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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AMISOM	African Union Mission in Somalia
CSO	Civil Society Organization
DG	Director General
FGS	Federal Government of Somalia
FPS	Federal Parliament of Somalia
FY	Fiscal Year
GJD	Governing Justly and Democratically
GUC	Grants Under Contract
HoP	House of the People
HoR	House of Representatives
HR	Human Resources
IDP	Internally Displaced Person
IEE	Initial Environmental Examination
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MAAN	Madasha Aqoonyahanka Aragtida Nool
MoF	Ministry of Finance
MoICT	Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism
MoIFA	Ministry of Interior and Federal Affairs
MoJ	Ministry of Justice
MoNPD	Ministry of National Planning and Development
MoPIC	Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation
MoPIED	Ministry of Planning, Investment, and Economic Development
MoPWR	Ministry of Public Works and Reconstruction
MoWHRD	Ministry of Women's Affairs and Human Rights Development
MP	Member of Parliament
MSC	Most Significant Change Stories
NDP	National Development Plan
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OoP	Office of the President
OoPM	Office of the Prime Minister
PFM	Public Financial Management
RoP	Rules of Procedure
SNTV	Somali National Television

SOLJA	Somaliland Journalist Association
SSG	Strengthening Somali Governance
SSI	Somali Stabilization Initiative
SWDC	Somali Women Development Centre
SYLI	Somali Youth Leaders' Initiative

I. CONTEXT UPDATE (By Region)

Mogadishu

In July, the Strengthening Somali Governance (SSG) project's activities were disrupted by a national internet outage. For three weeks, the nation was without internet service as the country's fiber optic cable was reportedly cut by a ship anchored offshore. For SSG, with most program records stored on a cloud service, access to basic documents was blocked – and communications hampered - for approximately 10 days until a backup satellite dish could be installed. Banking services were also affected. The Associated Press published estimates of the economic loss for the three-week outage at approximately \$10 million per day.¹ Power was restored on July 17, 2017.

While no major political developments occurred in August, on August 21st the Upper House of the federal Parliament of Somalia (FPS) approved the National Communications Act to regulate the country's telecommunications sector. The bill had previously passed in the House of the People (HoP) on August 9, 2017, and the Minister of Posts, Telecommunications, and Technology, Mr. Abdi Ashur Hassan, noted that the bill is the first to be approved by the new Upper House. The law is aimed at helping the government to increase its revenues, and attract more investment for the sector. The President is expected to sign the bill into law for it to become effective.

In September, the federal Government of Somalia (FGS) extradited Ogaden National Liberation Front official Abdikarim Sheikh Muse Qalbi Dhagax to Ethiopia. Members of Parliament (MPs) voiced strong opposition to the move, and there was public anger, with demonstrations held in the country and abroad. In response to the anger, the Speaker established a 15-member ad hoc committee to examine the case and to report findings to the House.

Internal political conflicts between the federal government and regional states also emerged in September, as some of the regional states cut ties with Qatar and supported Saudi Arabia and the UAE-led coalition, after the FGS decided to remain neutral in the Gulf crisis. The region of Galmudug issued a statement that it stood with the UAE and Saudi Arabia in the regional dispute, following similar declarations by the regions of South West, Puntland, and Hirshabelle.

Also in September, Galmudug Regional Assembly MPs impeached President Ahmed Duale Geele Xaaf. The Deputy President and the Speaker of the House affirmed his removal, while the president maintained that he was the legitimate president. MPs from the federal Parliament then traveled to Galmudug to mediate the dispute, without success. The situation worsened when MPs from the Galmudug Regional Assembly declared that they had also impeached the Speaker and the Deputy President from their respective offices, claiming that the impeached President Xaaf was the only legitimate leader. This political imbroglio came as result of the Galmudug president's support to Saudi Arabia and UAE and his agreement to cut ties with Qatar, where the Deputy President and the Speaker supported the central government and opposed this move.

This simmering conflict between the federal states and the central government, over powers and authority ascribed to each, if unresolved, threatens efforts to develop a new Constitution and basic laws that are prerequisites for a one-person, one-vote system for 2020.

Security Update

There were no major incidents that affected SSG programs. However, security threat remained high, targeted assassinations continued, and sporadic fighting continued around the country.

¹ <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jul/18/somalia-cut-off-from-internet-entire-country-three-weeks>

II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The goal of the SSG project is to support the development of more effective and accountable Somali government institutions in their efforts to meet the New Deal Framework and their commitments to develop sound public institutions. The activities aim to improve the reach of government; systematize opportunities for representation and inclusion of citizen interests in the political process; increase the legitimacy of government institutions and representative bodies; and support women's empowerment and leadership.

This reporting period marked the technical and administrative close-out for objectives 2 and 3, as well as the Somaliland office. At the same time, as SSG received a one-year extension for objective 1 parliament work, so it was also a planning period for an additional program year.

By July 31, 2017, SSG completed all technical activities under objectives 2 and 3, and worked to develop the project's Year 4 work plan, focusing on objective 1 programming. Administratively, the program initiated a major staff downsizing and significant equipment disposition.

A. Key Narrative Achievements

Objective 1- Working with Parliament

The most notable achievement this reporting period was the first ever House of the People public hearing on the budget, held on July 24, 2017, with significant SSG technical and logistical support. The public hearing sought expert testimony from civil society and academic leaders, and focused on social service components of the budget. The hearing was broadcast live on SNTV and Universal Broadcast, two television networks, streamed online, and archived on [YouTube](#).² Goobjoog and SAAB TV were also present, and covered stories on the event. Watched by top government officials as well as citizens, the committee received praise for their work. The hearing exemplified a new standard for public engagement, such that Speakers of both the Upper House and House of the People have asked other committees from their respective chambers to also hold public hearings during the upcoming session.

Objective 2 – Working with Ministries

In July, the federal ministries of finance and planning held graduation ceremonies for 103 line ministry staff who had passed final exams certifying competence in SSG-sponsored, university-led training. The training design was developed in collaboration with ministries to address pressing operational gaps in procurement, planning, and budget management, and focused on implementation of ministry-developed forms, tools, templates, and procedures in the context of Somali laws and regulations. Activities under Objective 2 concluded on July 31, 2017.

Objective 3 – Working with Civil Society

Civil society groups in areas of gender, youth, and disability rights held a series of issue roundtables, televised discussions, and awareness raising activities related to draft gender legislation addressing sexual violence and female genital mutilation (FGM), a proposed national youth policy, and draft disability rights legislation. The goal for SSG will be to support continued progress on these issues with Parliament sponsors during the extension year. Activities under Objective 3 concluded on July 31, 2017.

² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMuijGcYdo>

B. Quantitative Highlights

(1) Skill Development Activities

This quarter, SSG organized and delivered a budget analysis workshop for HoP Budget and Finance Committee staff in July, and in August, two orientation sessions for Upper House MPs from the Human Rights and Social Committees, focused on the legislative process and oversight.

(a) Legislative Trainings:

On July 18-20, 2017, SSG conducted a budget review workshop for 15 HoP Budget and Finance Committee staff (13 male, 2 female). The purpose of the workshop was to review and analyze the last draft of the FY2017 budget and to prepare a summary analysis for MPs. With SSG technical support, staff compared the budget to prior years and prepared a summary analysis of proposed revenue and spending trends, as well as a sectoral breakdown of the budget.

In August, at the request of the new members from the Upper House Human Rights and Social Committees, SSG held two one-day orientation sessions. The first session, held on August 16, 2017, had six attendees (2 male, 4 female) and focused on the legislative process, specifically legislative powers enumerated in the Constitution, the Upper House rules of procedure and their use, and the role of committees in the legislative process. The second session, held on August 17, 2017, was attended by eight MPs (3 male, 5 female), and discussed the nature of parliament oversight, the specific oversight authority granted in the Constitution and rules of procedures, and basic tools and techniques that parliaments use to put oversight authority to use. Both sessions provided written materials and presentations, but encouraged in depth discussion among the group.

(b) Ministries/Executive Trainings:

Ministry trainings had concluded by June 30, 2017. There were no ministry/executive trainings during the reporting period.

(c) Civil Society and the Media:

On July 3, 2017, SSG held the final media training for journalists. The training returned to key features of effective long story radio features, including story planning, multiple sourcing, interview techniques, and post production.

In advance of the July 24, 2017 HoP budget hearing, SSG held a budget testimony preparation workshop for 14 participants (12 male, 2 female). The workshop was a follow on to an earlier budget workshop for civil society organizations (CSOs). In this workshop, the CSOs reviewed the latest budget proposal, and practiced effective fact-based writing that would influence decision makers.

