislative drafting, advocacy, communications, accounting, and regulatory reforms.

Consensus-Building Forums:

- SSG facilitated a five part series of consensus-building sessions in October to build support for the 30% Gender Quota Bill. The five day event brought together 130 key stakeholders (47 male & 83 female) including ministers, federal Members of Parliament (MPs), women CSOs, youth leaders, media, artists, and educators, to tackle under-representation of women in Somalia's political and decision making processes.
- SSG provided hosting support for two inter-ministerial director generals' coordination meeting, during this quarter, as well as two national advisory council meetings on the NDP.
- SSG also facilitated a major consultative forum in Mogadishu with youth CSO's and the Ministry of Youth and Sports to support the exchange of ideas on drafting of the national youth policy and youth political participation. The event attracted a high level delegation including the Minister, senior ministry officials and 27 youth delegates from three CSO's.

CSO Support:

- During this quarter, SSG provided CSOs with a total of 13 skill development events, reaching 234 participants (144 male & 90 female), major courses included social media, advocacy skills development, outreach and civic methodologies skills, and legal drafting.
- In Mogadishu, SSG selected five (5) CSOs to provide with tools, and more hands on training and mentorship. This exercise helped produce five (5) advocacy campaign plans, to help the CSOs operationalize their advocacy efforts.

Bill Support:

- During this quarter four major bills, which SSG continued to support during this quarter were finally approved by the Federal Parliament. These are the Foreign Investment Bill, the Procurement Bill, the Anti-Money Laundering and Financing Terrorism Bill, and the Media Bill.

Public consultations

- In Somaliland, two public consultations were held in Hargeisa for legislators to engage in public consultations on PFM bills. The events on Procurement Bill and the National Audit Bill attracted 110 individuals including government officials and the members of the public.

C. Activity Administration

SSG has faced criticism from government partners in Somalia, Somaliland, and Puntland that our scope of work is not broad enough. For example, the Somaliland HoR requested that SSG expand their work to other committees in Somaliland, as the legislative branch is considered the key institution that can provide guidance to other institutions. In addition, governance work is cross-cutting and it is difficult to work with particular institutions independently from non-partner institutions as legislative, ministerial, and commission mandates are connected at all levels. SSG has addressed this challenge by communicating with non-target counterparts as stakeholders in project efforts through inclusion in relevant activities when feasible. For instance, SSG has developed a collaborative relationship with Civil Service Institute in Somaliland, which now assists the project in coordinating participation for skills development sessions tailored to civil servants.

In Mogadishu, SSG has been supporting our six ministerial partners with human resources and institutional skills development, however the Ministry of Labor and Social Services (MoLSA) stated the work of developing ToRs, policies, and job descriptions should be done in partnership with the ministry. SSG consulted with the civil service commission and was not made aware of the mandate of MoLSA in relation to the human resources work. SSG is mitigating the challenge of a limited scope of work and limited resources, while ensuring that the mandate of the ministries are respected.

A further challenge facing SSG is that partners request support in areas that the World Bank and UNDP projects are supposed to cover. However as both of these projects are not visible on the ground, partner ministries expect SSG to step in and fill the gap. SSG works to remedy this through close collaboration between donor partners so that each governance project can connect non-partner institutions with donor projects that can provide the resources and the capacity support needed.

D. Subsequent Reporting Period's Work Plan

The subsequent reporting period will cover all aspects planned in the Y2 Work Plan, which includes the following:

- Skills development for parliamentary and ministry staff in FGS, Somaliland, and Puntland.
- Skills development for parliamentarians in Jubaland.
- Further activities to improve the committees' function, legislative processes, oversight duties and responsibilities.
- Further activities to improve the communications, office administration, human resources, budget systems, financial management, and policies and standards of six target ministries.
- Further activities to improve CSO engagement on governance and political processes, CSO reporting on key areas of interest and improved quality of targeted media.

There is no planned deviation from the Year 2 Work Plan.

III. KEY NARRATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

Mogadishu

Objective I

Consultative Forums

SSG assisted Hon. Nadifa Mohamed in promoting the 30% Gender Quota Bill that was submitted to the Office of the Speaker. SSG organized five consecutive consultation meetings for the bill from October 18-22, 2015. Each consultation had different stakeholders as described below.

Meeting with key women CSOs (2): All the attendees agreed that women need to be allocated constitutionally reserved seats in all appointed and elected positions in the government. Hon. Nadifa stressed the need for all women CSOs to jointly work on the means of ensuring the passage of the 30% Gender Quota Bill through lobbying at all possible fora. The participants also agreed the timing of this consultation was very significant since this is an opportune time to make a submission on gender equality to the Independent Constitution Review and Implementation Commission (ICRIC).

Consultation meeting with ministers, MPs and Benadir women: This consultation meeting brought together high profile government officials and prominent women from Mogadishu municipality. The Minister of Health, the Deputy Ministers for Women and Human Rights, the former Foreign Affairs Minister, as well as influential male and female MPs attended this event. The debate and discussion on women representation was very intense and the attendees unanimously agreed to endorse this bill. The presence of women from Mogadishu districts added much-needed energy and stamina to the debate by promising to organize peaceful demonstrations in Mogadishu to support this bill. Hon. Fawzia, the former Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister and current MP, passionately told the attendees that the traditional elders and religious leaders are the greatest impediments to equal gender political participation.

Consultation meeting with youth organizations and university students: Many students from various universities in Mogadishu attended this significant consultation. Like others, the youth organizations and students promised to give full support to the 30% Gender Quota Bill. The event participants signed a petition of support which will be presented to the Parliament. Most of the participants stated this was the first time they were invited to give their views on a policy issue driven by the government.

Consultation meeting with media, artists and poets: Since Somalia is an oral society that greatly values poems and literature, artists are an important constituent group. Their support of the 30% Gender Quota Bill was expressed in a very captivating style through poems, buraanbur (Somali song recited by females), and fiction. The artists narrated how Somali women fought for independence from the colonialists, sacrificing their lives and property to ensure that Somalia was a free nation. They praised the role of women in Somali society and personified it as the mother, sister, or wife who requires decent and fair treatment in all social, economic, and political life. Finally the artists threw their weight behind the gender quota bill and assured Hon. Nadifa that they will stand with her in supporting the bill.

Following the forums, Hon. Nadifa submitted the proposed bill to the Speaker of the Parliament for consideration. The bill is currently waiting to be read before a plenary session.

Bills

SSG was pleased that important legislation the project assisted key committees with was passed by the Parliament during this reporting period. They are as follows:

The Foreign Investment Bill – SSG worked very closely with the Economy, Trade and Industry Committee on comparative analysis of different versions of this bill. The project advised on similar laws enacted in neighboring countries and presented a comparative analysis of 22 countries. SSG was instrumental in coordinating the efforts of all relevant government stakeholders. The Bill was approved by the Parliament on November 23, 2015 with 143 MPs voting in favor of the bill, one MP voting against the bill and three MPs abstaining from voting all together.

The Procurement Bill – This Bill was with the Budget and Finance Committee, one of the five key committees that SSG is working with. SSG reviewed this bill and provided direct comments on the competition and bidding sections. It was passed by Parliament on December 12, 2015 with 143 MPs voting in favor, three MPs against, and one MP abstaining from voting.

The Anti – Money Laundering and Financing Terrorism Bill – The Budget and Finance Committee also worked on this bill. SSG reviewed this bill for content and linkages to the Terrorism Bill and then refined the reporting requirements section. SSG also commented on the outline and enforcement sections. It was approved on December 26, 2015 with 136 MPs voting in favor, 11 MPs against the bill, and eight MPs abstaining.

