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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF YOUTH & SPORTS

HIRSHABELLE STATE, SOMALIA

Dear readers,

As we commemorate two years of dedicated efforts and progress in the Ministry of Youth and Sports, it is with great pride and gratitude that I reflect on our journey towards a stronger, more resilient Hirshabelle State. Since assuming office, our commitment to utilizing sports as a catalyst for stability and youth empowerment has been unwavering.

Sports have proven time and again to transcend boundaries, unite communities, and instill values of discipline and teamwork. In Hirshabelle, we have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of sports in fostering social cohesion and promoting peaceful coexistence among our diverse populace.

Our milestones in stabilization and youth empowerment programs stand as testament to our collective resolve to build a prosperous and harmonious society. From expanding access to sports facilities and equipment to launching comprehensive youth leadership and mentorship initiatives, we have strived to nurture talent and create opportunities for all.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated team, our partners, and most importantly, to the resilient people of Hirshabelle who inspire us every day with their passion and determination. Your unwavering support fuels our drive to realize a brighter future for our state through sports and youth development.

Additionally, I would like to express sincere appreciation to our donors and partners whose generous contributions and collaborative efforts have been instrumental in our success. Together, we have achieved significant milestones and laid the foundation for sustainable growth in sports and youth



empowerment. Your continued partnership is invaluable as we continue to innovate and expand our impact across Hirshabelle State.

Furthermore, I am grateful for the strong working relationship with both the federal Ministry of Youth and Sports and the Hirshabelle State Government. Through this collaboration, we have strengthened our programs, leveraged resources more effectively, and enhanced our collective ability to serve the youth and communities of Hirshabelle.

With warm regards,

Hon. Mohamed Aynte
Minister of Youth and Sports
Hirshabelle State, Somalia

INTRODUCTION

THE ROLE OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT IN HIRSHABELLE'S STABILIZATION EFFORTS



Over the past two years, the Ministry of Youth and Sports in Hirshabelle State has embarked on a transformative journey, harnessing the power of both sports and professional development to drive stabilization and promote youth empowerment. In a region that has faced numerous challenges, including political instability and social unrest, these initiatives have emerged as unifying forces, fostering community cohesion and providing constructive outlets for the energies of the youth.

Sports have proven to be a unique and powerful tool for bringing people together, transcending ethnic, clan, and social divisions. Events such as inter-district tournaments and community sports days have become vital platforms for promoting unity and mutual understanding. These events enable individuals from diverse backgrounds to engage in healthy competition, build friendships, and develop a sense of camaraderie, thereby strengthening the social fabric of our communities.

The Ministry has strategically utilized sports to promote peace and social cohesion through initiatives like "Play for Peace" and "Unity through Sports." These programs encourage dialogue and reconciliation among conflicting groups by organizing sports activities in areas affected by conflict. Youth from opposing sides come together to play and interact, breaking down barriers of mistrust and animosity. The success of these programs is evident in the improved relationships and reduced tensions in several communities.

In addition to sports, youth empowerment through professional development and capacity-building programs is at the heart of Hirshabelle's stabilization efforts. Recognizing that the youth are future leaders and change-makers, the Ministry has focused on creating opportunities for their personal and professional growth. Comprehensive training programs, workshops, and mentorship initiatives have been established to equip young people with essential life skills, leadership qualities, and professional competencies.

These programs not only prepare them for careers in various fields but also empower them to become proactive and responsible citizens.

A significant aspect of the Ministry's efforts has been the development of infrastructure to support these initiatives. By renovating existing facilities and constructing new training centers and sports complexes, the Ministry has ensured that youth have access to safe and well-equipped venues for both physical and professional development. This infrastructure development supports the overall well-being of the youth and serves as a focal point for community gatherings and events, further enhancing social cohesion.

Furthermore, the Ministry has leveraged these programs as powerful tools for education and raising awareness on critical social issues. Campaigns addressing topics such as health, education, and anti-violence have been integrated into both sports and professional development programs, using their popularity and reach to disseminate important messages. These initiatives have significantly contributed to increased awareness and positive behavioral changes among the youth and the wider community.

The success of these stabilization efforts has been bolstered by strong collaborations and partnerships. The Ministry has worked closely with local and international organizations, community leaders, and educational institutions to design and implement effective programs. These partnerships have brought in valuable resources and expertise and fostered a sense of collective responsibility towards the development and stability of Hirshabelle.

Ultimately, the role of youth empowerment in Hirshabelle's stabilization efforts is aimed at achieving sustainable stability. By investing in both sports and professional development, the Ministry is investing in the future of Hirshabelle's youth and, by extension, the future of the state. The positive impact of these initiatives on individual lives and communities is a testament to the Ministry's vision of a stable, prosperous, and united Hirshabelle, where every young person has the opportunity to thrive.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. MOHAMED AYNTE

THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS OF HIRSHABELLE STATE

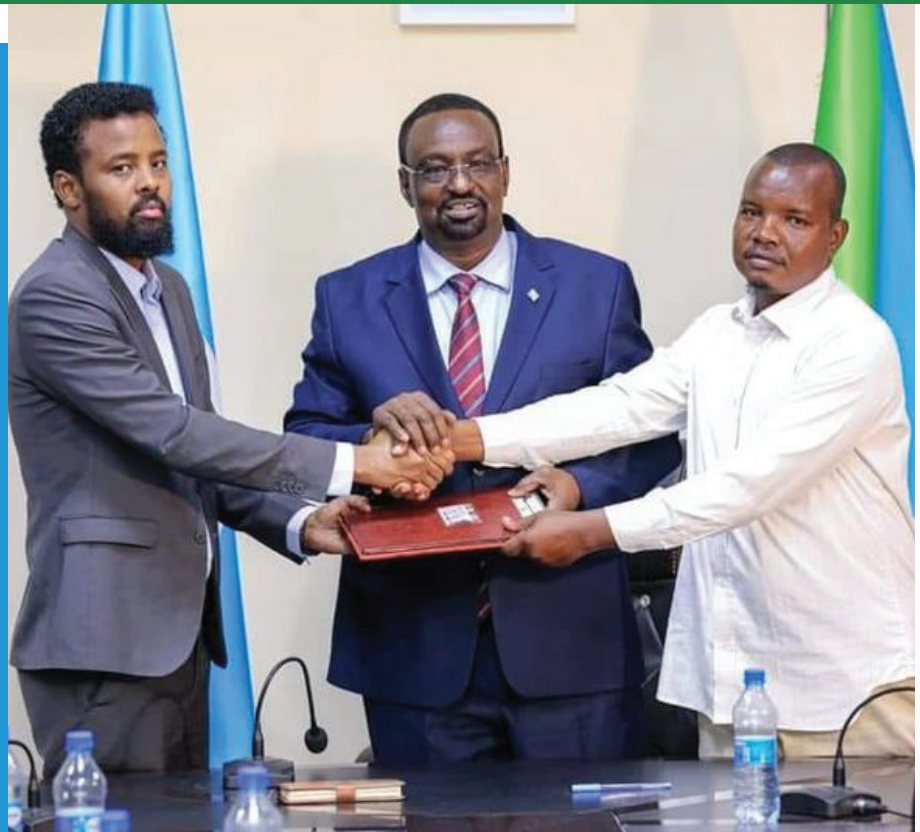
The Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Government of Hirshabelle State is entrusted with overseeing and advancing the affairs of youth and sports within the region. In alignment with its mandate, the Ministry is proud to present its 2022-2024 Report, which highlights the significant progress and achievements made over the past two years.