(2) Legislative Support:

In addition to Upper House orientation sessions, SSG worked with several committees from both houses, most of which have new leadership, to help them develop committee work plans for the next several months. Through a series of ongoing discussions, joint preparation and committee discussions, work blueprints were developed for 10 committees: HoP Budget Committee, HoP and Upper House Human Rights Committees, HoP and Upper House Social Committees, HoP and Upper House Interior Committees, HoP and Upper House Foreign Affairs Committees, and the Upper House Rules Committee. All committees were contacted by SSG, and support was demand based.

(3) Public Hearings:

On July 24, 2017 the HoP Budget and Finance Committee held a FY2017 budget hearing, the first public hearing on the budget during the transition era. The event was widely televised and featured civil society advocates and nationally recognized financial experts.

(4) Civil Society and Media Support:

Grantee Activities

- **Somali Women Development Centre (SWDC)**

On July 23, 2017, SWDC held a TV Talk Show on the draft anti-sexual offenses and anti-FGM laws with MPs Sagal Abdirazahh and Jaawahir Ahmed, and representatives from the Ministry of Women and Human Rights Development.

- **SMART International**

During July, SMART International held several meetings to develop consensus on draft legislation and to speak with decision-makers on the need for stronger disability protections.

- On July 2-4, 2017, SMART International held three public engagement forums addressing the need for disability rights legislation. MPs Zahra Omar Malin, Farihiyo Hassan, and Yusuf Jimaale attended. There was a total of 53 participants (40 male, 13 female).
- On July 9-10, 2017, SMART International held two public engagement forums addressing the need for disability rights legislation. MPs Dahabo Suso Mohamed and Dahir Amin Jesow attended. There was a total of 30 participants (18 male, 12 female).
- On July 13, SMART International held a community discussion on the importance of disability rights legislation. MP Yusuf Heyle attended. There was a total of 34 participants (26 male, 8 female).
- On July 17, 2017, SMART International held a public engagement forum to discuss the need for disability rights legislation. MP Muhamed Abdullahi Ahmed attended. There was a total of 21 participants (15 male, 6 female).
- On July 20, 2017, SMART International held a discussion on disability rights legislation. MPs Sagal Isak Bihi, Dahabo Suso, and Muhamed Abdullahi Ahmed attended. There was a total of four participants (3 male, 1 female).

- **MAAN**

During July, MAAN held a series of consultative forum to raise MP awareness to, and support for, a National Youth Policy. The policy was the product of national consultation supported by USAID and Mercy Corps. The goal of the meetings was to build MP support for the policy, anticipating action in the upcoming session of Parliament. As the Mercy Corps program ceased operation, SSG supported several small group discussions with MPs.

- On July 1, 2017, MAAN organized a National Youth Policy Consultative Forum with MP Abdifitah Kassim. There was a total of 15 participants (11 male, 4 female).
- On July 2, 2017, MAAN organized a National Youth Policy Consultative Forum with MP Ali Abdi. There was a total of 14 participants (8 male, 6 female).

- On July 3, 2017, MAAN organized a National Youth Policy Consultative Forum with MP Mustaf Dhuxulow. There was a total of 16 participants (9 male, 7 female).
- On July 8, 2017, MAAN organized a National Youth Policy Consultative Forum with MP Hani Abdulle. There was a total of 23 participants (16 male, 7 female).
- On July 9, MAAN organized a National Youth Policy Consultative Forum with MP Mohamed Said. There was a total of 15 participants (12 male, 3 female).
- On July 13, 2017, MAAN organized a National Youth Policy Consultative Forum with MP Ayub Ismail. There was a total of 16 participants (6 male, 10 female).
- On July 14, 2017, MAAN organized a National Youth Policy Consultative Forum with MP Zamzam Dahir. There was a total of 19 participants (11 male, 8 female).
- On July 15, 2017, MAAN organized a National Youth Policy Consultative Forum with MP Sagal Bihi. There was a total of 14 participants (9 male, 5 female).
- On July 16, 2017, MAAN organized a National Youth Policy Consultative Forum with MP Adan Isak. There was a total of 17 participants (7 male, 10 female).

C. Activity Administration

During this reporting period, many government stakeholder were unavailable because Parliament was on recess and government work hours were shortened due to the Eid al-Adha Holiday; and security continued to be a major challenge faced by the SSG project.

Additionally, SSG was downsized in personnel to reflect the conclusion of activities under Objectives 2 and 3.

D. Subsequent Reporting Period's Work Plan

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- Support committees with bills presented to Parliament, specifically working with staff to develop standard bill summaries, background research, public hearings, and report writing, based on committee demand.
- Support budget oversight and closing of the books with the HoP Budget Committee.
- Support the HoP Budget Committee with the FY2018 budget review process, including technical support for staff analysis, public hearing, and report writing.
- Finalize electronic access to internet-based resources in the research office.
- Finalize recruitment and contracting and place SSG fellows in committees.
- Work with Parliament to improve communications coordination, restructuring of the website, and development of legislator database allowing public search.
- Continue ongoing MP orientation as demanded, either through formal sessions or, more likely, through a learning by doing process.

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- Support budget oversight and closing of the books with the Public Accounts Committee.

III. KEY NARRATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

Mogadishu

Objective I

Budget Committee Public Hearing on FY2017 Budget. On July 24, 2017, SSG facilitated Parliament's first post-transition public hearing on the FY2017 national budget with the HoP Budget and Finance Committee. The hearing was attended by CSOs representing education, health, women, youth, and persons with disabilities. Also in attendance were financial experts, committee members, media, and observers. The CSO groups provided witness testimonies on the need to increase budget allocations for the groups they represented. The financial experts also provided testimonies to the committee regarding government revenue sources, increased capital budgets and overall budget allocations. The public budget hearing was broadcast live on SNTV, Universal TV, and various social media sites allowing the public to watch this historic event.

Prior to the hearing, SSG was engaged in extensive budget analysis training with committee staff. The committee staff prepared a thorough analysis of the budget for MPs. SSG also worked with CSOs to help them understand the role of civil society in parliamentary hearings and to encourage written, fact-based presentations. Finally, SSG worked with media, providing background budget information.

Post-hearing feedback was very positive as colleagues of the project reported that the President, Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, and Parliament Speakers all watched the hearing. In the HoP, the Speaker asked all committees to hold similar hearings in the course of their legislative work.

Going forward, SSG anticipates that the positive reaction to the committee, both by Parliament and civil society, will expand the opportunities for additional hearings on a range of subjects. For the Budget and Finance Committee, the activity energized the new members and has created enthusiasm for upcoming work on the closing of the books, public financial management (PFM) legislation and the FY2018 budget.

Work Planning with Parliament Committees. The federal Parliament membership is comprised of nearly 50% new members. Through turnover, clan-based committee leadership allocation formulas, and a new chamber, many committee chairs are not only first-time chairs, but also first-time MPs. As committee leaders, many chairs have been very receptive to developing work plans with SSG support. The work plans guide the committees/ work and also provide a starting point for SSG collaboration.

After making work plan support available to all committee chairs, during the reporting period, 10 committees expressed interest and moved forward together with SSG. The committees are:

Committee	Chamber
Budget and Finance	HoP
Human Rights	HoP
Interior	HoP
Foreign Affairs	HoP
Human Rights	Upper House
Social	Upper House
Interior	Upper House
Foreign Affairs	Upper House
Rules of Procedure	Upper House

While the work plan process began during July, it was a key SSG goal to be completed by Parliament's Eid break in early September. SSG held extensive planning meetings during August with committees in the HoP and Upper House. The frequency of meetings helped to move tasks forward, and also illustrates SSG's

strength in having open access to Parliament, despite security limitations, resulting in strong relationships with committee members. An overview of key individuals that SSG met with this quarter is below.