The Media Bill – This bill was handled by the Information and Media Committee, which is also one of SSG’s key committee partners. SSG commented and made recommendations on three different sections including who the law applies to; who or what is a registered journalist; and recommended the removal of the unilateral authority of the Minister of Information to determine who is a registered journalist. The bill was passed on December 28, 2015 with 139 MPs voting in favor and three that abstained.

As a follow up item on these four bills, upon request from the Chair of the Economy, Trade and Industry Committee, SSG drafted a Company Law Bill and shared with the Committee to review.

Skills Development

During this quarter, SSG focused on improving the capacity of the secretariat at the Federal Parliament by providing relevant and necessary skills development for staff. The skill development courses that took place during this reporting period include assets management, regulatory reform, office administration skills, and legislative drafting.

Objective 2

SSG has benefited from increased collaboration and joint efforts in its activities with partner ministries this quarter. The key activity areas are listed below.

Human Resources

With SSG support, MoPWR adopted the final package of job descriptions, SOPs, and other policy documents following a series of demonstrations and meetings held by SSG. Senior MoPWR staff partnered with SSG experts to develop job descriptions for technical staff with responsibilities in civil engineering; cartography and surveying; environmental assessment and compliance; hydrogeology and drainage; and transportation planning. Consequently, MoPWR staff report that human resource issues have become more clear and efficient regarding specific staff responsibilities and recruitment. Similar activities have also begun with MoF, focused on the revision of their human resources (HR) manual, development of ToRs, and a detailed organogram for the ministry’s HR and Training Department, and the review of draft job descriptions for technical finance positions.

Communications

In Q1, SSG focused on four out of the six core ministries working closely with MoJ, MoF, MoPIC and MoPWR on improving the communications systems and mechanisms in place. The team started the quarter with skills development courses on report writing, leading and managing team meetings

and conducting presentations. These courses were delivered to 15 staff from the ministries' communications departments, who were able to share their experiences and the concepts, tools, and challenges of communicating with various audiences. As a result the participating staff were equipped with the knowledge and tools to present information accurately, whether it is through reports and other forms of written communications (memos, briefs, etc.), or capturing and documenting meetings through proper agendas and minutes, or preparing and presenting ideas through oral presentations.

SSG supported MoJ in creating its communications department in October 2015. The new department will work on the Ministry's internal and external communications, which is now reflected in the program of MoJ. SSG drafted the ToRs for this new department and its three staff members.

SSG helped draft a communications strategy for the NDP which was approved by MoPIC, and the team is currently preparing for further assistance to the NDP in Q2. In addition, SSG worked with MoPWR to draft a communications strategy to increase public awareness concerning construction standards, and related issues of public safety and security, quality control of construction materials, reliability of national building codes, and land management. The document was approved by the Minister and SSG is currently preparing for further assistance in Q2.

At MoF, SSG worked closely with the Budget Director to draft a communications strategy, as well as an activity plan that details all of SSG's capacity support to the MoF in 2016. The strategy focuses mainly on the issues of budgeting and taxation, and is accompanied by a work plan for various activities to support the ministry's communications abilities (website and social media support), including increasing public education on budget execution and allocation and revenue generation through taxation.

Financial Management, Financial Reporting and Budget

In this quarter, SSG provided skills development courses on these areas. The team trained 20 ministry staff from the departments of administration and finance of the six ministries on governmental accounting, internal auditing, and statistics. The SSG team is currently preparing for further assistance in Q2 around the budget, PFM bill, and other activities.

Office Administration

In Q1, SSG worked with the six key ministries to develop organizational capacity in office administration through a combination of STTA and on-the-job training. The team worked with the staff in the department of administration and finance to enable staff to:

- Develop a basic filing system;
- Learn best practices for file maintenance and record management;
- Create policies and procedures for file management, and;
- Ensure complete record management through regular file audits.

The activities are still ongoing and in Q2 the aim is to ensure these staff maintain an effective filing system that will allow for searchable documents and records.

Planning

SSG continued to support MoPIC National Advisory Council (NAC) meetings. In Quarter I, the MoPIC team organized two NAC meetings in October and December 2015. Regional planning teams attended the meetings together with representatives from the chamber of commerce, the private sector, youth, CSOs, universities, MPs, and federal ministers. In each meeting, MoPIC prepared technical presentations showcasing the progress and timeline of the NDP. SSG also continued to support the monthly DGs government inter-coordination meetings where the key discussions centered on the NDP, sustainable development goals, monitoring and evaluation

framework. The MoPIC technical team has been very pro-active in using this platform to obtain the DGs inputs and approval of the process. SSG also provided MoPIC with a research coordinator and a technical expert that supported the NDP, through a document analysis of previous FGS planning strategies. This involved an in-depth review of existing development plans and frameworks to inform the NDP (including regional plans by Puntland, Jubaland, etc.) and organizing the collection of all data for the NDP.

Policies and Standards

In Q1, SSG focused on asset management policy to prepare key partner ministries to receive equipment and office furniture through in-kind grants. This equipment is intended to provide employees with the basic tools needed to effectively carry out their jobs. After developing the base asset management system to be used, ministry staff were identified to manage the process internally.

Legislative Strengthening

In Q1, SSG focused on MoJ, supporting the Ministry through a combination of STTA delivering skills development courses and on-the-job support. A course on regulatory reform focusing on the creation, and validation of tools and templates was delivered to six mid-level policy and legal drafting staff in MoJ, who were conducting an inventory and review of existing regulations. The templates developed will support inventory data collection requirements, allowing participants to build a detailed index for the thousands of existing regulations they are currently scanning and collecting. Participants also validated a review checklist produced in consultation with the parliamentary legal team.

Objective 3

In Q1, SSG conducted advocacy capacity building sessions for select CSOs in Mogadishu. The aim was to build the CSOs capacity on advocacy, lobbying, and campaigning for issues such as the budget, NDP, Gender Quota Bill, and youth political participation. The SSG team then worked closely with a smaller group of CSOs to develop advocacy plans to engage the government and Parliament on those issues.

University students attended a skills development session to also learn how to design and implement advocacy plans as part of their engagement with the National Youth Policy, and ongoing public consultations on the PFM, Media, and Telecommunications Bills. Participants were drawn from 10 schools across the Union of Somali Universities in Mogadishu. It's hoped this will create opportunities for the students to launch their own advocacy initiatives, linking them to the wider civic engagement processes.

SSG also conducted skills development courses on conflict sensitive journalism and governance reporting for journalists in Mogadishu, Hargeisa, and Garowe. SSG also conducted an advocacy skills workshop for women from various CSOs in Mogadishu. An advocacy skills training was also given for 40 participants from various civil society organizations in Garowe.

During this reporting period, SSG provided skill development for CSOs in south-central Somalia, Somaliland, and Puntland on the use of social media and connecting to the government and parliament for political and social issues. SSG also began the grant process for election and civic engagement in Mogadishu.

In this quarter, extensive work was done on elections preparation and SSG deployed consultants to assist in coordinating the NCFs that were held in Mogadishu to determine the modality of 2016 election. SSG's election advisor, guided by the 'Somali-led, Somali-owned' ethos, presented a regulatory framework with several options on electoral methods as alternatives to the now defunct Vision 2016 framework. SSG targeted 32 CSOs throughout the region to support public outreach for civic education.

SSG conducted budget skills development for five journalists representing different media houses. The journalists learned about budget components, budget allocation, and budget oversight. It is hoped the knowledge they gained on the budget will allow them to more effectively and accurately report on the upcoming national budget forum and annual budget planning processes.

Somaliland

Objective 1

During this reporting period, SSG worked closely with the Secretary General and the House of Representatives on the planning and execution of public consultations on the National Audit Bills. Each public consultation saw a total of 60 participants including prominent MPs, representatives from the Somaliland Central Bank, the MoF, the PFM Office, the Auditor General, the National Tender Board, as well as actors from all sectors of Somaliland's civil society. These public consultations were a success with many commenting that this was the first time that the Parliament demonstrated a willingness to engage and consult with the public, who are committed to civic participation with their government institutions.