On August 1, 2022, the President of the Hirshabelle Government appointed his Cabinet of Ministers, which included the Ministry of Youth and Sports. The new Minister of Youth and Sports officially assumed office on August 10, 2022, in a ceremony attended by the Deputy President of the Hirshabelle Government, Mr. Yusuf Ahmed Hagar Dabaged.

Following the appointment, the Ministry swiftly initiated several key activities:

Establishment of a One-Year Strategic Plan: The Ministry developed a comprehensive one-year strategic plan to guide its activities and initiatives. This strategic plan laid the foundation for all subsequent efforts and provided a clear roadmap for achieving the Ministry's goals.

Policy Drafting: The Ministry undertook the drafting of essential policies related to human resources, procurement, financial management, and donor engagement. These



policies were designed to ensure transparency, efficiency, and accountability in the Ministry's operations.

Through these foundational efforts, the Ministry of Youth and Sports has set the stage for substantial advancements in the areas of youth empowerment and sports development in Hirshabelle State. The 2022-2024 Report encapsulates these endeavors and showcases the Ministry's unwavering commitment to enhancing the lives of young people and promoting a vibrant sports culture within the region.

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ACTIVITIES OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH & SPORTS 2022-2024

THE MINISTRY'S ACHIEVEMENT INCLUDES:

HOSTING OF THE WORLD YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION ON 12TH AUGUST 2022

On 12th August 2022, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Hirshabelle State proudly hosted a grand celebration of World Youth Day in the vibrant city of Jowhar. This significant event drew a diverse and enthusiastic crowd, including high-ranking officials from the Hirshabelle Government, representatives from various youth organizations, and sports teams from across the district. The celebration aimed to honor and recognize the vital role of young people in the development and progress of Hirshabelle. The day was filled with a variety of activities designed to inspire, engage, and empower the youth. Speeches from government officials highlighted the importance of youth involvement in governance and community development, while representatives from youth organizations shared success stories and the impact of their initiatives. Sports competitions were a major highlight of the day, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and healthy competition among the participants. Teams from different districts competed in various sports, showcasing their talents and promoting unity through sportsmanship. The event also featured cultural performances, exhibitions, and interactive workshops that provided the youth with opportunities to express their creativity and learn new skills.

The commemoration of World Youth Day in Jowhar was not only a celebration but also a reaffirmation of the Ministry's commitment to supporting and empowering the youth of Hirshabelle. The event underscored the Ministry's dedication to creating platforms for young people to thrive and contribute positively to their communities. Overall, the successful hosting of World Youth Day 2022 in Jowhar stands as a testament to the Ministry's ongoing efforts to prioritize youth development and to foster a supportive environment where young individuals can achieve their full potential.

ENGAGING IN A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING WITH THE HEADS OF IRISE, TO FOSTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

On 1st September 2022, the Minister of Youth and Sports, accompanied by his deputy, embarked on an official trip to Mogadishu. The purpose of this visit was to engage in a high-level meeting with the heads of IRISE, an agency with which the Ministry has established a collaborative partnership. This meeting was crucial in discussing ongoing projects and strengthening ties with key stakeholders. During the meeting, several important issues were addressed, with a primary focus on the Dalbile Project. The Dalbile Project is a significant initiative aimed at youth empowerment and development, and it is being implemented under the auspices of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), with IRISE playing a pivotal role as an implementing

partner. Key discussions during the meeting revolved around the progress of the Dalbile Project, strategies for enhancing its impact, and ensuring its sustainability. The project encompasses various components, including capacity-building workshops, vocational training programs, and initiatives designed to foster leadership skills among the youth. By equipping young people with the necessary skills and knowledge, the Dalbile Project aims to create a generation of empowered and self-reliant individuals who can contribute positively to the socio-economic development of Hirshabelle State. Furthermore, the meeting provided an opportunity for the Ministry to share insights on the challenges faced in the implementation of the project and to seek support from IRISE in addressing these issues. Both parties expressed their commitment to continued collaboration and to leveraging their combined resources and expertise to maximize the benefits of the Dalbile Project for the youth of Hirshabelle.





established to strengthen the linkage between the federal ministries and the regional states, including Hirshabelle and Banadir. This initiative marks a crucial step towards unified and coordinated efforts in promoting youth development and sports across Somalia.

FACILITATING THE ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION - JOWHAR DISTRICT

On 11th November 2022, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Hirshabelle Regional Government, in collaboration with the Hirshabelle Football Association, successfully facilitated the election of the Chairman of the Jowhar District Football Association. This significant event aimed at fostering a robust football community in the district. The election process was conducted in a formal and legal manner, ensuring transparency and fairness. Teams from across Jowhar District participated actively, casting their votes to elect a new chairman. This democratic process highlights the Ministry's commitment to promoting good governance and strengthening the football infrastructure within the region.

The newly elected chairman is expected to play a pivotal role in advancing football in Jowhar, enhancing the quality of the sport, and building strong relationships within the football community. This milestone event underscores the Ministry's dedication to supporting sports development and providing opportunities for leadership within the local sports organizations.

SECOND CONSULTATION MEETING OF FEDERAL AND STATE MINISTRIES OF YOUTH AND SPORTS

On 16th March 2023, the Ministers of Youth and Sports from Hirshabelle, other member states, and the Banadir region convened for the 2nd Consultation Meeting of the Federal and State Ministries of Youth and Sports. This pivotal meeting, hosted by the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports, aimed to foster collaboration and synergy among the various regional administrations.

The meeting yielded significant outcomes, including the production of a comprehensive report that detailed the key discussions and agreements. Central to these discussions was the competition between the regional administrations and the development of the National Youth Policy. The report provided in-depth insights into the competitive landscape, highlighting both the challenges and opportunities for enhancing youth engagement and sports development across the nation.