Meeting Date	Name(s)	Title(s)	Committee
August 9, 2017	Abi Ahmed Duhulow Deka Hassan	Deputy Chair MP	Budget and Finance Committee, Upper House
August 9, 2017	Abdi Awale Qaybdiid	Deputy Chair	Constitutional Review Committee, Upper House
August 9, 2017	Zamzam Ibrahim Ali Fatima Hassan Adan Abukar Ahmed Hashi	Chair MP Secretary	Human Rights Committee, Upper House
August 9, 2017	Ahmed Moalim Omar Zamzam Dahir Mohamud Nura Farah Jama Muna Omar Hassan	Chair Secretary MP MP	Social Development Committee, Upper House
August 9, 2017	Hassan Farah Hujaale	Chair	Rules of Procedure Committee, Upper House
August 9, 2017	Muhidin Sheikh Ali	Chair	Interior Committee, Upper House
August 9, 2017	Sagal Bihi	Chair	Human Rights Committee, House of the People
August 13, 2017	Ahmed Moalim Omar Zamzam Dahir Mohamud Nura Farah Jama	Chair Secretary MP	Social Development Committee, Upper House
August 14, 2017	Osman Jurile	Deputy Chair	Foreign Affairs Committee, Upper House
August 15, 2017	Mohamed Abdulle Farah Mohamed Ibrahim Abdi Abdirizak Omar	Deputy Chair Secretary MP	Internal Affairs and Regional Administrations Committee, House of the People
August 15, 2017	Ali Abdi Mohamed Adan Abdullahi Nur	Chair Deputy Chair Secretary	Budget and Finance Committee, House of the People
August 17, 2017	Sagah Bihi	Chair	Human Rights Committee, House of the People
August 20, 2017	Mohamed Abdulle Farah Mohamed Ibrahim Abdi Abdirizak Omar Abdirashid Mohamed Hidig Zainab Mohamed amir Ali Adan Hussein Maryan Moalim Isak	Deputy Chair Secretary MP MP MP MP MP	Internal Affairs and Regional Administrations Committee, House of the People
September 14, 2017	Hassan Farah Hujaale	Chair	Rules of Procedure Committee, Upper House
September 28, 2017	Amina Mohamed Abdi Dahabo Susow Mohamed	Deputy Chair	Budget and Finance Committee

Orientation and Training for Upper House MPs. During Q4, SSG conducted orientation workshops for two committees from the Upper House, Human Rights Committee and the Social Development Committee on the role of the legislature and an introduction to committee oversight. Going forward SSG has offered trainings to committees for MP orientation. For many of the topics requested, SSG has materials and staff ready to deliver the sessions upon request, as they have delivered variations of the training previously with staff.

- On August 16, 2017, SSG conducted a one-day orientation session on the legislative process for MPs of the newly formed Upper House. Six MPs (2 male and 4 female) from the Committee on Social Development, Humanitarian Affairs, Media, and Culture and the Committee on Human Rights, Women and Children, Judiciary, and Religious Affairs attended the session. The session's topics included an introduction to Parliament work; the division of powers in a state; the source of Parliament's power; structure of the FPS; the general functions of a parliament; the legislative process; an introduction to legislation vs. policy; and other topics related to the legislative process.
- On August 17, 2017, SSG delivered a one-day orientation session on parliamentary oversight tools to Upper House MPs. Eight MPs (3 male and 5 female) from the Social Development Committee and the Human Rights Committee attended the session. The session provided an overview of parliamentary oversight tools to enhance the quality of oversight functions in the Upper House to inspect the executive's work. Feedback from participants and the Speaker on the two sessions was positive.

Going forward, as the Parliament becomes more active and time constraints grow, SSG will adjust its approach to MP orientation to a learning-by-doing methodology. The HoP Secretary General supported the approach, saying the best way to build MP legislative knowledge may be to "disguise training within activity."

Parliament Website and Legislative Tracker. During this reporting period, SSG worked to maintain and update the legislative tracker for the Federal Parliament of Somalia, which provides MPs and citizens with the means to follow the progress of federal legislation. The ultimate goal is for the bill tracking process to be managed and owned by Parliament.

To move in that direction, SSG held meetings with the Secretary General and later with directors of the Communications and Public Outreach Departments to initiate a plan for better collaboration between Parliamentary departments in sharing useful information with MPs and citizens, using the Parliament website as the information hub. From these meetings, SSG anticipates a collaboration plan to develop, with SSG's assistance, in the next quarter. SSG has also provided extensive technical support for creating secure MP email system that allows citizens to contact their MPs without MPs having to share their private email addresses. As of September 30, Parliament reports that roughly 30% of MPs are using the new email addresses, with a goal of 100% utilization.

Additionally, SSG is supporting the Parliament website server, housed in the United States, and working closely with Parliament's IT staff to manage the website. To provide the highest degree of server protection, SSG has activated firewall protection, spam protection, anti-virus software, Secure Socket Layer (SSL) certificate and adjusted various port access from default. The site also has daily backup, in the case of an Internet disruption.

Parliament Research Office. In an effort to support the Parliament in becoming a better-functioning legislative body, SSG is supporting a Parliament research office. This support includes in-kind equipment and providing MPs and staff with more access to research data. The main Parliament building, subject of a terrorist attack in 2014, is only partially functional, with MPs meeting in the basement of the building for plenary sessions. There are no offices for HoP committees, consequently no workspace for committee staff as well. There is only rudimentary access to relevant research data and information that could be useful in providing MPs with policy guidance.

The project is maximizing the fact that the newly formed Upper House is located in a modern, newly built building, to create a research center for members and staff of both the Upper House and House of the People. During this reporting period, SSG provided startup furniture and computer work stations; registered the Parliament with the international development charity INASP (International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications), whose mission is to provide access to web based information to

universities and national legislatures. The service makes hundreds of policy and legal journals available to staff and MPs at no cost. SSG anticipates that in the next quarter the online resources of INASP will be available for use, so that SSG can begin training staff on basic internet research and background issue report writing. Additionally, the project is also working with the HoP who had previously received book donations for a legislative library.

SSG Fellows. SSG has initiated a fellows program as part of its Year 4 work plan. The program seeks young professionals to support committees with basic policy research, and provide valuable learning experience for participants.

The initial advertisement attracted more than 300 applicants for ten slots. The initial review of CVs reduced the candidates to 40, who then were given a written test. The test reduced the number of applicants to 18 and through interviews, ten women and ten men were selected, with one fellow from the community of persons with disabilities. The candidates will next receive a security screening so that they will have access to Parliament. After an in-depth orientation training, SSG anticipates deploying fellows to committees early in the next quarter.

Objective 2

University Certification Program. During the reporting period, SSG concluded its university certification program. Two graduation ceremonies were held, awarding students and tutors for the accomplishments from the four-month training period.

On Saturday, July 15, 2017, the first graduation ceremony was held for Ministry of Planning, Investment, and Economic Development (MoPIED)-led courses which consisted of four modules: monitoring and evaluation (M&E), project management, technical writing, and the annual work planning process. During this period, 43 ministry staff were certified with professional certificates. MoPIED Minister Gamal Mohamed Hassan awarded the certificates and thanked all parties for the great support and patience showed during the project implementation. He further encouraged the learners to utilize the skills gained and operationalize the theoretical National Development Plan into actionable and measurable projects.

On Sunday July 16, 2017, the second graduation ceremony was held for Ministry of Finance (MoF)-led courses which focused on public financial management and consisted of four modules: procurement, government budgeting, government accounting, and financial risk management. Through this course, a total of 60 civil servants successfully completed the aforementioned trainings and satisfied the requirements to be professionally certified. The Director General (DG) of the MoF, Mr. Jafar Mohamed Ahmed, represented the MoF in place of the minister who was traveling overseas. The DG voiced his appreciation for SSG, the universities, and the students for the great commitment shown throughout the past four months. Tutor representatives and student representatives who also spoke at the ceremony portrayed the importance of the training and promised to do their work better than before.

SSG's deputy chief of party, Jasmina Dimac, spoke at both graduations and thanked the ministries for their close working relationships and also acknowledged the great work done by SIMAD and Mogadishu University. "This was a successful occasion for the SSG project. We should all feel proud of achieving such a milestone in final stage of the project," she noted.

Objective 3

During this reporting period, SSG worked to complete advocacy work with civil society grantees and journalist feature story writing. All activities were completed by July 31, 2017, as SSG moved to a partial closeout.

Gender Advocacy Grantee – SWDC

On July 23, 2017, SSG grantee SWDC conducted its final activity, a TV program featuring the HoP Chair of the Human Rights Committee, Hon. Sagal Bihi, along with representatives from Ministry of Women and Human Rights Development (MoWHRD). The chair expressed her support for draft gender legislation, specifically the Anti-Sexual Violence Bill and the Anti-FGM Bill. During the extension year, SSG's parliament work will engage with the committee and chair to support efforts to attain bill passage into law.

Youth Agenda Advocacy Grantee – MAAN

In July, MAAN held nine consultative forums on the draft National Youth Policy. The event was attended by nine MPs, and a total of 163 youth leaders and civil society members. Going forward, SSG will seek to work with the relevant parliament committees and interested MPs to translate the youth policy into relevant laws and budget priorities.