Objective 2

Throughout Q1, the team worked with the MoF and Ministry of National Planning and Development preparing MoUs and agreeing on the activities in the annual work plan. SSG continued to offer skills development sessions to ministries in Somaliland, particularly in the area of civic engagement and increasing strategic communication capacity. In October, SSG conducted communication and media engagement skills development sessions for 13 civil servants from the ministries of Planning, Information, Interior, Justice, Public Works and Finance. The aim of the session was to provide civil servants with basic skills in using social media as an effective public outreach medium. The overall objective of this training was to highlight the importance of advocacy, and strategic communications as mechanisms for civic engagement.

Objective 3

Despite delays in initiating capacity building and legislative work with Somaliland's government due to the length of time invested in negotiating and defining the content of the MoUs, SSG's work with civil society actors continued to thrive. In Q1, SSG successfully completed two social media skills development sessions for more than 30 participants in Hargeisa. Participants learned best practices for incorporating and using social media as part of their outreach plan to engage governments and clients.

Another important milestone in Somaliland this quarter was the kickoff of SSG's capacity building work with the NEC's voter education program. By the first week of December, SSG finalized the grantee selection process in Somaliland. More than 28 grant applications for voter education were evaluated with nine possible grantees identified to move forward. As part of the evaluation process, three pre-award assessments were conducted in both the Sahil and Togdheer regions for three CSOs--two in Togdheer and one in Sahil. The first two grants were awarded by the end of December.

Puntland

Objective 1

SSG held several meetings with the Puntland Parliament leadership. Unfortunately, SSG's original point of contact, former Speaker of the Puntland Parliament, Hon. Saeed Hassan Shire, resigned on October 28, 2015. The Puntland Parliament elected a new Speaker, Hon. Ahmed Ali Hashi and SSG experienced a longer than anticipated delay in getting the original MoU signed, which consequently was not completed during this quarter.

Objective 2

Throughout Q1, the team worked with MoF and MoPIC in preparing MoUs and agreeing on the activities in the annual work plan. The closing of the Garowe Airport, due to renovations, has made it difficult for SSG staff to travel to Garowe for capacity building work. Despite those challenges, SSG held two PFM skills development sessions on December 21 and 28 2015, bringing together civil servants from ministries and CSOs to learn the basics of promoting good financial governance and accountability. In Q2, SSG will work closely with the MoF and MoPIC in all areas outlined in the Y2 Work Plan.

Objective 3

SSG continues to focus on building CSO capacity in social media and strategic communications as a mechanism to improve civic political participation. In various skills development sessions, CSO participants learned about using social media as one of the most effective tools for engagement and information sharing. In Garowe, public outreach strategies were also shared, teaching best practices in conducting advocacy, lobbying, and political organizing. SSG conducted an advocacy skills development workshop for 40 participants from various CSOs in Garowe. The training was aimed at building CSO capacity in the areas of advocacy, lobbying, activism, political organizing, and civic participation. Representatives from Puntland Non-State Actors Association, Puntland's Women Organization, Hayaan research Institution, and the Media Association for Puntland participated.

IV. PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS

Table 1: SSG Indicator 1 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: NUMBER OF EXECUTIVE OVERSIGHT ACTIONS TAKEN BY LEGISLATURE RECEIVING USG ASSISTANCE
INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.2.1-4
Notes: This indicator will be reported in Q4 Y2 (Frequency of Reporting – Annually).

Table 2: SSG Indicator 2 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: [PLACEHOLDER FOR GOAL LEVEL EFFECTIVENESS INDICATOR]
INDICATOR NUMBER:
COMMENT: This indicator placeholder will be replaced by relevant new indicators in the new results framework in Q2 2016

Table 3: SSG Indicator 3 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: PERCENTAGE INCREASE OF PARLIAMENTARY FUNCTIONALITY AMONG THE PARLIAMENTS (INCLUDING FGS, SOMALILAND, PUNTLAND AND OTHER REGIONAL PARLIAMENTS)					
INDICATOR NUMBER: CUSTOM					
BASELINE SCORECARD FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES – AS RATED IN OCTOBER 2015					
Committee Name	1. Legislative Capacity	2. Representativeness of Parliament	3. Oversight of Executive	4. Transparency and Accessibility of Parliament	CUMULATIVE SCORE
PUNTLAND: Economy and Public Accounts Committee (EPAC)	2	3	2.5	3.5	11
PUNTLAND: Legal Affairs Committee (LAC)	2	4.5	2.5	5.5	14.5
SOMALILAND: Finance and Economy Committee	2.5	4.5	5	5	17
SOMALILAND: Judiciary and Justice Committee	3.5	4.5	3.5	5	16.5
SOMALILAND: Livestock and Environment Committee	3.5	5	2.5	5	16
Notes: This indicator will be reported in Q4 Y2 (Frequency of Reporting – Annually).					

Table 4: SSG Indicator 4 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: PERCENTAGE INCREASE OF MINISTRY FUNCTIONALITY AMONG THE GOVERNMENTS (INCLUDING FGS, SOMALILAND, PUNTLAND, AND OTHER REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS)						
INDICATOR NUMBER: CUSTOM						
BASELINE SCORECARD FOR THE TARGET MINISTERS – AS RATED IN OCTOBER 2015						
SCORE AREAS	1 Governance – out of 15	2 Administration – out of 15	3 HR- out of 20	4 Financial Management – out of 25	5 Institutional Management – out of 35	CUMULATIVE RATING - OUT OF 110
Federal Ministries						
Ministry of Finance	10	10	9	19	24	72
Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism	10	6	10	10	17	53
Ministry of Interior and Federalism Affairs	8	9	7	13	22	59
Ministry of Justice	10	10	10	16	20	66
Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation	10	6	8	11	21	56
Ministry of Public Works and Reconstruction	9	8	9	15	19	60
Somaliland Ministries						
Ministry of Finance	9	11	11	20	18	69
Ministry of National Planning and Development	12	9	12	17	21	71
Puntland Ministries						
Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation	9	9	11	15	24	68
Ministry of Justice, Religion and Rehabilitation	9	9	13	12	24	67
Notes: This is indicator will be reported in Q4 Y2 (Frequency of Reporting – Annually).						

Table 5: SSG Indicator 5 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: PERSON HOURS OF TRAINING COMPLETED IN FISCAL POLICY AND FISCAL ADMINISTRATION SUPPORTED BY USG ASSISTANCE						
INDICATOR NUMBER: 4.1.1-14						
<i>UNIT:</i> Number (Person hours)	<i>DISAGGREGATE BY:</i> Sex and location					
	<i>Geographic Location</i>	<i>Activity Title</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Sub-total (Person Hours of Training)</i>

Mogadishu	Basic Accounting	Oct 21 – 22, 2015	5	11	192
Mogadishu	Government Accounting	Oct 28 – 29, 2015	4	10	168
Mogadishu	Government Accounting	Nov 9 – 10, 2015	0	11	132
Mogadishu	Government Accounting	Nov 16 – 17, 2015	5	7	144
Mogadishu	Internal Auditing	Nov 22 – 25, 2015	1	18	456
Mogadishu	National Budgeting for Radio Journalists	Dec 19, 2015	4	1	30
Garowe	Public Finance Management	Dec 21 – 23, 2015	7	10	306
Garowe	Public Finance Management	Dec 28 – 30, 2015	8	11	342
Totals			34	79	1770

Results: **All training activities lasted not less than 6 hours every day of attendance.**