Furthermore, the meeting underscored the importance of a cohesive approach to

COLLABORATION BINA SOMALIA OFFICE

On 6th September 2022, the Minister of Youth and Sports, along with his Deputy, visited the office of BINA Somalia. BINA Somalia, formally known as the BINA Sustainable Development Association, is a prominent non-profit organization dedicated to empowering youth across Somalia by enhancing their creativity, fostering business initiatives, and developing their capacity to achieve economic resilience.

Since the Minister was new to the Ministry, this visit also served as an introductory meeting with the officials of BINA Somalia. The purpose was to establish a strong working relationship and to explore avenues for collaboration between the Ministry and BINA Somalia, particularly in the areas of providing opportunities and training to young people. During the meeting, the Minister and his Deputy engaged in productive discussions with the leadership of BINA Somalia, focusing on how they can work together to integrate business and technology innovation systems within the framework of the Hirshabelle Government.

This visit to the BINA Somalia office marks a significant step in the Ministry's ongoing efforts to forge strong partnerships with non-profit organizations dedicated to youth empowerment. By collaborating with BINA Somalia,

the Ministry aims to create a robust ecosystem for business and technology innovation, thereby providing young people with the tools and opportunities they need to thrive in an increasingly competitive economic landscape.

The partnership between the Ministry of Youth and Sports and BINA Somalia represents a shared vision for the future of Hirshabelle's youth. Through these collaborative efforts, the Ministry seeks to empower the next generation, fostering a culture of creativity, innovation, and resilience that will drive the region's economic and social development.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL YOUTH AND SPORTS MEETING IN MOGADISHU

On 6th October 2022, the Minister of Youth and Sports of Hirshabelle State, Mr. Mohamed Hussein Eynte, participated in a significant meeting involving the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Federal Government of Somalia, the Banadir Regional Administration, and other key stakeholders. The meeting, held in Mogadishu, focused on fostering intergovernmental collaboration in the youth and sports sector.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a press release was issued highlighting the key outcomes. Among the most important points was the commitment to continuous cooperation between the various levels of government. To facilitate this, a technical committee comprising 15 members was

importance of a cohesive approach to implementing the National Youth Policy. It emphasized the need to respect regional differences while striving for a unified vision for the youth and sports sectors. This event marked a significant step towards strengthening the partnership between the federal and state ministries, paving the way for more coordinated efforts in promoting youth development and sports excellence in Somalia.

Through these collaborative discussions, the ministries reaffirmed their commitment to working together towards a brighter future for Somalia's youth, ensuring that sports and youth engagement remain a top priority across all regions.

LAUNCH OF HIRSHABELLE FOOTBALL STADIUM RECONSTRUCTION CAMPAIGN

On 1st April 2023, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Government of Hirshabelle, in collaboration with both branches of the Hirshabelle Government, announced the launch of a campaign for the reconstruction of the Hirshabelle Football Stadium. This ambitious initiative aims to revitalize sports infrastructure in the region, starting with the first phase unveiled at the Jowhar Football Stadium in Shongole. Minister Mohamed Hussein Eynte and accompanying officials conducted a comprehensive assessment of the stadium's current condition. They were briefed by the Governor of Jowhar District and the assigned engineer, who provided detailed reports on the stadium's infrastructure and requirements.

As a symbolic gesture marking the beginning of the reconstruction process, Minister Mohamed Hussein Eynte and other dignitaries participated in a ceremony to cut down the garan-waaga tree that occupied the stadium's site. This ceremony signified the Ministry's commitment to transforming the stadium into a modern sports facility that will serve as a hub for sports activities and community gatherings.

The strategic plan of the Hirshabelle Ministry of Youth and Sports includes the provision of new playgrounds not only in Jowhar city but also in recently liberated municipalities from Al-Shabaab. This initiative aims to foster youth engagement, promote social integration, and contribute to the stabilization efforts in the liberated areas. By launching this campaign, the Ministry of Youth and Sports underscores its dedication to enhancing sports infrastructure and promoting healthy lifestyles among the youth of Hirshabelle. The reconstruction of the Hirshabelle Football Stadium represents a significant investment in the future of sports development and community cohesion in the region.



LAUNCH OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING UNDER DALBILE YOUTH PROJECT IN JOWHAR

In April, 6 2023, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Hirshabelle government proudly unveiled a pivotal training initiative in Jowhar as part of the DALBILE YOUTH project aimed at fostering entrepreneurship among the youth of the region. This initiative saw the successful implementation of the first training session on Business Formation Ideas, benefiting over 80 young participants over a five-day period.

The Minister of Youth and Sports provided a comprehensive mandate to the youth, urging them to capitalize on this transformative project designed to address funding-related challenges. The training not only equipped participants with essential entrepreneurial skills but also empowered them to explore new opportunities and initiatives within their communities. The Ministry extended heartfelt gratitude to the European Union (EU), UNFPA, and IRISE for their steadfast support and collaboration in implementing and facilitating the DALBILE YOUTH project. Their contributions have been instrumental in ensuring the success and impact of this initiative, underscoring their commitment to youth empowerment and sustainable development in Hirshabelle.

This training initiative marks a significant milestone in the Ministry's ongoing efforts to nurture a culture of entrepreneurship and innovation among young people, paving the way for enhanced economic opportunities and community resilience in Hirshabelle.

APPOINTMENT OF COACH FOR HIRSHABELLE GOVERNMENT TEAM

On 23rd April 2023, Mr. Mohamed Hussein Eynte, Minister of Youth and Sports of Hirshabelle State, appointed Ma'alín Abas Mohamed Hassan as the coach tasked with preparing the Hirshabelle government team for the upcoming State and Banadir Games in Mogadishu. These games are organized by the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports and represent a significant platform for regional sports competition.

The appointment of Coach Ma'alín Abas Mohamed Hassan underscores the Ministry's commitment to achieving excellence in sports and fostering talent development within Hirshabelle State. Known for his expertise and proven track record in coaching, Coach Ma'alín Abas Mohamed Hassan brings invaluable experience that is expected to elevate the performance of the Hirshabelle government team. The Minister highlighted the pivotal role of effective coaching in achieving success at regional sports competitions, emphasizing that the team's advancement to the final was a direct result of Coach Ma'alín Abas Mohamed Hassan's leadership and strategic guidance.



The appointment signifies a strategic investment in sports excellence and underscores the Ministry's dedication to nurturing a competitive sports culture in Hirshabelle. It exemplifies the Ministry's proactive approach to sports development, aiming to inspire and empower athletes to achieve their full potential on regional and national stages.

