

Parliament Support Project (PSP)-UNDP Somalia

Management Response

Recommendation No. 1: Regularized communication of staff capability to MPs following trainings and a series of mentoring sessions with staff in which the project can follow up on issues faced by staff in operationalizing newly acquired skill sets.

Management Response: Accepted

PSP has played important role for improving and normalizing effective relationship and coordination between staff and MPs. To further enhance the capacity of staff and MPs, the project will identify urgent needs of the MPs and staff as well as carry out training needs assessment aimed at determining the gap in training needs for development of training programmes to support the MPs and staff. The project will also develop training program in line with identified needs to help the parliaments to accomplish its mandate.

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| 1.1. Carry out capacity building needs assessment exercise to determine training needs for secretariat staff and MPs of all parliaments. | UNDP | 30 Sep 2018 | In progress | The project will start the process to conduct training needs assessment of all parliaments. The project team will develop jointly questionnaires for collecting the required data. The process is expected to be completed by 30 Sep 2018. |
| 1.2. Conduct targeted capacity building training activities for MPs and Staff. | | | | |
| 1.3. Monitor and evaluate impact of capacity building activities | | | | |

Recommendation No. 2: Pilot-testing products post-training as part of the training activity and transitioning skills into processes.

Management Response: Accepted

PSP understands this recommendation to refer to the need for better smooth implementation of training activities and skills transfer. The project will develop mechanism to institutionalize the training curricula for future generations of Parliamentarians. PSP will, develop the templates/tools and modules based on the feedback of the trainees.

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| <p>2.1. Develop training curricula for MPs and staff and also to revise the templates and modules developed based on the feedback of the trainees.</p> <p>2.2. Production and translation of manuals/guidelines and other publications.</p> <p>2.3. Regularly conduct post-training monitoring activities.</p> | UNDP | 30 Jun 2018 | In progress | The project will develop variety of training courses relevant for MPs and staff to enable them carry out their parliamentary functions better. |
| <p>Recommendation No. 3: Creating more incentives for MPs to engage in constituent representation through localized Parliamentarian scorecards.</p> | | | | |
| <p>Management Response: Accepted.</p> <p>PSP understands this recommendation to refer to the need for Parliamentary Scorecards to communicate expectations of MPs regarding their mandated roles as representatives. The Parliament Support Project will introduce Parliamentary Performance Scorecards with comprehensive and accurate information about the performance of MPs so that they may better monitor them and ensure that their elected representatives fulfil their responsibilities as MPs as well as the assesses the performance of parliament in general. PSP will also support MPs visits to their constituencies and facilitate meetings for MPs to engage and meet their constituents and other stakeholders and carry out oversight missions on the work of the local authorities and representatives of the Government, local NGOs and report back to the plenary.</p> | | | | |
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| <p>3.1. Develop Parliamentary Scorecards as a mechanism to for strengthening accountability of the parliaments</p> <p>3.2. Community radio stations programs for MPs to debate and reach out to those living in remote areas, etc.</p> | UNDP | 30 Sep 2018 | Initiated | The Parliament Project will introduce Scorecard to measure how Members of Parliament perform in plenary sessions and parliamentary committees, as well as in their constituencies. |

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| 3.3. Train MPs and Staff to familiarize on the usage of Parliamentary Scorecards and constituency relations | | | | |
| <p>Recommendation No. 4: Strongly recommend that the project undertake a combined political economy and conflict-sensitivity assessment to serve as a baseline for the next phase, and that the baseline be revisited and updated at strategic intervals.</p> | | | | |
| <p>Management Response: Accepted.</p> <p>UNDP recognizes the importance to conduct political economy and conflict-sensitivity assessment to identify immediate drivers of conflict/violence and triggers and risk intensifying conflict/violence. The project will strengthen expertise and capacity amongst member of parliament and civil society organizations to institutionalize and implement conflict sensitivity at local levels.</p> | | | | |
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| <p>4.1. Conduct Political economy and conflict-sensitivity assessment to serve as baseline.</p> <p>4.2. Develop and implement findings of the baseline political economy analysis and conflict analysis.</p> | UNDP | 31 Dec 2018 | Initiated | The project will hire international consultant to undertake the conflict-sensitivity assessment. The process is expected to be completed by 31 Dec 2018. |
| <p>Recommendation No. 5: Developing citizen scorecards, or using the equivalent of legislative or manifesto watch programmes can be effectively mobilized for creating baseline, mid-line and final assessment for performance of the new parliaments. However, to ensure inclusion of vulnerable and marginalized groups a targeted consultative process mobilized through CSOs will be required.</p> | | | | |
| <p>Management Response: Accepted.</p> <p>PSP agrees with the usefulness of developing citizens scorecards to assess the performance of all the parliaments. The project will conduct politically informed analysis of the use of citizen scorecards aimed to identify the extent to which political economy dynamics are taken into account in planning and implementation and how these factors influence the effectiveness of this score card initiative, including the key impacts or outcomes it has contributed to in Somalia.</p> | | | | |
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| 5.1. Conduct citizen scorecards assessment to measure the performance of new parliaments | UNDP | 31 Dec 2018 | Initiated | The project will engage international technical expert to undertake the citizen scorecards |

| in an endeavour to contribute to better governance. | | | | assessment. The process is expected to be completed by 31 Dec 2018. |
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| Recommendation No. 6: Supporting parliaments to be effective, transparent and accountable will be an important contribution towards consolidating the gains in federalism in Somalia. | | | | |
| <p>Management Response: Accepted.</p> <p>The project will continue to strengthen the capacity of the parliaments to regulate and create democratic space for grassroots through civil society and media through the development of NGO policy to facilitate debates and dialogue. The project will also develop capacity strengthening activities for parliamentary women caucus and youth caucus. The Project will also work specifically with women MPs in other legislatures and assemblies with substantial numbers of women MPs to establish women’s caucuses and to provide specialized training to women MPs based on their unique challenges they are facing.</p> | | | | |
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| <p>6.1. Conduct Inter-parliamentary forums focusing/specializing on specific SDGs.</p> <p>6.2. Establish Inter-parliamentary women caucus.</p> <p>6.3. Establish Inter-parliamentary youth caucus.</p> <p>6.4. Carry out local level political actors mapping and conflict sensitivity analysis for different regions/states.</p> <p>6.5. Design specific activities which can contribute to the research support extended to parliaments by PSP for informed debates and policy discussions.</p> | UNDP | 31 Dec 2019 | Initiated | The Project will provide technical support to parliaments in the establishment of the Inter Parliamentary Youth and Women’s Caucus for coordination and contribute to strengthening of federalism. |