DATE	LOCATION	TOTAL Attendance	MALE Attendance	FEMALE Attendance
July 1	Mogadishu	15	11	4
July 2	Mogadishu	14	8	6
July 3	Mogadishu	13	6	7
July 8	Mogadishu	23	16	7
July 9	Mogadishu	15	12	3
July 13	Mogadishu	16	6	10
July 14	Mogadishu	19	11	8
July 15	Mogadishu	17	7	10
July 16	Mogadishu	17	7	10

Disability Rights Advocacy Grantee – SMART International

During July, SMART International held eight meetings with MPs to develop consensus on draft legislation and to speak with decision-makers on the need for stronger disability protections. The meetings were attended by 144 total attendees, eight of which were MPs.

Additionally, SMART International worked with the disability advocacy coalition to develop a first draft for a Disability Rights Law. While a good first step and in conformance with Ministry of Justice drafting guidelines, SSG and SMART International both agreed that more work needed to be done. Going forward, SSG will work with the HoP Human Rights Committee to create a drafting working group to more fully align the draft law with international standards.

DATE	LOCATION	TOTAL Attendance	MALE Attendance	FEMALE Attendance
July 2	Mogadishu	16	12	4
July 3	Mogadishu	16	11	5
July 4	Mogadishu	21	15	6
July 9	Mogadishu	32	16	16
July 10	Mogadishu	32	18	14
July 13	Mogadishu	34	26	8
July 18	Mogadishu	13	6	7
July 20	Mogadishu	4	3	1

Grants

During the reporting period, SSG provided in-kind equipment to the HoP for a video camera kit for Parliament event coverage, and tables and chairs for a training room. For the Upper House, SSG supplied furniture, book cases, work stations, and computers for a Parliament research center and tables and chairs for a training room.

Somaliland

No activities to report this period. The Somaliland office closed on July 31, 2017.

IV. PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS

Table 1: SSG Indicator 4.1 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-I											
UNIT: Number of laws, policies, or procedures	DISAGGREGATE BY: <i>Type of law, proposed/adopted/drafted</i>										
	Type of Law, Policies, and Procedures			Proposed/Adopted/Drafted /Implemented		Type of Law, Policies, and Procedures			Proposed/Adopted/Drafted/Imple mented		
	Recruitment Policy			Adopted		Business License Policy			Adopted		
	Training Policy			Adopted		Anti-Discrimination Policy			Implemented		
	Administrative Policy			Implemented		Public Participation Policy			Adopted		
	Workplace anti-violence Policy			Implemented		Human Resource Policy			Implemented		
	Sexual Harassment Policy			Implemented		The Youth Policy			Proposed		
	Citizen Information Center Policy			Adopted		Company Bill			Drafted		
	Anti-Sexual Violence Bill			Ministry Draft		Anti-FGM Bill			Ministry Draft		
	Totals								11 policies, 3 bills		
Deviation Narrative: During the life of the project, there was no major legislative agenda related to gender promotion. In addition, the parliament had an extended recess and political campaigns on FGS parliamentary & presidential elections.											
Additional Criteria If other criteria are	Baseline	Cumulative Results FY15, FY16, & FY17	Results Achieved FY2017	This Reporting Period 1Jul – 30/Sept/2017		Reporting Period 31/Dec/17	Reporting Period 31/Mar/18	Reporting Period 30/Jun/17	FY 2016 Target	FY 2017 Target	End of Activity Target
		Achieved	Achieved	Target	Achieved	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target

<i>important, add lines for setting targets and tracking</i>	<i># of laws/ policies</i>	<i># of laws/ policies</i>	<i># of laws/ policies</i>	<i># of laws/ policies</i>	<i># of laws/ policies</i>	<i># of laws/ policies</i>	<i># of laws/ policies</i>	<i># of laws/ policies</i>	<i># of laws/ policies</i>	<i># of laws/ policies</i>	<i># of laws/ policies</i>
Total	0	11 Policies and 3 bills	2	-	2	-	-	-	4	3	18
<i>Federal Level</i>	0	11 Policies and 3 bills	2	-	2						
<i>Puntland</i>	0	0	0	-	0						
<i>Somaliland</i>	0	0	0	-	0						

Table 2: SSG Indicator 4.2 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 - FPS		5. Seed and Plant Variations Act - FPS			9. Somalia Dairy Act			13. Somaliland Revenue Bill		
	2. Foreign Investment Bill - FPS		6. Seed and Plant Varieties Seed Regulation - FPS			10. Somaliland Customs Bill			14. Somaliland PFM Accountability Bill		
	3. Procurement Bill - FPS		7. Plant Protection Act - FPS			11. Somaliland Audit Bill			15. Somaliland Budget 2017		
	4. Anti-Money Laundering Bill		8. Seed and Plant Inspection and Procedures Act – FPS			12. Somaliland Procurement Bill			16. Somaliland Company Law		
	17. Federal Budget 2017 - FPS										
	Total										17
Deviation Narrative: Legislative support for bill drafting at the federal parliament was hampered by recess and elections. While it did not receive final vote in the legislature, SSG supported the Somalia PFM bill with technical assistance on review, comparative analysis, bill amendment, and reporting at committee stage.											
Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline	Cumulative Results FY15, FY16 & FY17	Results Achieved FY2017	This Reporting Period 1 Jul – 30/Sept/17		Reporting Period 31/Dec/17	Reporting Period 31/Mar/18	Reporting Period 30/Jun/18	FY 2016 Target	FY 2017 Target	End of Activity Target
		Achieved	Achieved	Target	Achieved	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target
Total	0	17	3	-	0	0	0	0	7	4	20
Federal Level	0	10	1	-	0						
Puntland	0	0	0	-	0						
Somaliland	0	7	2	-	0						

Federal Level	0	0	612	2155	316	1043	-	-	0	60										
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Table 4: SSG Indicator 3.1 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: NUMBER OF ENGAGEMENTS BETWEEN TARGETED CSOs WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON KEY GOVERNANCE AND POLITICAL PROCESSES											
INDICATOR NUMBER: 3.1 – CUSTOM											
UNIT: Number	DISAGGREGATE BY: CSOs, topics, type of engagement										Sub-total
	CSO	Topics				Type of Engagement			Government Entity Involved		
	CSO and Media	International Disability Day; SL NDP II; consultations with MPs on youth policy, gender legislation, disability rights legislation; disability, women and youth issues; NDP; good governance; elections; media; employment				Informal exchanges, consultative forums, meetings			Federal Parliament, FGS, Somaliland Government Agencies, MoWHDs, MoNDP		55
	Total										55
Deviation Narrative: Target achieved.											
Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline	Cumulative Results FY15, FY16 & FY17	Results Achieved FY2017	This Reporting Period 1 Jul – 30/Sept/17		Reporting Period 31/Mar/18	Reporting Period 31/Mar/18	Reporting Period 30/Jun/18	FY 2016 Target	FY 2017 Target	End of Activity Target
		Achieved	Achieved	Target	Achieved	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target
Total	0	55	46	-	17	0	0	0	20	16	36
Federal Level	0	43	39	-	17						
Puntland	0	4	0	-	0						
Somaliland	0	8	7	-	0						

Table 5: SSG Indicator 3.2 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGE REPORTED BY CSOs IN KEY DOMAINS											
INDICATOR NUMBER: 3.2 – CUSTOM											
UNIT: Number (of MSC) stories	DISAGGREGATE BY: Domain and Region										
	Region		Domains								Sub-total
	Federal/Mogadishu		On changes in the way the media operates – 6 stories On changes in the way organization operates – from National Disability (1), On changes in the way organization interacts with the Gov t – Radio Goobjoog (1) On changes in the way organization performs – Radio Dalsan (1) On CSO interaction with MPs – 3 stories								12
			Total								12
Deviation Narrative: Target has been achieved.											
Additional Criteria	Baseline	Cumulative Results FY15, FY16 & FY17	Results Achieved FY 2017	This Reporting Period 1 Jul - 30/Sept/17		Reporting Period 31/Dec/17	Reporting Period 31/Mar/18	Reporting Period 30/Jun/18	FY 2016 Target	FY 2017 Target	End of Activity Target
		Achieved	Achieved	Target	Achieved	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target
Total	0	12	12	-	0	0	0	0	8	4	12
Federal Level	0	12	12	-	0						
Puntland	0	0	0	-	0						
Somaliland	0	0	0	-	0						

Table 7: SSG Indicator 3.4 Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: PROPORTION OF TARGETED CSOS WITH IMPROVED ADVOCACY CAPACITY
INDICATOR NUMBER: 3.4
NOTE: SSG began work on CSO advocacy baseline in Q2 but in Q3, due to time and resource constraints, the project shifted efforts to other more pertinent works with CSOs, such as work with the Parliament that will continue into the period.