YOUTH, ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIZATION

29 April – 1 May 2023 DURING THE FORUM HELD in Jowhar, Hirshabelle, in collaboration with Somali Peace Line (SPL) and youth leaders from Hiran and Middle Shabelle, several important takeaways and commitments were made. These include:

Clan elders committing to collaborating closely with youth and treating all young people equally, regardless of their gender. They will actively mentor youth and help prepare them for leadership roles within the community. This commitment highlights the importance of intergenerational collaboration and the recognition of youth as valuable assets for the community's development.

The government committing to conducting elections for district-level youth leaders in all districts of Hirshabelle state. This commitment emphasizes the government's intent to provide opportunities for youth to engage in leadership roles at the local level. By conducting elections, the government aims to promote youth participation in

decision making processes and empower them to contribute to their communities. The commitments made aim to create an inclusive environment where youth have equal opportunities to participate in community affairs and contribute to the region's progress

One of the most noteworthy outcomes of the forum was the commitment of clan elders to work closely with the youth. Recognizing the importance of treating all young people equally, regardless of gender, the elders have pledged to actively mentor the youth. This collaboration is not just about guidance; it is about preparing the next generation for leadership roles within their communities. The elders' commitment underscores the critical role of intergenerational collaboration in ensuring the sustainable development of the region. By valuing youth as essential assets, the elders are laying the groundwork for a future where young people are empowered to take on leadership roles and contribute to the community's growth.

Another significant outcome of the forum was the government's commitment to conducting elections for district-level youth leaders across all districts of Hirshabelle state. This decision reflects the government's determination to provide young people with real opportunities to engage in leadership at the local level. By holding elections, the government aims to promote active youth participation in the decision-making processes that shape their communities. This initiative is not merely about giving youth a voice; it is about empowering them to contribute meaningfully to the development of their regions.

These commitments are part of a broader effort to create an inclusive environment where youth have equal opportunities to participate in community affairs. By doing so, the forum's participants are working toward a future where the youth are not only seen as the leaders of tomorrow but are actively involved in the region's progress today. The forum has laid a strong foundation for continued collaboration between elders, youth, and government, ensuring that the voices of young people are heard and valued in shaping the future of Hirshabelle.

This expanded version provides a more detailed and comprehensive overview of the commitments made during the forum, emphasizing the importance of intergenerational cooperation and youth empowerment.





CONCLUSION OF CONSULTATION MEETINGS ON SOMALI YOUTH NATIONAL POLICY

On 3rd May 2023, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Hirshabelle government successfully concluded consultation meetings related to the Somali Youth National Policy, marking a significant milestone as the first regional government to initiate consultations under the auspices of the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports for the approval of the National Youth Policy of Somalia.

Throughout these consultations, Hirshabelle youth actively participated, providing invaluable insights and perspectives on the development of Somali youth. Their contributions have been integral to shaping the Youth National Policy, which is poised to be presented to the Cabinet of Ministers for approval. The Ministry of Youth and Sports of Hirshabelle government facilitated inclusive discussions, ensuring that the voices and aspirations of the region's youth were heard and incorporated into the policy framework. This inclusive approach not only enhances the policy's relevance but also reflects the Ministry's commitment to fostering youth empowerment and participation in national development initiatives.

By spearheading these consultation meetings, Hirshabelle has demonstrated proactive leadership in advancing national youth agendas, setting a precedent for collaborative governance and policy-making across Somalia. The Ministry remains dedicated to advocating for policies that promote the holistic development and well-being of Somali youth, paving the way for a prosperous and inclusive future.



DALBILE PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING IN MOGADISHU

On 25th May 2023, the Minister of Youth and Sports of Hirshabelle, along with the Director General of the Ministry, attended the Dalbile Project Steering Committee Meeting in Mogadishu. This important meeting, hosted by the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports, aimed to review the progress and provide updates on the Dalbile Project, which is now in its final year. During the meeting, The Minister emphasized the necessity of making significant corrections to the project to maximize its benefits for the youth of Hirshabelle. He stressed the importance of tailoring the remaining phases of the project to better address the specific needs and challenges faced by Hirshabelle's young population. The Minister also commended the collaborative efforts that have gone into the project's second phase, highlighting the valuable contributions from regional governments. This inclusive approach has been pivotal in shaping a successful project that effectively serves the youth across various regions, particularly in Hirshabelle. The Dalbile Project stands as a testament to the commitment of the Ministry of Youth and Sports to empower and uplift the youth, providing them with opportunities for growth and development. The Steering Committee Meeting in Mogadishu reinforced the shared vision of federal and regional authorities to work together in fostering a brighter future for the youth of Somalia.

MEETING WITH UN-HABITAT IN MOGADISHU

On 13th June 2023, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Hirshabelle State convened a pivotal meeting in Mogadishu with the head of UN-HABITAT. This meeting focused on discussing the Ministry's comprehensive development plan for the youth of Hirshabelle and exploring avenues for expanding cooperation between the Ministry and UN-HABITAT. The discussions centered on aligning the Ministry's strategic goals for youth development with the resources and expertise of UN-HABITAT. Both parties

expressed a strong commitment to strengthening their partnership and working collaboratively to implement the Ministry's ambitious plan for 2023. UN-HABITAT, recognized as one of the key supporters of the Ministry, pledged to provide continued support and to work closely with the Ministry to achieve shared objectives. This meeting underscores the Ministry's dedication to forging robust alliances with international organizations, thereby ensuring the successful implementation of initiatives aimed at empowering the youth and fostering sustainable development in Hirshabelle.



STRENGTHENING COOPERATION WITH UN-HABITAT

On 13th June 2023, the Minister of Youth and Sports of Hirshabelle, Mr. Mohamed Eynte, along with the Director General of the Ministry, Mr. Yusuf Abdi Farah, held a pivotal meeting with the head of UN-HABITAT in Mogadishu. The discussions focused on the Ministry's comprehensive plan for the development of Hirshabelle's youth, emphasizing strategic initiatives and collaborative efforts. During the meeting, both parties explored ways to expand their cooperation, with UN-HABITAT reaffirming its commitment to supporting the Ministry's objectives. Recognizing the critical role of UN-HABITAT as a key partner, the Minister highlighted the importance of aligning efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Ministry's 2023 development plan. UN-HABITAT expressed its dedication to working closely with the Ministry, promising enhanced support and collaboration. This strengthened partnership aims to foster significant advancements in youth development within Hirshabelle, contributing to the broader goals of stability and empowerment in the region. The meeting underscored the shared vision and mutual commitment of both organizations to create impactful opportunities for the youth, paving the way for sustainable development and growth in Hirshabelle.



