



UN IN SOMALILAND

UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund

Background on the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund

The UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund (UN MPTF) is a pooled mechanism designed to channel funds in support of implementation of the Somali Compact, including the Somaliland Special Arrangement. It constitutes the centerpiece of the United Nations' contribution to the Somali Compact.

The UN MPTF has two funding streams—the UN funding stream and the national funding stream. Under the **UN Funding Stream**, UN organisations are eligible to receive funding and subsequent financing may be channeled to national and sub-national institutions and international NGOs through the UN agencies, which assume programmatic and financial accountability for funds passed through.

Under the **National Funding Stream**, financing can be provided directly to government entities approved as Government Implementing Partners. These receiving authorities assume programmatic and financial accountability for funds passed through the National Stream.

The two objectives of the UN MPTF are:

- 1) To increase the coherence and focus of UN programming on the Somali Compact priorities; and
- 2) To allow for greater national participation in resource allocation in Somalia.

Benefits of the UN MPTF

A Genuine Partnership: Decisions on how to allocate donor contributions are made jointly between the UN, authorities, and donors, on the basis of the priorities of the SSA.

Rapid Delivery: The UN MPTF is designed to ensure rapid resource allocation to ensure that entrusted funding is promptly programmed. The UN MPTF combines depth of consultations with speed of process. Donor funding thus supports rapid delivery on the ground.

Increased Use of National Systems: The UN MPTF's national stream offers donors the opportunity to provide funding directly to national entities, build their capacity and enhance services to citizens.

Greater UN Coherence: The use of the UN MPTF greatly promotes UN coherence and discipline in support of nationally agreed goals. Funding through the UN MPTF, where decisions are made jointly, minimises the risk of a scattered UN with disparate projects chasing donor support bilaterally, missed opportunities for greater efficiencies through joint programming, and inconsistent alignment with Compact priorities.

Risk-Pooling: The UN MPTF allows donors to pool and mitigate any risk associated with their investment, through **diversification** (of funding allocations across all PSGs, across different implementation modalities, etc.), through **sharing** (with government, the UN and other donors), and by benefiting from a **fund risk management strategy** (jointly developed and supported by the UN, the World Bank and the African Development Bank).

Reporting: The UN MPTF will provide a coherent overview of activities it funds. Consolidated reporting will enable the government, donors, beneficiaries and UN agencies to succinctly communicate the achievements of the fund against Somali Compact (including SSA) benchmarks.

A flexible and holistic approach: The logic of the New Deal lies in the recognition that political, security, justice and socio-economic goals are mutually reinforcing, and therefore require simultaneous progress. Especially in the case of un-earmarked contributions, donor funding through the UN MPTF supports this logic by providing the flexibility needed to cover gaps across all five PSGs, and to ensure that **PSG priorities are met concurrently**.

UNMPTF Programmes in Somaliland

To date, the UN MPTF has one active programme in Somaliland—the Joint Rule of Law Programme.

Over an 18 month period (from June 2015 to December 2016), approximately \$10 million will be disbursed from the UN MPTF to support Somaliland's priorities under the SSA, specifically under PSG 2 (Security) and PSG 3 (Justice). These programmes were built following extensive consultations with Somaliland government partners and are in line with both the SSA priorities, the National Development Plan and respective Somaliland Police and Justice reform programmes. Under the Rule.

To enable the UN MPTF to support the Joint Rule of Law Programme, financial support has been provided by the EU, UK, Sweden, Denmark.

It should be noted that the Joint Programme on Local Governance has also been transferred under administration of the UN MPTF. Furthermore, the UN Joint Enabler Programme will be funded by the UN MPTF. For Somaliland, this will include support to the Resident Coordinator's Office, who will support the government providing UN representation, supporting aid coordination, and acting as single entry point for UN discussions and facilitating, where requested, interaction with the international community.

Joint Rule of Law Programme in Somaliland

Under **PSG 2**, the Joint Rule of Law Programme will support community and gender responsive policing, improve operational policing performance, and strengthen organizational development of the police, including police capacity building, strategic planning, and performance management. UNDP, UNODC, and UN Women will jointly work to support implementation of this component of the programme, with a budget of \$ 3,989,459.

Under **PSG 3**, the Joint Rule of Law Programme will support access to justice, including for women and juveniles, legislative and legal policy development, and build the capacity and resources of key justice institutions, including the Ministry of Justice, Attorney General's Office, Corrections Service, the Judiciary, and prosecutors and clerks. The programme will also strengthen and improve coordination between formal and informal conflict resolution systems. UNDP, UNODC, UNICEF, and UN Women will jointly work to support implementation, with a budget of \$ 5,991,998

FUTURE UNMPTF SUPPORT TO SOMALILAND

Future areas of UN MPTF support in Somaliland have yet to be identified, however possible areas for support could include:

- *Sustainable Charcoal Reduction and Alternative Livelihoods*
- *Basic Health Service Delivery*
- *Joint Health and Nutrition Programme*
- *Youth Employment*

Final determination of areas where the UN MPTF can support Somaliland will be based on discussions with the Somaliland government.

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