Additional Criteria (Gender breakdown of participants per region)	Baseline		Results Achieved Prior Periods		This Reporting Period 31/Dec/15				Reporting Period 31/Mar/16		Reporting Period 30/Jun/16		Reporting Period 30/Sep/16		FY 2015 Target		FY 2016 Target		End of Activity Target	
			Achieved		Target		Achieved		Target		Target		Target		Target		Target		Target	
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
Total (number of person hours)	0		3,114		-		1,770		-		-		-		100		1000		2,000	
Gender*: Women (W), Men (M)	0	0	558	2556	-	-	486	1284												
Somaliland	0	0	0	0			0	0												
Puntland	0	0	0	0			270	378												
Federal Level	0	0	558	2556			216	906												

Table 6: SSG Indicator 6 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: NUMBER OF LAWS, POLICIES, OR PROCEDURES DRAFTED, PROPOSED OR ADOPTED TO PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY AT THE REGIONAL, NATIONAL, OR LOCAL LEVEL		
INDICATOR NUMBER: GNDR-1		
UNIT: Number of laws, policies, or procedures	DISAGGREGATE BY: <i>Type of law, proposed/adopted/drafted</i>	
	Type of Law, Policies, & Procedures	Proposed/Adopted/Drafted/Implemented
	(1) Company Law – At Federal Level	Drafted
	Totals	1
Results: SSG drafted a gender sensitive company law for the federal parliament of Somalia.		

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline	Results Achieved Prior Periods	This Reporting Period 31/Dec/15		Reporting Period 31/Mar/16	Reporting Period 30/Jun/16	Reporting Period 30/Sep/16	FY 2015 Target	FY 2016 Target	End of Activity Target
		Achieved	Target	Achieved	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target
		# of laws/policies	# of laws/policies	# of laws/policies	# of laws/policies	# of laws/policies	# of laws/policies	# of laws/policies	# of laws/policies	# of laws/policies
Total	0	11 Policies & 0 SOPs	0	1	-	-	-	1	10	15
Federal Level	0	11 Policies and 0 SoPs		1						
Puntland	0	0		0						
Somaliland	0	0		0						

Table 7: SSG Indicator 7 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: NUMBER OF DRAFT LAWS SUBJECT TO SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT AND FINAL VOTE IN LEGISLATURES RECEIVING USG ASSISTANCE											
INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.2.1-3											
UNIT: Number (of draft) laws	DISAGGREGATE BY: Type of law										
	(1) Media Bill – Passed by the Federal Parliament on Dec 28 th 2015										1
	(2) Foreign Investment Bill – Passed by the Federal Parliament on Nov 23 th 2015										1
	(3) Procurement Bill – Passed by the Federal Parliament on Dec 12 th 2015										1
	(4) Anti-Money Laundering Bill – Passed by the Federal Parliament on Dec 26 th 2015										1
<i>Totals</i>										4	
Results:											
Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline	Results Achieved Prior Periods	This Reporting Period 31/Dec/15		Reporting Period 31/Mar/16	Reporting Period 30/Jun/16	Reporting Period 30/Sep/16	FY 2015 Target	FY 2016 Target	End of Activity Target	
		Achieved	Target	Achieved	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	
		# of amendments	# of amendments	# of final votes	# of final votes	# of amendments	# of amendments	# of amendments	# of amendments	# of amendments	
Total	0	9 amendments	0	4 final vote	0	0	0	3	10	20	
Federal Level	0	9 amendments		4 final vote							
Puntland	0	0		0							
Somaliland	0	0		0							

Table 8: SSG Indicator 8 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: PROPORTION OF FEMALES WHO REPORT INCREASED SELF-EFFICACY AT THE CONCLUSION OF USG-SUPPORT TRAINING/ PROGRAMMING	
INDICATOR NUMBER: GNDR-3	
<i>UNIT:</i> Percentage	<i>DISAGGREGATE BY:</i> Position or role of the respondent, location, type of participation reported and Age (18-29 and 30 and over)
Results: This indicator will be reported in Q2 Y2 (Frequency of Reporting – Semi-Annually).	

Table 9: SSG Indicator 9 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: NUMBER OF PUBLIC FORUMS RESULTING FROM USG ASSISTANCE IN WHICH NATIONAL LEGISLATORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERACT										
INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.2.1-6										
<i>UNIT:</i> Number (of public forums)	<i>DISAGGREGATE BY:</i> Location and Type of event									
	Type of Event									Location
	(1) Public Consultations on the National Audit Bill - 26 – 28th Dec, 2015									Hargeisa, Somaliland
	(2) Public Consultations/Forum on Procurement Bill - 29 – 31st Dec, 2015									Hargeisa, Somaliland
<i>Totals Number of Events/Forums</i>										2
<i>Results:</i>										
Additional Criteria <i>If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking</i>	Baseline	<i>Results Achieved Prior Periods</i>	<i>This Reporting Period 31/Dec/15</i>		<i>Reporting Period 31/Mar/16</i>	<i>Reporting Period 30/Jun/16</i>	<i>Reporting Period 30/Sep/16</i>	<i>FY 2015 Target</i>	<i>FY 2016 Target</i>	<i>End of Activity Target</i>
		<i>Achieved</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Target</i>
Total	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	10	50	100
<i>Federal Level</i>	0	0	0	0						
<i>Puntland</i>	0	0	0	0						
<i>Somaliland</i>	0	0	0	2						

Table 10: SSG Indicator 10 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: NUMBER OF USG-ASSISTED CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS THAT PARTICIPATE IN LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS AND/OR ENGAGE IN ADVOCACY WITH NATIONAL LEGISLATURE AND ITS COMMITTEES	
INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.2.1-7	
<i>UNIT:</i> Number	<i>DISAGGREGATE BY:</i> Location, area of the government; type of interaction/ communication
Notes: This indicator will be reported in Q4 Y2 (Frequency of Reporting – Annually).	

Table 11: SSG Indicator 11 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: PERCENTAGE INCREASE OF EXECUTIVE INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE	
INDICATOR NUMBER: CUSTOM	
UNIT: Percentage	DISAGGREGATE BY: Ministry, function area on scorecard
Notes: This is indicator will be reported in Q4 Y2 (Frequency of Reporting – Annually).	

Table 12: SSG Indicator 12 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS PROVIDED TO EXECUTIVE BRANCH PERSONNEL WITH USG ASSISTANCE								
INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.2.2-6								
UNIT: Number of people/ training days	DISAGGREGATE BY: Sex; location, position, functional area, type of training							
	Geographic Location	Activity Title	Functional Area	Dates	W	M	Sub-Total (W +M)	Sub-Total (Number of Training Days)
	Mogadishu	Research and Analysis Skills	OPM, OOP and Ministry Staff	Oct 6 & 13, 2015	0	11	11	22
	Mogadishu	Statistics	Ministry Staff	Oct 7 & 14, 2015	5	7	12	24
	Mogadishu	Asset Management	Ministry Staff	Oct 14 & 18, 2015	5	4	9	18
	Mogadishu	Office Administration	OPM, OOP and Ministry Staff	Oct 19 -20, 2015	2	5	7	14
	Mogadishu	Admin/Filing Systems	OPM, OOP and Ministry Staff	Oct 12 -13, 2015	3	12	15	30
	Mogadishu	Communication and Media Engagement	Ministry Staff	Oct 11 -13, 2015	0	12	12	36
	Mogadishu	Asset Management	OOP & Ministry Staff	Oct 21 -22, 2015	3	13	16	32
	Mogadishu	Basic Accounting	Ministry Staff	Oct 21 – 22, 2015	5	11	16	32
	Mogadishu	Statistics Correlation & Regression Mathematics	Ministry Staff	Oct 25 – 26, 2015	3	9	12	24
	Mogadishu	Strategic Communications	Ministry Staff	Oct 28 – 29, 2015	1	15	16	32
	Mogadishu	Government Accounting	Ministry Staff	Oct 28 – 29, 2015	4	10	14	28
	Mogadishu	Government Accounting	Ministry Staff	Nov 9 – 10, 2015	0	11	11	22
	Mogadishu	Business Communication	Ministry & Presidents Office Staff	Nov 9 – 10, 2015	3	11	14	28
	Mogadishu	Regulatory Reform	OPM, OOP and Ministry Staff	Oct 19 – 20, 2015	2	9	11	22
	Mogadishu	Regulatory Reform	OPM, OOP and Ministry Staff	Oct 26 – 27, 2015	4	6	10	20
	Mogadishu	Regulatory Reform	OPM, OOP and Ministry Staff	Oct 28 – 29, 2015	0	8	8	16
	Mogadishu	Regulatory Reform	Ministry Staff	Nov 9 – 10, 2015	0	3	3	6
	Mogadishu	Regulatory Reform	Ministry Staff	Nov 15 -16, 2015	2	3	5	10
	Mogadishu	Government Accounting	Ministry Staff	Nov 16 – 17, 2015	5	7	12	24
	Mogadishu	Internal Auditing	Ministry Staff	Nov 22 – 25, 2015	1	18	19	76
	Garowe	Public Finance Management	Ministry Staff	Dec 21 – 23, 2015	1	3	4	12