LAUNCH OF YOUTH TRAINING SESSION ON CONFLICT RESOLUTION

On 22nd June 2023, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Hirshabelle launched a vital training session focused on the role of youth in conflict resolution. The event was inaugurated by the Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr. Mohamed Eynte, who emphasized the Ministry's commitment to enhancing the skills of the youth to actively participate in peacebuilding and conflict resolution efforts. In his opening remarks, Minister Eynte highlighted the importance of empowering the youth with the necessary tools and knowledge to contribute effectively to resolving conflicts within their communities. He expressed his heartfelt appreciation to the participants, which included youth representatives, traditional elders, and women, acknowledging their crucial role in fostering peace and stability in Hirshabelle. The Minister also extended his gratitude to the UNSOM-Somalia Office for their invaluable support in facilitating this training session. He commended their partnership and continuous assistance, which has been instrumental in the Ministry's efforts to build the capacity of Hirshabelle's youth. This training session marks a significant step towards promoting youth involvement in conflict resolution, reinforcing the Ministry's dedication to creating a more peaceful and cohesive society. By equipping the youth with conflict resolution skills, the Ministry aims to empower the next generation to become proactive agents of change in Hirshabelle.



LAUNCH OF YOUTH TRAINING SESSION ON CONFLICT RESOLUTION

On 22nd June 2023, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Hirshabelle inaugurated a significant training session dedicated to empowering youth in conflict resolution. The event, a pivotal initiative by the Ministry, was officially opened by the Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr. Mohamed Eynte. In his address, Minister Eynte underscored the Ministry's commitment to enhancing the skills and capabilities of Hirshabelle's youth, enabling them to actively engage in conflict resolution efforts. He stressed the importance of youth participation in fostering peace and stability within their communities. Minister Eynte expressed profound appreciation to the diverse group of participants, which included youth representatives, traditional elders, and women. Their involvement is crucial in creating a holistic approach to conflict resolution, leveraging the unique perspectives and experiences of each group.

Additionally, the Minister extended his heartfelt thanks to the UNSOM-Somalia Office for their invaluable support in facilitating this training session. Their collaboration has been instrumental in the Ministry's ongoing efforts to build the capacity of Hirshabelle's youth, ensuring they are well-equipped to contribute to peacebuilding initiatives.

FORUM ON THE IMPACT OF THE DALBILE PROJECT

On 8th July 2023, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Hirshabelle hosted a significant forum to present the impact of the Dalbile project on the local communities in Hirshabelle. This event highlighted the project's substantial benefits and its role in transforming the lives of youth in the region. The Dalbile project, designed to support youth through comprehensive training and financial investment, aims to tackle pressing issues such as unemployment and immigration. By providing essential skills and fostering entrepreneurial initiatives, the project has become a cornerstone of youth empowerment in Hirshabelle. During the forum, the Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr. Mohamed Eynte, expressed his gratitude to the European Union, the Government of the Netherlands, and UNFPA for their unwavering support and dedication to the implementation of the Dalbile project. He acknowledged their pivotal role in making this initiative a success and emphasized the positive changes it has brought to the communities in Hirshabelle. Minister Eynte also voiced concerns about delays in the project's implementation, highlighting the need for more efficient and timely execution to maximize its benefits. He underscored the importance of addressing these delays to



ensure that the youth continue to receive the support and opportunities they need to thrive. The forum served as a platform for stakeholders to discuss the achievements of the Dalbile project and explore ways to enhance its effectiveness. It reinforced the Ministry's commitment to youth development and its ongoing efforts to create sustainable opportunities for the young population in Hirshabelle. By showcasing the impact of the Dalbile project, the Ministry of Youth and Sports reaffirmed its dedication to empowering the youth and fostering a brighter future for the communities in Hirshabelle.

SOCIAL INTERACTION MEETING FOR YOUTH IN ADAN-YABAL DISTRICT

On 15th July 2023, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Hirshabelle State Government launched a significant social interaction meeting for the youth of Adan-Yabal District, a region recently liberated from Al-Shabaab. This event marked a pivotal moment in the ongoing efforts to reintegrate and empower the youth of this historically important district. The meeting was inaugurated by the Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr. Mohamed Eynte, who was joined by a distinguished delegation including the Minister of State of the Ministry, Mr. Abdirahim Mohamud Barire, the Director General of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Mr. Yusuf Abdi Farah, the Governor of the Middle Shabelle region, and officials from Adan-Yabal district. Notably, representatives from USAID were also present, highlighting the international support for the region's stabilization and development efforts.

In his opening remarks, Minister Eynte emphasized the importance of social interaction and community engagement in rebuilding the district and fostering a sense of unity and purpose among the youth. He outlined the Ministry's commitment to providing opportunities for the youth to develop their skills, engage in meaningful activities, and contribute positively to their communities.

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The event provided a platform for the youth to voice their aspirations, concerns, and ideas for the future. It also facilitated discussions on various topics, including educational opportunities, vocational training, and community development projects. The presence of USAID officials underscored the ongoing international support and collaboration aimed at enhancing the socio-economic conditions in the district.

Governor of the Middle Shabelle region and the local officials also addressed the attendees, highlighting the district's historical significance and the potential for a brighter future through collective efforts and support from both the government and international partners.

This social interaction meeting represented a critical step towards the reintegration and empowerment of the youth in -Yabal District. It underscored the Ministry's dedication to creating a stable, prosperous environment where the youth can thrive and contribute to the overall development of Hirshabelle State.





CONCLUSION OF THE HALGAMA HIBAAD ALI DASAR SPORTS COMPETITION IN ADAN-YABAAL DISTRICT

On 20th July 2023, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Government of Hirshabelle successfully concluded the highly anticipated sports competition, Halgama Hibaad Ali Dasar, in Adan-Yabaal District. This event showcased the vibrant athletic spirit and community engagement within the district. The competition featured teams from various neighborhoods in Adan-Yabaal, highlighting the district's rich talent and enthusiasm for sports. Over the course of the event, the participating teams displayed remarkable skill, dedication, and sportsmanship, fostering a sense of unity and camaraderie among the local youth.

The closing ceremony was a significant occasion, attended by local leaders, youth organizations, and various community stakeholders. The presence of these dignitaries underscored the importance of sports in promoting social cohesion and community development.

The event was officially closed by the State Minister for the Ministry of Youth and Sports in Hirshabelle, accompanied by the Director

General of the Ministry. In their addresses, they praised the participants for their outstanding performances and highlighted the role of such events in fostering a healthy, active lifestyle among the youth.