Table 9: SSG Indicator 3A.I Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: NUMBER OF REPORTS IN KEY AREAS OF INTEREST PUBLISHED BY USG-SUPPORTED CSOs AND MEDIA OUTLETS											
INDICATOR NUMBER: 3A.I											
UNIT: Number (of published) reports	DISAGGREGATE BY: Area of Interest, Media Outlet										
	Area of Interest					Media Outlet				Sub-total	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">See list of interactive interviews in Table 6 above.Written Feature Stories: SL women quota for elective posts, budget execution, budget analysis, SL NDP II, minority rights, disability rights, drought situation, democracy and peaceful elections, press law and street children					(1) Goobjoog FM (2) Radio Dalsan (3) STAR FM (4) Mustaqbal RADIO (5) SOLJA Journalists in Somaliland				44	
	Total										44
Deviation Narrative: Target has been achieved.											
Additional Criteria	Baseline	Cumulative Results FY15, FY16 & FY17	Results Achieved FY2017	Reporting Period 1 Jul – 30Sept/17		Reporting Period 31/Dec/17	Reporting Period 31/Mar/18	Reporting Period 30/Jun/18	FY 2016 Target	FY 2017 Target	End of Activity Target
		Achieved	Achieved	Target	Achieved	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target
Total	0	44	40	-	0	0	0	0	20	25	45
Federal Level	0	22	20	-	0						
Puntland	0	1	0	-	0						
Somaliland	0	21	20	-	0						

Table 10: SSG Indicator 3B.I 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	Total					
	Federal, SL, & PL				Voter education and civic awareness forums/meetings								FY15 & 16		4647	5628	10,275					
Deviation Narrative: Voter awareness and civic education activities in Somaliland, Puntland, and South Central Somalia ended in Sept 30, 2016, as the new USAID election project in Somalia has taken charge of election related activities– (the BUILD project).																						
Additional Criteria	Baseline		Cumulative Results FY15, FY16 & FY17		Results Achieved FY So far 2017		This Reporting Period 1 Jul - 30/Sept/17				Reporting Period 31/Dec/17		Reporting Period 31/Mar/17		Reporting Period 30/Jun/18		FY 2016 Target		FY 2017 Target		End of Activity Target	
			Achieved		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	W	M
Total	0		10,275		0		-		0		-		-		-		25,000		0		25,000	
Gender*: Women (W), Men (M)	0	0	4647	5628	0	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Somaliland	0	0	3685	4369	0	0	-	-	0	0												
Puntland	0	0	301	314	0	0	-	-	0	0												
Federal Level	0	0	661	945	0	0	-	-	0	0												

Table 11: SSG Indicator 3B.2 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: Number of CSOs	DISAGGREGATE BY: Type of Initiative			
	CSO Name	Type of Initiative	CSO Name	Type of Initiative
	Somaliland Women Lawyers Association	Women Justice	HAVOYOCO	SL Youth
	NAFIS	Women Rights	IIDA	Women
	COGWO	Women Issues	Somali Youth Development Network (SOYDEN)	Youth Economic Development
	SL National Disability Forum (SNDF)	Disabilities	Somafal	Education
	Talowadaag Coalition	HIV/AIDS;	Solidarity Community Development Org (SCDO)	Voter Education
	Somaliland Youth Peer Education (Y – Peer)	Youth	Action for Community Empowerment and Enterprise Development (ACEED)	Voter Education
	Somaliland Women Research and Action Group (SOWRAG)	Women's political participation;	Somali Youth Development Foundation (SYDF)	Youth Political Participation
	Social Animal Welfare Service (SAWS).	Not specified	Aragti Relief and Development Organization (ARDO)	Women's Political Participation
	Puntland Non-State Actors (PUNSAA),	Good Governance and CSO Advocacy	Somali South Central Non-State Actors (SOSCENSA)	Public Finance Management
	Media Association for Puntland (MAP),	Media	Alliance Consulting Group (ACG)	Civic Education
	Centre for Social Development (CES)	Multi Programs	Disability Action Network (DAN)	Disability Issues
	FAWASOM	Women empowerment	Academy for Development and Advocacy of Minorities (ADAM)	Voter education
	Somali National Disability Coalition	Disability Issues	Madasha Aqoonyahanka Aragtida Nool (MAAN)	Youth issues
	Somali Women Development Center (SWDC)	Violence against women and anti-FGM legislation	SMART International	Disability Issues
	Somaliland Journalist Association (SOLJA)	Media	Somaliland Association for Youth Salvation (SAYS)	Voter education

	Somaliland Youth Society (SYS)			Voter education		Solidarity Youth Voluntary Organization (SYVO)				Voter education	
	Women Rehabilitation & Development Association (WORDA)			Voter education		Sool United Non-Governmental Organization (SUNGO)				Voter education	
	Total										34
Deviation Narrative: SSG has met and exceeded this target.											
Additional Criteria	Baseline	Cumulative Results FY15, FY16 & FY17	Results Achieved FY2017	Reporting Period 1 Jul - 30/Sept/17		Reporting Period 31/Dec/17	Reporting Period 31/Mar/18	Reporting Period 30/Jun/18	FY 2016 Target	FY 2017 Target	End of Activity Target
		Achieved	Achieved	Target	Achieved	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target
Total (# of CSOs)	0	34	6	-	0	-	-	-	15	10	25
Federal Level	0	10	5	-	0						
Puntland	0	6	0	-	0						
Somaliland	0	18	1	-	0						

Table 12: SSG Indicator 4.3 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.)						
	Activity Title	Level	Activity Title	Level	Activity Title	Level	# of forums
	Election consensus building forums (5)	National	Inter-ministerial meetings/ OOP & PM meetings – (5)	National	Forum for bills – foreign investment, agriculture and public infrastructure – (3)	National	13
	Forum to support 30% women quota April 21, 2016	Regional/MPs and CSO's	Consultative for federal MPs, journalists, and CSO leaders (2 forums) Jan 14, 2016 & Mar 1, 2016	Federal MPS CSO	Consultative Forum for youth CSO's and Ministry of Youth and Sports Dec 17, 2015	Ministry	4
	Forum on tax and revenue collection May 19, 2016	Federal/Ministry/CSO	Consultative Forum on Puntland Bar Association Bill Jan 18 – 20, 2016	Regional/Ministry/	Consultative Forum on 30% Women Quota Bill (5 forums) Oct 18 – 22, 2015	Ministry/Parliament/CSO	7
	Forum for enhanced cooperation between CSO's and MP June 9, 2016	Regional/MPs/CSO	Consultative Forum on 30% Women Quota Resolution Feb 3, 2016	Federal/MPs & CSO's	Inter-ministerial planning and consultation forums (2 forums) Nov 26, 2015 & Dec 28, 2015	Ministries	4
	Forum on budget legislation process between CSO's and MPs - June 14, 2016	Regional/MPs and CSO's	SSG Advisory Committee Meeting - Feb 17, 2016	OOP/Ministry/CSO	National Advisory Council Meeting on the NDP Dec 23, 2015	Federal Ministries, and MOPIC	3
	NDP II Public Consultations: Nov 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 21, 2016 – (6)	Regional	(6) forums on gender legislation, (6) consultative meetings with government and journalists in SL, (10) consultations on disability legal rights, (11) forums on a national youth policy	CSO/MPs/Ministries	Public hearing on the national budget 2017	MPs/CSO's and Ministries	40

											Total	71
Deviation Narrative: Target achieved.												
Additional Criteria	Baseline	Cumulative Results FY15, FY16 & FY17	Results Achieved FY 2017	Reporting Period 30 Jun - 31/Jul/17		Reportin g Period 30/Sept/ 17	Reporting Period 31/Dec/17	Reporting Period 31/Mar/18	FY 2016 Target	FY 2017 Target	End of Activity Target	
		Achieved	Achieved	Target	Achieved	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	
Total	0	71	40	-	17	0	0	0	36	12	66	
Federal Level	0	55	28	-	17							
Puntland	0	4	0	-	0							
Somaliland	0	12	12	-	0							

Table 13: Benchmarks Tracker Table – Objective 1 & 2

Indicator #	Indicators	Target for FY2017 & LoP	Cumulative Achievement for FY2017				LoP Results FY2016 & FY2017	Comments: Institutions meeting Benchmarks
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
1.1	Proportion of targeted committees meeting all benchmarks for legislative process	6/10	2/10	0	0	1/10	3/10	Notes from FY2017 Q4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At federal level, the budget and finance committee had completed 3 benchmarks i.e. review and analysis of the budget 2017, budget drafting and amendment, and committee report. In Somaliland, the public accounts committee (PAC) had produced a final close of account 2014 & 2015 committee reports.
1A.1	Proportion of benchmarks for legislative process met by targeted committees.	24/30	10/30	0	1/30	3/30	17/30	