	Garowe	Public Finance Management	Ministry Staff	Dec 28 – 30, 2015	3	1	4	12												
	Computed Totals(total # of days @ training X # of people)				52	189	241	540												
Results:																				
Additional Criteria	Baseline		Results Achieved Prior Periods		This Reporting Period 31/Dec/15		Reporting Period 31/Mar/16		Reporting Period 30/Jun/16		Reporting Period 30/Sep/16		FY 2015 Target		FY 2016 Target		End of Activity Target			
			Achieved		Target		Achieved		Target		Target		Target		Target		Target			
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M		
Total (training days)	0		454		-		540		-		-		-		30		60		150	
Gender*: Women (W), Men (M)	0	0	107	347	-	-	110	430	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Somaliland	0	0	0	0			0	0												
Puntland	0	0	0	0			12	12												
Federal Level	0	0	107	347			98	418												

Table 13: SSG Indicator 13 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: NUMBER OF ELECTION OFFICIALS TRAINED WITH USG ASSISTANCE	
INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.3.2-3	
UNIT: Number	DISAGGREGATE BY: Sex, location, functional area, type of training
Notes: Activities related to elections are just taking off from Q2 2016, and will reported during subsequent periods.	

Table 14: SSG Indicator 14 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN INTRA- OR INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMUNICATION	
INDICATOR NUMBER: CUSTOM	
UNIT: Percentage	DISAGGREGATE BY: Branch of government; institution location; functional area; sex
Notes: This is indicator will be reported in Q4 Y2 (Frequency of Reporting – Annually).	

Table 15: SSG Indicator 15 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING VOTER AND CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH USG-ASSISTED PROGRAMS																					
INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.3.2-12																					
UNIT: Number		DISAGGREGATE BY: Sex, minorities or disadvantaged/marginalized groups, type of activity, age group																			
		Geographic Location				Activity Title				Date				W		M		Sub-total			
		Garowe, Hargeisa				Three (3 events) Consultative meetings targeting women CSO in Puntland and Somaliland				Hargeisa - Oct 8, 2015, Garowe - Oct 13, 2015 Garowe - Oct 22, 2015				28		20		48			
										Totals				28		20		48			
Results:																					
Additional Criteria		Baseline		Results Achieved Prior Periods		This Reporting Period 31/Dec/15				Reporting Period 31/Mar/16		Reporting Period 30/Jun/16		Reporting Period 30/Sep/16		FY 2015 Target		FY 2016 Target		End of Activity Target	
				Achieved		Target		Achieved		Target		Target		Target		Target		Target		Target	
		W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
Total		0		308		-		48		-		-		-		3,000		12,000		20,000	
Gender*: Women (W), Men (M)		0	0	124	184	-	-	28	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Somaliland		0	0	9	5			5	10												
Puntland		0	0	0	0			23	10												
Federal Level		0	0	115	179			0	0												

Table 16: SSG Indicator 16 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: NUMBER OF CONSENSUS-BUILDING FORUMS (MULTI-PARTY, CIVIL/SECURITY SECTOR, AND/OR CIVIL/POLITICAL) HELD WITH USG ASSISTANCE								
INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.3.1-7								
UNIT: Number		DISAGGREGATE BY: Level (national/regional, parliament/ministry, etc.)						
		Geographic Location		Activity Title		Dates	Level	Number of forums
		Mogadishu		Consultative Forum for Youth CSO's and Ministry of Youth and Sports (1 forum)		Dec 17, 2015	Ministry	1
		Mogadishu		Consultative Forum on 30% Women Quota Bill (5 forums)		Oct 18 – 22, 2015	Ministry/Parliament/CSO	5
		Mogadishu		Inter-ministerial planning and consultation forums (2 forums)		Nov 26, 2015 Dec 28, 2015	Ministries	2

	Mogadishu	National Advisory Council Meeting on the National Development Plan (1 forum)			Dec 23, 2015	Federal Ministries, Federal States, and MOPIC		1		
		<i>Totals</i>						9		
Results:										
Additional Criteria	Baseline	Results Achieved Prior Periods	This Reporting Period 31/Dec/15		Reporting Period 31/Mar/16	Reporting Period 30/Jun/16	Reporting Period 30/Sep/16	FY 2015 Target	FY 2016 Target	End of Activity Target
		Achieved	Target	Achieved	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target
Total	0	13	0	9	0	0	0	3	10	20
Federal Level	0	13	0	9						
Puntland	0	0	0	0						
Somaliland	0	0	0	0						

Table 17: SSG Indicator 17 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: NUMBER OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSOS) RECEIVING USG ASSISTANCE ENGAGED IN ADVOCACY INTERVENTIONS										
INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.4.1-9										
UNIT:		DISAGGREGATE BY: Type of Initiative								
Number of CSOs	Geographic Location		Type of Organization & Topic Areas						Sub-total - # of CSOs	
	Mogadishu		Somali Youth Development Network (SOYDEN) – Youth Economic Development						1	
	Mogadishu		Somali Youth Development Foundation (SYDF) – Youth Political Participation						1	
	Mogadishu		Aragti Relief and Development Organization (ARDO) – Women’s Political Participation						1	
	Mogadishu		Somali South Central Non State Actors (SOSCENSA) – Public Finance Management						1	
	Mogadishu		Woman and Child Care (WOCCA) – Support for Victims of Rape.						1	
			<i>Totals</i>						5	
Results:										
Additional Criteria	Baseline	Results Achieved Prior Periods	This Reporting Period 31/Dec/15		Reporting Period 31/Mar/16	Reporting Period 30/Jun/16	Reporting Period 30/Sep/16	FY 2015 Target	FY 2016 Target	End of Activity Target
		Achieved	Target	Achieved	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target
Total (# of CSOs)	0	5	-	5	-	-	-	10	30	90
Federal Level	0	2	-	5						
Puntland	0	0	-	0						
Somaliland	0	3	-	0						