The Halgama Hibaad Ali Dasar competition not only provided a platform for young athletes to showcase their talents but also served as a powerful tool for community building and youth empowerment. The Ministry of Youth and Sports remains committed to organizing and supporting similar events in the future, aimed at nurturing the potential of Hirshabelle's youth

LAUNCH OF YOUTH SPORTS COMPETITION AND COMMUNITY TRAINING IN HIRSHABELLE

On 30th July 2023, the Ministry of Youth and Sports in Hirshabelle launched an exciting sports competition for 17-year-olds. This event featured eight selected teams from four districts in Jowhar, showcasing the athletic talent and enthusiasm of the region's youth.

This competition was a collaborative effort, jointly organized by the Ministry of Youth & Sports in Hirshabelle, Jowhar District Administration, and USAID, which provided

crucial support for the project. The involvement of these organizations underscores the importance of fostering youth development and community engagement through sports.

In addition to the sports competition, the youth in Jowhar district benefited from a series of comprehensive training sessions. These trainings focused on various aspects of community interaction, emphasizing the role of the community in ensuring security and stability through community policing. They also addressed the critical issue of drug prevention, equipping the youth with knowledge and strategies to combat substance abuse.

The launch event was marked by high energy and enthusiasm, as young athletes prepared to compete and engage in activities designed to enhance their skills both on and off the field. The initiative not only aims to nurture the athletic talents of the participants but also to foster a sense of responsibility, teamwork, and community spirit among the youth.

The Ministry of Youth and Sports in Hirshabelle, alongside its partners, remains dedicated to creating opportunities for young people to thrive in a safe and supportive environment. This sports competition and the accompanying trainings are part of a broader strategy to empower the youth, promote social cohesion, and contribute to the overall stability and development of the region



PARTICIPATION IN THE AFRICAN YOUTH CLIMATE CONFERENCE

On 5th September 2023, the Youth and Sports Minister of Hirshabelle took part in the prestigious African Youth Climate Conference held in Nairobi, Kenya. This conference was a crucial platform for discussing the role of youth in addressing climate change and creating sustainable opportunities.

The Minister's participation underscored Hirshabelle's commitment to engaging its youth in global climate action. The conference provided an opportunity to share insights and strategies on how young people can actively contribute to combating climate change, fostering innovation, and driving sustainable development.

The discussions at the conference emphasized the critical need for youth involvement in climate initiatives, highlighting the potential of young leaders to spearhead environmental conservation efforts. The Minister's engagement at this international forum not only showcased Hirshabelle's proactive stance on climate issues but also opened avenues for collaboration and knowledge exchange with other African nations.

Both the consultation meeting in Jowhar and the participation in the African Youth Climate Conference reflect the Ministry's dedication to addressing key challenges and empowering the youth, thereby contributing to the overall development and stability of Hirshabelle.



INAUGURATION OF THE HIRSHABELLE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP: A COMMITMENT TO YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPORTS EXCELLENCE

On 14 November 2023, the Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr. Mohamed Hussein Aynte, officially inaugurated the Hirshabelle Football Association Cup in a grand ceremony. The event was graced by the presence of Deputy Minister Mr. Ilyas Yusuf Dheere, Member of Parliament Mr. Abdirahman Mohamed Sheikh, the Mayor of Balcad, and the Chairman of the Hirshabelle Football Union along with its esteemed members. This significant occasion marked a pivotal moment in promoting sports and youth engagement within the region.

In his inaugural address, Minister Aynte highlighted the importance of youth participation in sports as a means of fostering unity, discipline, and personal development. He acknowledged the diverse group of young athletes who had gathered from various parts of Hirshabelle, underscoring their commitment and passion for football. The Minister also announced an exciting development: the inclusion of players from abroad who had chosen to represent the Hirshabelle government, further enhancing the competitive spirit and skill level within the team.

Minister Aynte provided detailed guidance on achieving success, emphasizing the importance of teamwork, dedication, and continuous improvement. He expressed his vision of seeing Hirshabelle emerge as a formidable force in regional football, and he assured the athletes that the Ministry of Youth and Sports, alongside the Hirshabelle government, would offer unwavering support to the Football Council. This support would encompass not only logistical and financial assistance but also initiatives aimed at enhancing the overall sports infrastructure and opportunities for young athletes in the region.

In conclusion, the inauguration of the Hirshabelle Football Association Cup was not just a celebration of football but a reaffirmation of the region's dedication to youth empowerment and community development through sports. Minister Aynte's inspiring words and the collective efforts of all stakeholders present set the stage for a successful and impactful tournament that promises to leave a lasting legacy for the youth of Hirshabelle.



LAUNCH OF COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR BALAD DISTRICT JUDGES

On 11 January 2024, a comprehensive month-long training program was inaugurated for 15 judges operating in Balad District. This initiative, coordinated by the Balad District Administration, Hirshabelle Football Association, and the Somali Football Association (SSF), aims to enhance the judicial skills and knowledge of the participants.

Throughout the training, judges will focus on strengthening their understanding of legal requirements and refining their judicial competencies. This program is designed to play a crucial role in promoting sports in Balad District and supporting the broader objectives of the Hirshabelle Government. By equipping judges with advanced skills and knowledge, the initiative seeks to elevate the standards of sports governance and contribute to the overall development of the region.





INAUGURATION OF YOUTH PARTICIPATION TRAINING IN MATABAN DISTRICT

On 24 February 2024, Mr. Mohamed Aynte, the Minister of Youth and Sports of the Hirshabeelle Government, inaugurated a pivotal training session in Mataban District. This event was attended by over 100 young individuals from Mataban and surrounding areas. The primary objective of the training was to enhance the role of youth in government participation, foster social interaction among the youth, and address the unique needs of young people in the region.

The Ministry of Youth and Sports spearheaded the implementation of this training, reflecting its ongoing commitment to youth development and engagement. This initiative is part of a broader series of activities supported by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) UK, aimed at addressing youth issues and promoting sports in Hirshabeelle. The training session is expected to significantly empower the youth, enabling them to play a more active and influential role in governance and community development.



INAUGURATING OF INTER-VILLAGE SPORTS COMPETITION IN MATABAN

On 25 February 2024, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Hirshabeelle officially inaugurated a sports competition between the four villages of Mataban District. This significant event marks an important initiative aimed at fostering integration and unity among the youth. The primary purpose of the competition is to highlight the essential role that sports play in promoting peace and social cohesion within the community.