1.2	Proportion of targeted committees meeting all benchmarks for stakeholder consultation processes	4/4	1/4	0	2/4	1/4	4/4	Notes from July 2017: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In July 2017, SSG helped the federal parliament's budget and finance committee to organize and conduct successfully the first budget hearing in Somalia.
1A.2	Proportion of benchmarks for stakeholder consultation processes met by targeted committees	8/8	2/8	0	4/8	2/8	8/8	
1.3	Proportion of targeted committees meeting all benchmarks for oversight duties and responsibilities	6/6	1/6	1/6	2/6	0	4/6	
1A.3	Proportion of benchmarks for oversight duties and responsibilities met by targeted committees	6/6	2/6	1/6	2/6	0	5/6	
2.1	Proportion of targeted ministries with a filing system in place	11/11	0	0	0	0	0	Deviation Narrative: In 2017, Activity has been dropped due to lack of demand.
2A.1	Proportion of benchmarks met by targeted ministries or government institution for filing systems in place	22/22	0	0	0	0	5/22	
2.2	Proportion of targeted ministries meeting all benchmarks for human resources	6/8	0	0	0	0	0	Deviation Narrative: Activity has been dropped due to lack of demand.
2A.2	Proportion of benchmarks met by targeted ministries for human resources	20/24	0	0	0	0	0	Deviation Narrative: Activity has been dropped due to lack of demand.
2.3	Proportion of targeted ministries with core policies	8/8	0	0	0	0	0	Deviation Narrative: Activity has been dropped due to lack of demand.

	and SOPS developed and approved							
2A.3	Proportion of core policies and SOPS developed and approved	8/8	0	0	0	0	0	
2.4	Proportion of targeted ministries meeting all benchmarks for planning systems	2/2	0	0	0	0	0	Deviation Narrative: Development, dissemination and implementation of standard work plan guidelines was impeded by the ongoing finalization of the Somalia NDP.
2B.2	Proportion of benchmarks for planning systems met by MOPICs	4/4	0	0	0	0	0	
2.5	Proportion of targeted ministries meeting all benchmarks for assets management policy	11/11	0	0	0	0	0	Deviation Narrative: Activity has been dropped due to lack of demand.
2A.5	Proportion of benchmarks met by targeted ministries for assets management policy	22/22	0	0	0	0	0	
2.6	Proportion of targeted ministries meeting all benchmarks for communication systems and mechanisms	11/11	0	0	0	0	2/11	
2B.3	Proportion of benchmarks for communications met by targeted ministries or government institution	33/33	0	0	0	0	11/33	
2A.4	Proportion of identified benchmarks met by Somaliland Ministry of Finance for internal audit	2/2	1/2	0	0	0	1/2	Deviation Narrative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roadmap and action plan developed for SL MoF Internal audit unit Update: SL HoR removed internal audit part of the accountability bill.

2B.1	Proportion of benchmarks for legislative drafting met by Puntland Ministry of Justice, Rehabilitation and Religious Affairs	2/2	0	0	0	0	0	Deviation Narrative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dropped. Puntland office closed.
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V. PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Nothing to report this period.

VI. LESSONS LEARNED

In Q4, SSG continued to apply lessons learned from previous years to improve project implementation. Building on the past three years of the project, entering Year 4, SSG is working even harder to ensure demand for activities by building collaborative exercises. For example, SSG work planning involves joint discussions, goals setting by committees and shared drafting before committee approval. The SSG internet activities are focused on building ownership and collaboration around sustainable software tools.

SSG continues to respond to rapidly changing environments and priorities of partners.

VII. PROGRESS ON LINKS TO OTHER ACTIVITIES

SSG continues to reinforce coordination efforts with donor partners in Somalia, including regular communication with UNDP and staff from the Max Planck Institute to ensure overlapping does not occur. SSG has encouraged Parliament to develop a coordination mechanism and looks forward to supporting it.

VIII. PROGRESS ON LINKS TO HOST GOVERNMENT

During this quarter, SSG continued to reinforce the working relationship with host government partners by placing an emphasis on realistic benchmarks, providing counterparts with hands-on capacity building support.

IX. INCLUSIVITY AND ACCESS

Continuing its efforts to forge links between civil society and newly elected MPs, and to exchange information on key issues, SSG organized and facilitated small group meetings. During the quarter, 17 meetings were held which centered on issues facing media, women, children, and others, and provided a platform for members of civil society to communicate community priorities with policymakers. A preponderance of the meetings was advocacy focused, and linked to draft legislation on gender based violence, disability rights and development of a youth policy. Additionally, SSG supported advocacy efforts surrounding key legislations pertaining to youth, gender, and persons with disabilities.

X. SUSTAINABILITY

This reporting period, SSG continued to strive for program continuity by reassuring our partners that SSG's commitment to work plan activities and governance strengthening work remains. SSG's capacity building work continued to support civil servants at all levels of government, ranging from the secretariats and other permanent staff members for institutional continuity. Examples of this from Quarter 4 include SSG's work with the Budget and Finance Committee of the FPS. The aim of this sustainability strategy is to ensure that capacity building initiatives are not constantly interrupted by Somalia's dynamic political climate, and that the work of rebuilding Somalia's vital institutions continues.

XI. UPCOMING REPORTING PERIOD'S WORK PLAN

See Annex IV.

XII. ACTIVITY ADMINISTRATION

A. Constraints and Critical Issues

This quarter, many government partners were unavailable because Parliament was on recess and many key officials were traveling. Additionally, work hours were shortened because of the Eid al-Adha holiday. SSG worked to mitigate this challenge by engaging with the stakeholders that were available during this time to continue to build relationships and prepare for the beginning of the next Parliamentary session.

The dynamic security environment continues to be programmatically burdensome for the project. SSG has addressed these issues through close coordination between program staff and our security providers, ensuring that staff movement and planned activities are evaluated constantly against up-to-date threat level assessments and critical analysis of timing and location of events.

B. Personnel

During this reporting period SSG was downsized to the chief of party and a staff of eight, reflecting the reduction in scope of the project.

C. Changes in the Project

By July 31, 2017, SSG wrapped up technical activities under objectives 2 and 3, and worked on planning activities for SSG's extension year, or Year 4. Beginning in August, technical programming centered on laying the ground work for planning activities with committees in the House of the People and in the Upper House of the federal Parliament. Additionally, staff from the objectives 2 and 3 technical teams, Somaliland staff, and some operations staff departed from the project, as the project transitioned to programming for its limited scope extension year, focused on objective 1 programming.

D. Contract, Award or Cooperative Agreement Modifications and Amendments

The project received its twelfth modification in Q4. Modification No. 12 incrementally funded the contract by [REDACTED], thereby bringing the total obligated amount to [REDACTED]

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]

Project Title: Supporting to the Office of the Speaker to Equip Research Center and Training Room with Essential Equipment

Name of Sub-Grantee: Office of the Speaker

Agreement Performance Period: July 11, 2017 to January 10, 2018

Agreement Amount (Total Estimated Cost): [REDACTED]

Geographic Locations for Implementation: Mogadishu, Somalia

Project Description: This activity seeks to establish a research office and a training room, located in the Upper House of Parliament. The Somali federal Parliament recently created an Upper House, with members elected in December 2016. This nascent legislative body faces significant resource challenges to operate as functional unit, as does its companion lower house, or the House of the People. One positive factor for the Upper House is that it occupies a modern school building with space for committees, staff, and support offices, unlike its companion lower house chamber. This research and training center will serve all MPs and staff of both chambers of Parliament to provide access to online information sources, and seeks to coordinate acquisition of reference books and other written material to enhance their knowledge and working skills. The Office of the Speaker will provide space within Parliament to establish a research and training center. SSG will provide necessary equipment to make this training and research and center functional.

Project Title: Supporting to Secretary General Office of the House of the People to Equip Communications Unit with Essential Equipment

Name of Sub-Grantee: Secretary General Office

Agreement Performance Period: July 11, 2017 to January 10, 2018

Agreement Amount (Total Estimated Cost): [REDACTED]

Geographic Locations for Implementation: Mogadishu, Somalia

Project Description: This activity seeks to provide sophisticated communications equipment to the House of People to cover parliamentary sessions. The Somali Parliament's House of the People elected new MPs in 2016, nearly 50% of the house has new members and many of them are young MPs and have strong diaspora connections. These members are very well of the importance of communications role in politics. SSG also has a separate effort underway to enhance and expand information exchange through the Parliament website.