Table 18: SSG Indicator 18 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS PROVIDED TO JOURNALISTS WITH USG ASSISTANCE, MEASURED BY PERSON-DAYS OF TRAINING																							
INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.4.2-8																							
UNIT: Number of training days		DISAGGREGATE BY: Sex, location, type of training, type of participant																					
		Geographic Location				Type of Training				Type of Participant		Dates		W		M		Sub-total (Training Days)					
		Hargeisa				Conflict Sensitive Journalism (5 days single event)				Radio Journalists		Oct 10 – 14, 2015		4		4		40					
		Garowe				Conflict Sensitive Journalism (5 days single event)				Radio Journalists		Oct 24 – 28, 2015		3		5		40					
		Mogadishu				Conflict Sensitive Journalism (5 days single event)				Radio Journalists		Nov 15 – 19, 2015		3		6		45					
		Mogadishu				Governance for Journalists (2 events each 9 people each event 3 days)				Radio Journalists		Dec 5 – 7, 2015 Dec 8 – 10, 2015		10		8		54					
		Mogadishu				National Budgeting for Journalists (1 day event)				Radio Journalists		Dec 19, 2015		4		1		5					
		<i>Totals</i>																					
				24		24		184															
Results:																							
Additional Criteria		Baseline		Results Achieved Prior Periods				This Reporting Period 31/Dec/15				Reporting Period 31/Mar/16		Reporting Period 30/Jun/16		Reporting Period 30/Sep/16		FY 2015 Target		FY 2016 Target		End of Activity Target	
				Achieved		Target		Achieved		Target		Target		Target		Target		Target		Target		Target	
		W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
Total (number of training days)		0		211		-		184		-		-		-		200		500		900			
Gender*: Women (W), Men (M)		0	0	104	107	-	-	84	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Somaliland		0	0	0	0			20	20														
Puntland		0	0	0	0			15	25														
Federal Level		0	0	104	107			49	55														

Table 19: SSG Indicator 19 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: INCREASE IN FREQUENCY OF REPORTS ON ACCOUNTABILITY REGARDING GOVERNMENT PUBLISHED BY CSOs AND MEDIA OUTLETS	
INDICATOR NUMBER: CUSTOM	

<i>UNIT: Percentage</i>	<i>DISAGGREGATE BY: Location, type of report</i>
Notes: <i>Baseline exercises is expected in Q2 2016 and this indicator will reported from Q2 of Y2</i>	

V. PERFORMANCE MONITORING

SPSS Support for the New Results Framework and PIRS, Baseline: USAID SPSS Baseline Team conducted several field visits to SSG office in Mogadishu to continue engagements and exchange inputs with the team and management aimed to finalize drafting the new results framework (RF), performance indicators reference sheets (PIRS) and design outcome level data collection tools. Final drafts of the RF, PIRS, and tools are expected to be submitted to USAID in February 2016 for approval.

VI. LESSONS LEARNED

Information Sharing: As SSG began implementing its second year work plan, an emphasis on effective communication with government partners became a vital component of SSG's governance strengthening. This includes promoting effective internal communications between SSG staff, as well as external communication strategies with SSG's government partners. For example, in order to manage expectations around in-kind grants delivery, SSG informed government partners of the procurement procedures that contribute to the length of the process. Often, government partners are not equipped with information about the internal processes of donor organizations, and sharing that information has helped reduce barriers to information between partners and SSG.

Visibility of SSG: Active engagement with partners has required visibility of SSG staff at all levels of partners' leadership. One of the hallmarks of the SSG ethos is that the Chief of Party (COP) and Deputy Chief of Party (DCOP) conduct visits to partner institutions for feedback on best practices and how to manage constraints and challenges to programming in the most collaborative manner. SSG's technical staff are also expected to conduct field visits to regional offices to ensure that SSG's regional partners are connected with the same level of support provided in Mogadishu.

VII. PROGRESS ON LINKS TO OTHER ACTIVITIES

SSG met with the Advisory Committee, consisting of the Permanent Secretary (PS) of the Office of the President (OoP), PS of the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), PS of MoPIC, the Secretary General of Parliament, and a member of civil society. The Advisory Committee agreed to meet once per quarter with UNDP attending as an observer. SSG presented an outline of its draft year two work plan. In November SSG's COP, along with key program team leads traveled to Nairobi, Kenya to discuss with USAID amendments to the Year 2 work plan, results framework, challenges and constraints around operational issues, political challenges, and best practices for effectively engaging SSG's strategic partners.

VIII. PROGRESS ON LINKS TO HOST GOVERNMENT

In Quarter 1 the SSG team improved working relationships with host government counterparts. Links with ministries and Parliament committees were strengthened through the development of mini-work plans that are specific for each entity detailing all SSG Year 2 activities. These tools will help manage the expectations of our partners as well as facilitate monitoring of progress each quarter. Capacity building work continues to be implemented in a collaborative and consultative matter that enhances the project's working partnership with our host government.

IX. PROGRESS ON GENDER STRATEGY

Gender has been mainstreamed within the SSG program as a cross-cutting priority, ensuring that all work plan activities require equitable participation of women (and other marginalized groups) and that where possible, activities respond directly to the challenges contributing to sustaining gender disparities across Somalia's executive, legislative and civil society actors. In Quarter 1 of Year 2 SSG continued gender mainstreaming support to the NCF by incorporating women's empowerment strategies in the civic engagement outreach for the NCF. SSG's grant program to CSOs ensured that the Request for Applications reflected SSG's commitment to empowering women, youth, minority, disabled communities in Somalia. Through its work with legislative drafting units of the FGS Parliament, SSG has been providing capacity strengthening support by teaching parliamentarians the importance of gender neutral language. Another vital aspect of SSG's gender strategy is the inclusion of gender mainstreaming in all of SSG's capacity building support to partners. For example, the communication strategies SSG elaborated, in collaboration with MoPIC on the NDP, included approaches to reach vulnerable populations such as women, youth and internally displaced populations.

Despite this achievement there continues to be challenges with gender strategies when working with partners, as the exclusion of women continues to be the dominant cultural frameworks of Somalia's government institutions. Aid modalities include women's presence and formal presentation of issues in donor conferences, through the monthly reports sent to the Advisory Group in Q1, which documents SSG's gender inclusion mandate. In Quarter 2, SSG will incorporate gender strategies in the planned public consultative forums with CSOs and government partners, ahead of elections in both Somalia and Somaliland.

X. SUSTAINABILITY

The project's relationships with counterparts are interactive and allow for room to grow and strengthen connections. This approach empowers counterparts to fulfill their roles and responsibilities but is also challenging for the project, as there is limited absorption of capacity within institutions, which slows down the pace of implementation. SSG has observed that due to the current nature of Somalia's institutions, their significant capacity development needs, and the lack of financial resources, many more years of donor capacity support, political progress, security and economic stability may be needed before SSG capacity building efforts are felt at national levels.

In such a dynamic political climate, SSG continues to support realistic benchmarks and provides counterparts with monthly reports to highlight the value added and progress made through project support. SSG recognizes that implementation efforts require sustained counterpart buy-in and support to actualize the potential for long lasting impact within Somalia's institutions.

XI. UPCOMING REPORTING PERIOD'S WORK PLAN

There is no planned deviation for the upcoming Quarter 2 workplan.

XII. ACTIVITY ADMINISTRATION

A. Constraints and Critical Issues

Civil Society/Government Mistrust: SSG's strengthening governance mandate largely relies on SSG's ability to empower civic engagement mechanisms by supporting public consultative forums that brings together key stakeholders in Somalia's post-conflict recovery period. However, a known challenge is the mistrust between civil society actors and government institutions in Somalia and Somaliland. A large part of the project's work with CSOs includes improving government ability to communicate their services delivery to their constituents, effectively enhancing positive and sustainable state-civil society interaction and engagement. SSG's emphasis on developing quality state-society interaction to jointly discuss key legislative issues, 2016 elections, and constitutional and state formation processes, is a fundamental contribution to sustainable governance in Somalia.