The opening ceremony was attended by local dignitaries, community leaders, and representatives from various youth organizations. The Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr. Mohamed Aynte, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of sports as a powerful tool for bringing young people together and fostering a spirit of camaraderie and mutual respect. He highlighted that through such competitions, the youth could develop essential life skills such as teamwork, discipline, and leadership, which are crucial for their personal growth and future success.

The event featured a series of competitive matches between the four participating villages, showcasing the talents and athletic prowess of the youth. The competition was not just about winning trophies but also about building bridges between different communities, encouraging healthy competition, and promoting physical fitness. The matches were met with enthusiasm and sportsmanship, with participants and spectators alike enjoying the vibrant atmosphere.





structors, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for their significant contributions to the success of this program.

INAUGURAL RAMADAN CUP SPORTS TOURNAMENT IN HIRSHABEELLE

On March 8, 2024, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Hirshabeelle, in collaboration with the Hirshabeelle Football Association, successfully launched the first-ever "Ramadan Cup" sports tournament. This landmark event saw participation from various districts and communities across Hirshabeelle, underscoring a renewed commitment to sports and community engagement in the region.

The Ramadan Cup, scheduled during the holy month of Ramadan, is designed to foster unity and camaraderie among the Somali people. It aims to revive the spirit of sportsmanship and enhance social cohesion by bringing together youth from diverse backgrounds to compete in a friendly and supportive environment. The tournament's inclusive nature ensures that participants from all districts and neighborhoods have the opportunity to showcase their talents and contribute to the vibrant sports culture of Hirshabeelle.

Throughout the tournament, teams will engage in a series of matches, culminating in a grand finale that promises to be a celebration of talent, teamwork, and community spirit. The event also serves as a platform for promoting peace and security, as it encourages positive interactions and cooperation among the youth, who play a pivotal role in shaping the future of the region.

The Ministry of Youth and Sports, alongside the Hirshabeelle Football Association, extends its gratitude to all participants, organizers, and supporters who have contributed to making the inaugural Ramadan Cup a reality. Special thanks are directed to local leaders, sports enthusiasts, and community members who have shown unwavering support for this initiative. The success of the Ramadan Cup is a testament to the collective efforts of the Hirshabeelle community in promoting sports as a vehicle for peace and integration in Somali society.

INAUGURATION OF DR. AYUUB JEENYO FOOTBALL STADIUM IN BALCAD

On April 23, 2024, President Ali Gudlawe Hussein of Hirshabeelle State officially inaugurated the Dr. Ayuub Jeenyo Football Stadium in Balcad. The grand opening ceremony was attended by prominent dignitaries, including members of the Federal Parliament, the Minister of Youth and Sports of Hirshabeelle, various cabinet members of the Hirshabeelle government, and officials from the Middle Shabelle region and Balcad district.

CONCLUSION OF THE MATABAN YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAM

The Minister of Youth and Sports of Hirshabeelle State, Mr. Mohamed Aynte, successfully concluded a comprehensive five-day training program for the youth of Mataban district. This significant initiative, aimed at empowering the youth, was delivered by experts specializing in youth development issues and saw active participation from young individuals across the district.

Minister Aynte, in his closing remarks, expressed his profound gratitude to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for their pivotal role in implementing the program. He also acknowledged the invaluable support and cooperation received from the Mataban District Administration and the District Youth Association, which greatly contributed to the program's success.

The training sessions provided the youth with critical skills and knowledge, enabling them to better engage in community development and governance. The Minister highlighted the importance of such initiatives in fostering a sense of responsibility and leadership among the youth, ensuring they are well-prepared to contribute to the progress and stability of Hirshabeelle State.

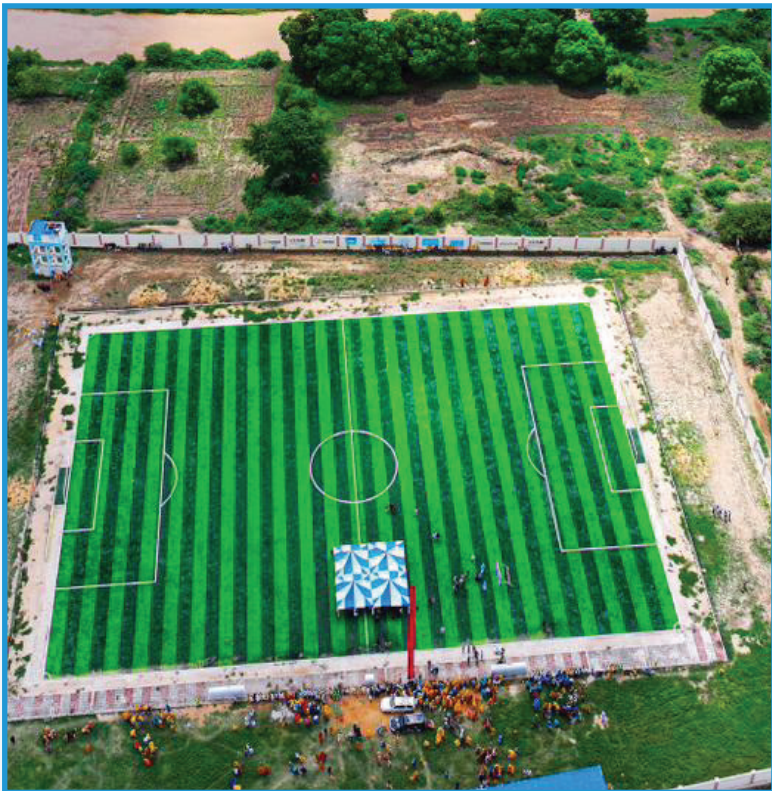
The Ministry of Youth and Sports remains committed to continuing its efforts in youth training and sports development, recognizing these as key components in building a prosperous future for the region.

YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAM LAUNCH IN FARLIBAAX DISTRICT

On March 2, 2024, the Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr. Mohamed Aynte, accompanied by the Chairman of Hirshabeelle Youth, Mr. Abdirisak M. Abdullahi, and the Director General of the Ministry of Planning, Mr. Xasan Cabdi Soomane, officially launched a youth training program in Farlibaax District. This week-long training program is designed to provide the youth of Farlibaax with diverse educational opportunities, focusing on leadership development, strengthening youth collaboration, and addressing the specific needs of the local youth.

During the training period, participants received comprehensive workshops on youth leadership, enhancing teamwork among youth, and addressing the unique challenges faced by young people in the district. Additionally, a sports competition among the four neighborhoods will be held concurrently with the training sessions, promoting physical activity and community spirit.

