

# United Nations Joint Programme on Local Governance in Somalia



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## Overview

The United Nations Joint Programme on Local Governance and Decentralized Service Delivery (JPLG) has provided support to strengthen the role of local governments to deliver services to citizens, and strengthen the capacity of local governments in Somalia since 2008. JPLG builds on local experiences, while supporting government to develop legislative and policy tools that institutionalize the principles of accountability and transparency that have a direct impact on peace consolidation and development.

## Somali Led and Delivered

JPLG works with the Federal Government of Somalia and Federal Member State Governments including States of Puntland, South West, Jubbaland, Galmudug, Hirshabelle, as well as target District Governments. JPLG also works with the Benadir Regional Administration and Somaliland.

## UN Agencies Working As One

JPLG is comprised of five UN agencies who work together to share their expertise and support Somali government partners to deliver the programme to their citizens: the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), International Labour Organisation (ILO), United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat), and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

## Three Phases

JPLG I (2008-2012) and JPLG II (2013-2017) provided the opportunity to address weak institutional capacity and deliver equitable, accessible and affordable services and growth. JPLG invested in systems and capacities for sustainability; which in Somaliland and Puntland have acted as a catalyst; leading to a change in mindset where communities are starting to develop

## Key Outcomes

1. **Strengthening the policy and legislative frameworks** that allow **administrative and fiscal decentralization**. This administrative and fiscal decentralization lays out the role of local government and its relationship to the State and Federal Government
2. **Building** the institutional capacity of local government through **infrastructure and human resource support**, and developing **processes and systems** that **deliver effective and transparent services to citizens**
3. Improving **decentralized service delivery** to Somali people in an **equitable, responsive and socially accountable** manner and facilitating the growth of the local economy

and implement projects of their own, promoting stability. Somaliland and Puntland have become decentralization role models for the new federal states: South West, Jubbaland, Galmudug and Hirshabelle, who can learn and make use of Puntland's practical decentralization tools, including policies, legislation and training modules. These have been tested with lessons from their implementation used to further refine the Puntland decentralization policy.

**Phase III** will continue to work with Somaliland and Puntland to support the expansion of improved local governance and service delivery. JPLG will work with the new federal states to establish a state level structure with a mandate for local governance and provide support to newly established district councils as well as to Benadir Regional Administration.

# Results

## 20+ Policy and Legislative documents



which lay the groundwork for accountable and transparent services

## 2,500 Federal, State & Local Government Officials

now delivering public services to Somali people using transparent public procurement and participatory planning systems

## 200+ Consultation Forums



with communities and local government on decentralisation, transparency and accountability

## Over 292 Service and Infrastructure Projects

delivered by local government since 2008, including:

## 275 Schools



providing education to **61,000 boys and girls**

## 53

## Hospitals and Health Centres

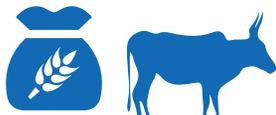


providing vital services to **260,000 people**

## 24 Markets

providing over

**750,000 people**



with trade opportunities, stable income and access to basic necessities

## 37

## Water Treatment and Waste Management Projects



providing **360,000 people** with clean water and environment

## 112

## Roads



benefitting **2.9 million men, women & children**

All data is from 2008-2017. Source: UNDP, ILO, UNCDF, UN-Habitat, and UNICEF. Reporting in Somaliland (8 districts), State of Puntland (7 districts), State of Galmudug (1 district) and Benadir Regional Administration.

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