Shifting priorities of partners: While SSG began working with the MoF on preliminary human resource management and organizational development activities in Quarter I, there was a lack of consensus among the MoF HR leadership regarding a shift in priorities and how to achieve them, and progress on activities have stalled in the wake of weekly cancellations by the MoF's technical liaison. Other partners have also shifted priorities and SSG is expected to adjust its programming accordingly. Nevertheless, SSG continues to emphasize that it must achieve the originally agreed upon deliverables captured in the annual work plan and cannot deviate substantially from that.

MoF work: MoF has repeatedly requested SSG to cover areas of taxation and business registration. The project informed the MoF leadership that the World Bank is covering this and SSG cannot duplicate the effort. However the MoF continues to state that the World Bank project has not taken off yet and SSG needs to fill the technical assistance gap.

B. Personnel

In this quarter, recruitment for international technical experts to assist with SSG's programming has been successful due to the work of the capacity development specialist identifying needed technical experts according to the workplan. Some of the previous challenges were connected to high salary expectations on the part of selected candidates. Some candidates also cited security concerns and rising costs of the standard of living in Mogadishu. Both of these variables continue to play a role in recruitment.

C. Changes in the Project

There is nothing to report for this quarter.

D. Contract, Award or Cooperative Agreement Modifications and Amendments

There is nothing to report for this quarter.

XIII. SUB-GRANTS

A. New Sub-Grant Award Details

Total amount in the approved budget for sub-grants: [REDACTED]

Total amount sub-awarded to date: [REDACTED]

For each sub-grant made in the past reporting period, please include a table like the following:

Project Title: Voter Registration Awareness in 60 Villages in Togdheer Region

Name of Sub-Grantee: Somaliland Youth Society (SYS)
Agreement Performance Period: 12/27/2015 to 3/26/2016
Agreement Amount (Total Estimated Cost): [REDACTED]
Geographic Locations for Implementation: (Latitude, longitude, town, district and region for each location of operation) Togdheer region, Somaliland
Project Description: (One concise paragraph) Under this grant activity, SYS will disseminate voter registration information to populations residing in approximately 60 villages in the districts of Odweyne, Buhoolde, and Burao. This includes drama performances and poetry shows to be performed for 10 days in each of the three districts, three one-day awareness raising workshops each in Odweyne and Burao, utilization of vehicles with loudspeakers spreading messages for a total of 20 days in Odweyne and Burao, and two television spots and one radio spot that will convey overarching messages regarding the importance of registering as a voter as well as voter registration process and eligibility requirements.

Project Title: Voter Registration Awareness in 35 Villages in Togdheer Region

Name of Sub-Grantee: Solidarity Youth Volunteer Organization (SOYVO)
Agreement Performance Period: 12/28/2015 to 3/27/2016
Agreement Amount (Total Estimated Cost): [REDACTED]
Geographic Locations for Implementation: (Latitude, longitude, town, district and region for each location of operation) Togdheer region, Somaliland
Project Description: (One concise paragraph) Under this grant activity, SOYVO will disseminate voter registration information to populations residing in approximately 35 villages in the districts of Qoryale, Bali-Dhiig, Odweyne, and Burao. This includes drama performances and poetry shows to be performed for 15 days in each of the four districts, a two day training of trainer’s workshop for 30 participants in Burao who will in turn conduct seven community mobilization forums that will target 700 participants in Qoryale, Bali-Dhiig, and Burao, and the utilization of vehicles with loudspeakers spreading messages within the four districts for a total of 20 days. Additionally, two newsletters will be published once per month with relevant information from the National Election Commission (NEC), and two television spots showing the community mobilization forums will be aired along with a 20 minute television program that will convey overarching messages regarding the importance of registering as a voter as well as voter registration process and eligibility requirements.

B. Summary of all Sub-Grants to date

For sub-grantees made to date under your agreement, please include/update a comprehensive table like the one shown below.

Partner Name	Sub-Awardee Name	Start Date for This Sub-Awardee	End Date for This Sub-Awardee	Amount for This Sub-Awardee	Date Last Audit Conducted	Location of Implementation (Region, Town, & District as applicable)
NA	Somaliland Youth Society (SYS)	12/27/2015	3/26/2016	██████	NA	Togdheer region, Somaliland
NA	Solidarity Youth Volunteer Organization (SOYVO)	12/28/2015	3/27/2016	██████	NA	Togdheer region, Somaliland

C. GPS Information

Not applicable.

D. Summary of Non-USG Funding or Cost-Share, if Applicable

Not applicable.

E. Type of Accounting System Used During Reporting Period

The accounting system used is Abacus, a Chemonics-specific electronic system.

Annexes & Attachments

Annex I: Schedule of Future Events

Date	Location*	Activity
January 2016	Kismayo Airport Jubaland, Somalia	Skills Development on orientation for Jubaland MPs
January 2016	City Palace Hotel, Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Skills Development on Asset Management Policy
January 2016	Internews Office, Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Public Consultation on budget and finance
January 2016	Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Public Consultation on Women political participation and leadership (Women quota)
January 2016	Jazeera Hotel, Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Skills Development for five CSOs and media in engaging parliament
January 2016	Internews Office, Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Governance and Democracy journalism skill development for 10 Journalists
January 2016	Partner ministry offices, Mogadishu, Banadir Somalia	Social media outreach skill development for priority ministries communication staff
January 2016	Ministry of Justice offices in Xamar Weyne,, Mogadishu, Banadir Somalia	MoJ website building and training for communications staff: website usage, maintenance, data uploading etc
January 2016	Jazeera Hotel, Mogadishu Banadir, Somalia	Public Forum on 2016 National Budget
January 2016	Partner ministry offices, Mogadishu, Banadir Somalia	On the job coaching and mentoring for priority ministries communication staff.
January to February 2016	Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	HRM (3x/week) one skills development for MoICT, MoPIC, MoPWR, MoF and OPM
January 31, 2016	Partner ministry offices, Mogadishu, Banadir Somalia	Asset management training for all government beneficiaries of in-kind grants

Date	Location*	Activity
January 2016	Partner ministries, Mogadishu, Banadir Somalia	Job description development (3 days per ministry) Ministry of Information, MoPIC, Public Works, MoF and OPM
January to February 2016	Partner ministries, Mogadishu, Banadir Somalia	Performance Management and Evolution (three days x five beneficiaries) Ministry of Information, MoPIC, Public Works, MoF and OPM
January 20, 2016	Ministry of Finance's offices in Villa Somalia, Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Initiative to Increase Non-Tax Revenue: Need for Revenue, Non-Tax Sources; Review of Somali Law on Tax Collections; Workshop for MoF Staff (Auditor General; EPRU; Internal Revenue; Budget; Advisors
January 21, 2016	Ministry of Finance's offices in Villa Somalia, Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Initiative to Increase Non-Tax Revenue: Designing a Questionnaire to Collect Data from Ministries, Departments and Agencies
January 21, 2016	Ministry of Finance's offices in Villa Somalia, Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Finalizing the deployment plan to collect revenue laws and collection data from MDA's
February 2016	Ministry of Finance's offices in Villa Somalia, Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Review of Information Collected in MoF's Non-Tax Revenue
January 31 – February 4, 2016	Ministry of Finance's offices in Villa Somalia, Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Deploy Non-Tax Revenue Data Collection by MoF Staff to 23 Ministries/Departments/Agencies
February 8-22, 2016	Ministry of Finance's offices in Villa Somalia, Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Analysis and Reporting of Data and Laws collected by MoF Non-Tax Revenue Initiative
February 2016	Parliament Building, Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Skills Development for Budget & Finance Committee
February 2016	Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Public Consultation on the Telecommunications Bill
February 2016	Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Help CSOs to implement the advocacy plans that were set up