Based on SSG's initial assessment and the needs of the House of people, SSG decided to equip parliament communication unit with necessary equipment. SSG will provide a HD video camera with necessary tools, LED HD light and video tripod and a steal cabinet to lock equipment. SSG would also plan staff capacity building sessions for existing communications staff of the parliament to build their capacity in audio and video recording, handling social media, writing techniques and developing communication strategies for the parliament and other committees. The goal of this exercise is that by September 2018, there should be a basic proficient communications operation in the House of the People. Finally, as staff skills would enhance and these equipment utilization is proven, SSG would work to support the HoP with additional equipment requests such as audio recorders and Wi-Fi based microphone systems.

B. Summary of all Sub-Grants to date

Grant No.	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)
SSG-001	Somaliland Youth Society (SYS)	12/27/2015	3/26/2016	██████	N/A	Togdheer region, Somaliland
SSG-002	Solidarity Youth Voluntary Organization (SOYVO)	12/28/2015	3/27/2016	██████	N/A	Togdheer region, Somaliland
SSG-003	Ministry of Finance (MoF)	4/4/2016	10/3/2016	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia
SSG-004	Women Rehabilitation & Development Association (WORDA)	2/25/2016	6/24/2016	██████	NA	Maroodijeex region, Somaliland
SSG-005	Somaliland National Disability Forum (SNDF)	2/25/2016	6/24/2016	██████	NA	Maroodijeex region, Somaliland
SSG-006	Disability Action Network (DAN)	1/11/2016	9/10/2016	██████	NA	Regions of Togdheer, Sanaag, Awdal, Saaxil, and Sool, Somaliland
SSG-007	Academy for Development and Advocacy of Minorities (ADAM)	1/15/2016	9/14/2016	██████	NA	Regions of Maroodijeex, Togdheer, Sanaag, Awdal, Saaxil, and Sool, Somaliland
SSG-008	Somaliland Association for Youth Salvation (SAYS)	2/1/2016	5/31/2016	██████	NA	Awdal region, Somaliland
SSG-009	Somaliland Women's Research and Action Group (SOWRAG)	2/15/2016	6/14/2016	██████	NA	Saaxil region, Somaliland
SSG-010	Solidarity Community Development Organization (SCDO)	6/5/2016	10/4/2016	██████	NA	Saanag region, Somaliland
SSG-011	Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MoPIC)	4/6/2016	11/5/2016	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia
SSG-012	Ministry of Interior and Federal Affairs (MoIFA)	3/21/2016	10/20/2016	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia
SSG-013	Ministry of Justice (MoJ)	2/28/2016	9/27/2016	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia

SSG-014	Ministry of Information, Culture, and Tourism (MoICT)	3/30/2016	10/31/2016	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia
SSG-015	Ministry of Public Works, Reconstruction, and Housing (MoPWR)	2/28/2016	9/27/2016	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia
SSG-016	Office of the President (OoP)	2/28/2016	9/27/2016	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia
SSG-017	Office of the Prime Minister (OoPM)	1/25/2016	8/24/2016	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia
SSG-018	Office of the Speaker (OoS)	2/29/2016	9/28/2016	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia
SSG-019	Parliamentary Committee on Budget and Finance (PCoB&F)	2/29/2016	9/28/2016	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia
SSG-020	Parliamentary Committee on Media and Communication (PCoM&C)	2/29/2016	9/28/2016	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia
SSG-021	Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights (PCoHR)	2/29/2016	9/28/2016	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia
SSG-022	Parliamentary Committee on Interior (PCoI)	2/29/2016	9/28/2016	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia
SSG-023	Parliamentary Committee on Economy, Trade, and Industry (PCoETI)	2/29/2016	9/28/2016	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia
SSG-024	Sool United Non-Governmental Organization (SUNGO)	7/26/2016	10/30/2016	██████	NA	Sool region, Somaliland
SSG-025	Alliance Consulting Group (ACG)	3/7/2016	9/15/2016	██████	NA	Regions of Banadir and Middle Shabelle, South-Central Somalia
SSG-026	Radio Dalsan	3/22/2016	9/15/2016	██████	NA	Regions of Galguduud, South-West, Banadir, and Middle Shabelle, South-Central Somalia
SSG-027	Kasmo Radio	3/22/2016	9/15/2016	██████	NA	Regions of Banadir, Lower Shabelle, and Middle Shabelle, South-Central Somalia

SSG-028	Somali Youth Development Foundation (SYDF)	NA	NA	N/A	NA	Jubaland, Somaliland
SSG-029	Action for Community Empowerment and Enterprise Development (ACEED)	3/28/2016	7/29/2016	██████	NA	Puntland
SSG-030	Aragti Relief and Development Organization (ARDO)	4/19/2016	8/18/2016	██████	NA	Banadir, Hiraan, and Middle Shabelle Regions, Somalia
SSG-031	Center for Research and Dialogue (CRD)	NA	NA	N/A	NA	Banadir, South-West, & Galmudug Regions, Somalia
SSG-032	Ministry of Planning and National Development (MoNPD)	5/10/2016	12/09/2016	██████	NA	Hargeisa, Somaliland
SSG-033	Ministry of Finance (MoF)	5/03/2016	12/02/2016	██████	NA	Hargeisa, Somaliland
SSG-034	Parliamentary Committee on Budget and Finance (PCoB&F)	5/10/2016	12/09/2016	██████	NA	Hargeisa, Somaliland
SSG-035	Parliamentary Committee on Judiciary, Constitution and Human Rights (PCoJCHR)	4/27/2016	11/26/2016	██████	NA	Hargeisa, Somaliland
SSG-036	Parliamentary Committee on Environment (PCoE)	4/27/2016	11/26/2016	██████	NA	Hargeisa, Somaliland
SSG-037	Office of the Solicitor General (OSG)	4/26/2016	11/25/2016	██████	NA	Hargeisa, Somaliland
SSG-038	Secretary General's Office (SGO)	4/27/2016	11/26/2016	██████	NA	Hargeisa, Somaliland
SSG-039	Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MoPIC)	5/22/2016	10/31/2016	██████	NA	Garowe, Puntland
SSG-040	Ministry of Justice (MoJ)	5/22/2016	10/31/2016	██████	NA	Garowe, Puntland
SSG-041	Parliamentary Committee on Budget and Finance (PCoB&F)	5/22/2016	10/31/2016	██████	NA	Garowe, Puntland

SSG-042	Parliamentary Committee on Legal Affairs (PCoLA)	5/22/2016	10/31/2016	██████	NA	Garowe, Puntland
SSG-043	Office of the President (OoP)	5/22/2016	10/31/2016	██████	NA	Garowe, Puntland
SSG-044	Office of the Speaker (OoS)	5/10/2016	10/31/2016	██████	NA	Garowe, Puntland
SSG-045	Somaliland Journalist Association (SOLJA)	1/15/2017	5/30/2017	██████	NA	Hargeisa, Somaliland
SSG-047	FGS MoPIC	2/15/2017	7/15/2017	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia
SSG-048	FGS MoF	2/15/2017	7/15/2017	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia
SSG-049	Mogadishu University	2/17/2017	7/31/2017	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia
SSG-050	SIMAD University	2/17/2017	7/31/2017	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia
SSG-051	Somali Women Development Centre	4/1/2017	6/30/2017	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia
SSG-052	Smart International	5/15/2017	6/30/2017	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia
SSG-053	Secretary General Office of the Somaliland Government – Budget Office	4/1/2017	5/30/2017	██████	NA	Hargeisa, Somaliland
SSG-054	Madash Aqoonyahanka Aragtida Nool (MAAN)	5/1/2017	6/30/2017	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia
SSG-055	Public Accounts Committee, Somaliland	5/5/2017	6/5/2017	██████	NA	Hargeisa, Somaliland
SSG-056	Office of the Speaker, Upper House	7/11/2017	1/10/2018	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia
SSG-057	House of the People Secretary General Office	7/11/2017	1/10/2018	██████	NA	Mogadishu, Somalia

C. GPS Information

Not applicable

D. List of Deliverables

See Annex II.