Date	Location*	Activity
February 2016	Garowe, Nugaal region, Puntland, Somalia	Skills Development for 5 CSOs and media in engaging parliament
February 2016	Garowe, Nugaal region, Puntland, Somalia	Public Consultation on Lawyers Registration Bill with government and CSOs
February 2016	Garowe, Nugaal region, Puntland, Somalia	Public Consultation on women political participation and leadership (Women quota)
February 2016	Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Conduct skill development for CSOs to initiate and participate in advocacy interventions around current legislation
February - March 2016	Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Public Consultations / Workshops on Gender issues with Human Rights, Women & Humanitarian Affairs Committee
February 2016	Hargeisa, Woqooye Galbeed region, Somaliland	Governance and Democracy journalism skill development for 10 Journalists focusing on print media
February 2016	Hargeisa, Woqooye Galbeed region, Somaliland	1 day skills development for five journalists on topic of upcoming forum
February 2016	Hargeisa, Woqooye Galbeed region, Somaliland	Public forum: topic: TBD
February 2016	Garowe, Nugaal region, Puntland	Governance and Democracy journalism skill development for 10 Journalists
February 2016	Garowe, Nugaal region, Puntland	1 day skill development for five journalists on topic of upcoming forum
February 24, 2016	Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	MoF to Report Results from Non-Tax Revenue Data Collection to Professional Analysts of Leadership Ministries
February 29, 2016	Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Skill Development for MOF and Core Ministries on Using Focus Groups to Understand Needs and Barriers to Fee Imposition and Advocacy
February 2016	Hargeisa, Woqooye Galbeed region, Somaliland	Provide STTA to support key committees on committee functions and responsibilities
February 2016	Hargeisa, Woqooye Galbeed region, Somaliland	Support Somaliland secretariat staff on website and social media capacity

Date	Location*	Activity
February 2016	Hargeisa, Woqooye Galbeed region, Somaliland	Organizational capacity building, as needed and appropriate, in public financial management via a combination of STTA, local staff and on-the-job training
February 2016	Hargeisa, Woqooye Galbeed region, Somaliland	Organizational capacity building, as needed and appropriate, in office administration (filing, agendas, meeting minutes) via a combination of STTA, local staff and on-the-job training
March 2016	Hargeisa, Woqooye Galbeed region, Somaliland	Assist key committees with holding public hearings on their legislation
March 2016	Hargeisa, Woqooye Galbeed region, Somaliland	Provide a STTA budget expert to support the budget committee on annual budget review, mid-year budget reviews, and budget hearings with particular focus on PFM bills
March 2016	Hargeisa, Woqooye Galbeed region, Somaliland	Support the MoF with rolling out the budget guidelines and templates for ministries on the annual budget cycle
March 1, 2016	Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Report Recommendations from Non-Tax Revenue Data Collection and Analysis to improve revenue, update laws, direct funds, and increase implementation and collection
March 7, 2016	Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Present Report on Non-Tax Revenue Data with Recommendations and Assist CSOs Develop an Advocacy Plan
March 2016	Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Public consultative forums with CSOs and the business community regarding the building standards, construction material standards, and road standards.
March 2016	Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Public Consultation on budget and finance/Taxation
March 2016	Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Establish forums for CSOs and media outlets to be involved in parliamentary decision making processes.
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Date	Location*	Activity
March 2016	Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Governance and Democracy journalism skill development for 10 Journalists
March 2016	Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Social media skill development for priority ministries communication staff. Topic: TBD
March 2016	Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	On the job coaching and mentoring for priority ministries communication staff
March 2016	Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	MoPWR website building and training for communication staff: website usage, maintenance, data uploading etc.
March 2016	Mogadishu, Banadir, Somalia	Public forum: topic: TBD

Annex II: List of Deliverable Products

Client Deliverables

1. Year Two Work Plan
2. Revised Results Framework and PIRS
3. October 2015 Weekly Updates
4. November 2015 Weekly Updates
5. December 2015 Weekly Updates

Public Outreach Documents

1. October 2015 Snapshot
2. November 2015 Snapshot
3. December 2015 Snapshot

Internal Communication Coordination Documents

1. October 2015 Key Leadership Engagement Reports (41)
2. November 2015 Key Leadership Engagement Reports (21)
3. December 2015 Key Leadership Engagement Reports (41)

Training Materials: Includes products such as agendas, handouts, group activities, training modules/ presentations, training manuals, training reports, tools, and evaluation forms as applicable for the subject matter areas listed below:

1. Research and Analysis Skills
2. Diploma in Statistics
3. Strategic Communications
4. Asset Management
5. Office Administration
6. Admin/Filing Systems
7. Communication and Media Engagement
8. Basic Accounting
9. Social Media
10. Statistics Correlation & Regression Mathematics
11. Regulatory Reform
12. Public Outreach and Civic Education Methods
13. Government Accounting
14. Business Communication
15. Conflict Sensitive Journalism
16. Internal Auditing
17. Advocacy Skills for University Students
18. Legislative Drafting for the Parliament
19. CSO Legislative Drafting Skills Development
20. Governance for Journalists
21. National Budget for Radio Journalists
22. Public Finance Management

Trips/Final Reports

1. E-learning Report
2. National Consultative Forum on Electoral Process
3. Communications and Training Support
4. Regulatory Reform Capacity Building Report
5. Report on Support to the National Development Plan
6. Draft Monitoring and evaluation Process for the NDP
7. Detailed Action Plan to Support the NDP Timeline: An Update of Guidelines and Management Arrangements

8. Analysis on existing Plans and Frameworks to Inform the NDP
9. Concept Notes for Consultation Processes
10. Initiating Poverty study/analysis.
11. Consultative Forum for the Youth CSO's and University Students in Mogadishu
12. Consultative Forum Report on 30% Women Quota Bill held in Mogadishu.
13. Report on Public Consultations for PFM bills – National Procurement Bill – Somaliland
14. Report on Public Consultations for PFM bills – National Procurement Bill – Somaliland

Technical Support Package

1. Regulatory Reform Package on Legal Data Inventory Management for Ministry of Justice Legal Drafting Unit – October, 2015
2. Performance Evaluation Management Policy
3. Advocacy Campaign Implementation Strategy Plans (5 CSO's).

Other Technical Products

1. Somaliland Targeted Committee's Parliament Scorecards (3)
2. Somaliland Targeted Ministries Scorecards (2)
3. Puntland Targeted Committee's Parliament Scorecards (2)
4. Puntland Targeted Ministries Scorecards (2)
5. Company Law – Federal Parliament – December 2015
6. Communication Strategy for the National Development Plan (NDP) submitted to MOPIC (Federal Government).
7. Communication Strategy for Construction Standards – Ministry of Public Works and Roads and Reconstruction (Federal Government).
8. Communication Strategy and Action Plan for the Ministry of Finance (Federal Government).
9. Annual Program Statement 001
10. Request for Applications FSG Civic Education 002
11. Grant Packages (2)

Annex III: Environmental Monitoring

The Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) and Request for Categorical Exclusion for USAID/Somalia's Peace and Security (PS) and Governing Justly and Democratically (GJD) assessment was for FY2010 through FY2015. All activities anticipated under the SSG contract are covered by the categorical exclusion issued in the IEE. The relevant text is included below:

The following activities are Categorically Excluded from initial environmental examination as no environmental impacts are expected as a result of these activities. These fall under the following citations from Title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Regulation 216 (22 CFR 216), subparagraph 2(c)(2): (i) Activities involving education, training, technical assistance or training programs except to the extent such programs include activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, etc.); (ii) Activities involving controlled experimentation exclusively for the purpose of research and field evaluation and carefully monitored; (iii) Activities involving analyses, studies, academic or research workshops and meetings; (v) Activities involving document and information transfers; (viii) Programs involving nutrition, health care, or family planning services except to the extent designed to include activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, water supply systems, waste water treatment, etc.); (xiv) Studies, projects or programs intended to develop the capability of recipient countries and organizations to engage in development planning.