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

Not Applicable

F. Type of Accounting System Used During Reporting Period

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

Annexes & Attachments

Annexes

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Annex I: Activity Table

SSG Activity Table												
#	Target Participants	Activity Type	SSG Objective	Event Dates	Year	No. of Days	Male	Female	Total	Training / Workshop / Event Title	Meeting Organizer/Host	Location of Event
1	Youth leaders and CSOs	MP/CSO engagement meeting	3	July 1	2017	1	11	4	15	Consultative forum on national youth policy	MAAN	Mogadishu
2	Youth leaders and CSOs	MP/CSO engagement meeting	3	July 2	2017	1	8	6	14	Consultative forum on national youth policy	MAAN	Mogadishu
3	Persons with disabilities/CSOs	MP/CSO engagement meeting	3	July 2	2017	1	12	4	16	Public engagement forum with stakeholders on draft disability legislation	SMART International	Mogadishu
4	Persons with disabilities/CSOs	MP/CSO engagement meeting	3	July 3	2017	1	11	5	16	Public engagement forum with stakeholders on draft disability legislation	SMART International	Mogadishu
5	Journalists	Training	3	July 3	2017	1	5	3	8	Feature story training for radio journalists	SSG	Mogadishu
6	Youth leaders and CSOs	MP/CSO engagement meeting	3	July 3	2017	1	6	7	13	Consultative forum on national youth policy	MAAN	Mogadishu
7	Persons with disabilities/CSOs	MP/CSO engagement meeting	3	July 4	2017	1	15	6	21	Public engagement forum with stakeholders on draft disability legislation	SMART International	Mogadishu
8	Youth leaders and CSOs	MP/CSO engagement meeting	3	July 8	2017	1	16	7	23	Consultative forum on national youth policy	MAAN	Mogadishu
9	Youth leaders and CSOs	MP/CSO engagement meeting	3	July 9	2017	1	12	3	15	Consultative forum on national youth policy	MAAN	Mogadishu
10	Persons with disabilities/CSOs	MP/CSO engagement meeting	3	July 9	2017	1	16	16	32	Public engagement forum on advocacy on rights for persons with disabilities	SMART International	Mogadishu
11	Persons with disabilities/CSOs	MP/CSO engagement meeting	3	July 10	2017	1	18	14	32	Public engagement forums with stakeholders on draft disability legislation	SMART International	Mogadishu
12	Youth leaders and CSOs	MP/CSO engagement meeting	3	July 13	2017	1	6	10	16	Consultative forum on national youth policy	MAAN	Mogadishu
13	Persons with disabilities/CSOs	MP/CSO engagement meeting	3	July 13	2017	1	26	8	34	Advocacy meeting on a disability rights legislation	SMART International	Mogadishu
14	Youth leaders and CSOs	MP/CSO engagement meeting	3	July 14	2017	1	11	8	19	Consultative forum on national youth policy	MAAN	Mogadishu
15	Youth leaders and CSOs	MP/CSO engagement meeting	3	July 15	2017	1	7	10	17	Consultative forum on national youth policy	MAAN	Mogadishu

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16	Government ministerial staff	Event	2	July 15	2017	2	NA	NA	43	Graduation Ceremony MoPIED	MoPIED	Mogadishu
17	Government ministerial staff	Event	2	July 15	2017	2	NA	NA	60	Graduation Ceremony MoF	MoF	Mogadishu
18	Civil society organizations	Training	3	July 16	2017	1	12	2	14	Budget hearing testimony preparation workshop	SSG	Mogadishu
19	Youth leaders and CSOs	MP/CSO engagement meeting	3	July 16	2017	1	7	10	17	Consultative forum on national youth policy	MAAN	Mogadishu
20	CSOs and gov't officials	MP/CSO engagement meeting	3	July 17	2017	1	15	6	21	Engagement meeting on advocacy for disability rights legislation	SMART International	Mogadishu
21	Persons with disabilities/CSOs/gov't officials	CSO/gov't engagement meeting	3	July 18	2017	1	6	7	13	Coordination meeting for disability advocates and government officials	SMART International	Mogadishu
22	Budget and Finance Committee staff	Training	1	July 18 - 20, 22	2017	4	13	2	15	Budget review workshop and technical support for analyzing last draft of the FY2017 budget	SSG	Mogadishu
23	Persons with disabilities/CSOs	MP/CSO engagement meeting	3	July 20	2017	1	3	1	4	Engagement meeting on advocacy for disability rights legislation	SMART International	Mogadishu
24	Youth leaders and CSOs	MP/CSO engagement meeting	3	July 21	2017	1	34	24	58	Consultative forum on national youth policy	MAAN	Mogadishu
25	CSOs and gov't officials	CSO/gov't engagement	3	July 23	2017	1	3	2	5	TV talk show on anti-sexual offenses and anti-FGM legislations	SWDC	Mogadishu
26	CSOs and government	Public hearing	1	July 24	2017	1	38	9	47	Public hearing on the FY2017 federal budget	HoP Budget and Finance Committee	Mogadishu
27	Upper House MPs	Training	1	August 16	2017	1	2	4	6	Legislative process orientation	SSG	Mogadishu
28	Upper House MPs	Training	1	August 17	2017	1	3	5	8	Parliamentary oversight tools orientation	SSG	Mogadishu

Annex II: Schedule of Future Events

This is a chronological list of ALL significant events planned in the coming reporting period that will contribute to accomplishment of the activity's indicators, such as trainings, opening ceremonies, tendering, conferences, etc. This is not a place to list administration activities; i.e., hiring of staff.

Date	Location	Activity
October	Mogadishu	Public hearing on health regulation/health bill
November	Mogadishu	Public hearing on education bill
December	Mogadishu	Public hearing on the budget
November	Mogadishu	Closing of the books review in the HoP Budget Committee
October/November	Mogadishu	Workshops with committee staff to assist them with preparing bill summary background issue paper for all bills before Parliament
Ongoing	Mogadishu	Progress on website renovation with Parliament department heads
Ongoing	Mogadishu	Set-up of Parliament research office: improving internet access, connecting journal collections, training
October	Mogadishu	Deployment of Parliament fellows

Annex III: LIST OF DELIVERABLE PRODUCTS

Client Deliverables:

1. July Weekly Updates
2. July Monthly Report
3. August Weekly Updates
4. August Monthly Report
5. September Weekly Updates
6. September Monthly Report

Public Outreach Documents:

1. July 2017 Snapshot
2. August 2017 Snapshot

Training Materials: Includes products such as agendas, handouts, training modules/presentations, training manuals, training reports, tools, and evaluation forms as applicable for the courses listed below.

1. The Role of Legislators presentation
2. Parliament Oversight presentation

Trips and Draft/Final Reports:

1. Strengthening Somali Governance Interim Final Report

Annex IV: 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 is for FY2014 through FY2019. All activities anticipated under the SSG contract are covered by the categorical exclusion issued in the IEE. The relevant text is included below:

Activity	Categorical Exclusion(s)	Negative Determination	Positive Determination	Deferral
623-00030: Somalia Governance Capacity Building	✓			
623-00026: People to People Environment Peace-Building in Somalia (PPEPS)	✓			
623-0005: Transition Initiative for Somalia (TIS-IOM)	✓	✓ (w/conditions)		
623-0000: Transition Initiative for Somalia (TIS-DAI)	✓	✓ (w/conditions)		
623-0000: Somalia Monitoring and Evaluation Activity	✓			
Activities covered under this IEE				
Transition Initiatives and Stabilization (TIS) Extension (\$6 million) 1) Rehabilitation of health clinics, local markets, and government and public buildings 2) Road repairs: 3) Water Supply and Sanitation 4) Irrigation System Projects 5) Sub-grants and Sub-awards	✓	✓ (w/conditions)		
Transition Initiatives and Stabilization Plus (TIS+) (\$ 70 M) 1) Rehabilitation of health clinics, local markets, and government and public buildings 2) Road repairs: 3) Water Supply and Sanitation 4) Irrigation System Projects: 5) Sub-grants and Sub-awards	✓	✓ (w/conditions)		
Somalia Engineering and Architecture (SEA) (\$0.9M)	✓			
Strengthening Somali Governance (SSG) (All the proposed activities) (\$50 M)	✓			
Engaging Somalis in Peaceful Political Processes (\$50 M)	✓			
Somalia Program Support Services (SPSS) – All Activities (\$24 M)	✓			
Foreign Assistance Objective 6: Program Design & Learning (PD&L) (\$0.5M)	✓			

Annex V: WORK PLAN UPDATE

This quarter, the SSG project was engaged with the closeout of Objective 2 and Objective 3 and while also preparing for the beginning of the extension year for Objective 1. All work under Objectives 2 and 3 was completed by July 31, 2017. With the approval of the SSG extension, a new work plan is being developed for Year 4 of the project. This quarter, SSG met frequently with Parliament committees develop committee work plans to also inform the project's work plan.