The Ministry of Youth and Sports extends its gratitude to the Farlibaax District Administration, the local youth, the training



The construction of this state-of-the-art football stadium was a collaborative effort involving the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the administration and citizens of Balcad, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Somalia. This modern facility is set to play a crucial role in hosting football tournaments across the districts of Hirshabeelle, promoting sports and community engagement.

During the ceremony, officials from both regional and federal levels joined President Hussein in laying the foundation stones for several other developmental projects slated for Balcad district. These initiatives signify the government's commitment to advancing infrastructure and providing enhanced opportunities for the youth.

The Ministry of Youth and Sports of Hirshabeelle remains dedicated to fostering social integration and promoting sports development. The inauguration of the Dr. Ayuub Jeenyoo Football Stadium is a testament to this commitment and represents a significant milestone in achieving the ministry's vision of constructing multiple sports facilities across Hirshabeelle. This accomplishment marks a major victory for the youth of Hirshabeelle, offering them modern venues to cultivate their talents and contribute to the region's sporting excellence.

TRANSFORMING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: UNVEILING AADAN YABAAL'S NEW SPORTS HUB

On April 27, 2024, the Minister of Youth Affairs, Mr. Mohamed Aynte, together with

the Ministry's General Director, Mr. Yusuf Abdi Farah, and the Youth Chairman of Hirshabelle, Mr. Abdirisak Mohamed, embarked on a comprehensive visit and inspection of the ongoing construction progress at the Sports Stadium in Aadan Yabaal, a project now in its final stages of completion.

The construction of the sports stadium represents a transformative initiative poised to profoundly impact youth engagement and sports development across Aadan Yabaal and its neighboring communities. Supported by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) alongside various governmental assistance agencies, the project has garnered collaborative efforts aimed at accelerating its finalization. Minister Aynte specifically emphasized the urgency of completing stadium facilities to catalyze expanded sporting activities and cultivate the burgeoning talent pool among the region's youth.

Anticipated to serve as a central nexus for youth involvement and competitive athletic events, the sports stadium holds significant promise for Aadan Yabaal and its environs. Beyond merely providing a venue for sports, it is envisioned as a vibrant hub fostering community cohesion and youth empowerment through sportsmanship and recreational activities. The Minister's visit underscored the government's commitment to enhancing local infrastructure that supports holistic youth development and community enrichment, ensuring a lasting legacy of athletic excellence and social progress in the region.

LAUNCH OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING UNDER DALBILE YOUTH PROJECT IN JOWHAR

Senator Af-cadeey, the esteemed Minister of Youth, Culture, Tourism, and Water Resources of Hirshabelle State, led a delegation comprising the Ministry's General Director of Youth and Sports, and the Youth Chairman of Hirshabelle State, on a pivotal mission to Al-kowasar district. Their objective was twofold: to conduct a thorough assessment of the prevailing living conditions and to strategize on implementing crucial rehabilitation and development projects aimed at revitalizing areas once plagued by extremist influence.

Upon arrival, the delegation engaged deeply with diverse community stakeholders, including revered cultural elders, women leaders, and vibrant youth representatives. These interactions facilitated a comprehensive understanding of the local challenges and aspirations. The delegation meticulously documented their findings, compiling a detailed report that underscored the urgent need for targeted interventions to uplift and stabilize the community.



Recognizing the district's recent acknowledgment and its significance in broader stabilization efforts within Hirshabelle State, the delegation fervently appealed to the Council of Ministers and pertinent governmental bodies for substantial support. Minister Mohamed Aynte articulated a clear vision during discussions, emphasizing, "Our primary goal is to empower the youth as active participants in governance and to advocate for international and developmental partners to prioritize Al-kowasar's recovery, aligning efforts with other districts in Hirshabelle."

Following fruitful deliberations and consensus-building sessions, the delegation concluded their visit with a unified commitment to initiate visible and impactful actions promptly. Their collective resolve underscored the imperative of collaborative efforts in fostering sustainable development, resilience, and prosperity in Al-kowasar and beyond.



MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS OF HIRSHABELLE STATE LEADS YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAM IN ADEN YABAAL

The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports of Hirshabelle State conducted a specialized training program for youth in Aden Yabaal aimed at advancing their skills and capabilities. The training, attended by 75 participants from the first phase, focused on enhancing their knowledge base to boost their employability prospects, thereby supporting their socio-economic empowerment. Key participants included the Ministry's General Director of Youth and Sports, the Youth Chairman of Hirshabelle State, and local officials from Aden Yabaal.

Minister Mohamed Aynte highlighted the program's strategic importance in fostering youth development within the community, emphasizing their pivotal role in societal advancement. He further elucidated on ongoing developmental initiatives designed

to maximize their potential and outlined the methodologies employed to ensure tangible benefits.

The minister underscored the government's commitment to nurturing a skilled and proactive youth demographic, poised to contribute meaningfully to national development agendas.



HIRSHABELLE STATE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS CONVENES WITH ATMIS SOCIAL AFFAIRS LEADERSHIP

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of Hirshabelle State convened a strategic meeting with the leadership of the Social Affairs Directorate of ATMIS (African Transitional Military Integration Support Mission in Somalia) on May 9, 2024. Present at the meeting were the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, accompanied by the Ministry's General Director and the Youth Chairman of Hirshabelle State, alongside Dr. Opiyo Ododa and key officials from ATMIS.

The primary objective of the meeting was to foster collaborative efforts between the Ministry and ATMIS in addressing societal issues. Minister Mohamed Aynte demonstrated robust commitment to enhancing joint initiatives aimed at advancing youth and sports development. Discussions focused on optimizing resources and expertise to achieve substantial progress in youth empowerment and sports activities. In conclusion, Minister Aynte expressed gratitude to the Social Affairs Directorate of ATMIS for their partnership and dedication to improving social welfare initiatives. The meeting underscored a shared vision for impactful change and sustainable development in Hirshabelle State.



SOMALI YOUTH DAY COMMEMORATION IN BELEDWEYNE STRENGTHENS COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS

On May 15, 2024, the city of Beledweyne hosted a poignant commemoration of Somali Youth Day, uniting efforts from UNSOM and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of Hirshabelle State. The event gathered esteemed dignitaries including the Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports of Hirshabelle State, the Youth Chairman of Hirshabelle State, local leaders from youth organizations, sports authorities, and representatives from Beledweyne district and Hiiraan region.

The commemorative ceremony served as a platform to reaffirm the pivotal role of youth in shaping the future of Somalia. Addressing the audience, the Deputy Minister emphasized the government's unwavering commitment to empowering youth through comprehensive programs aimed at education, employment, and civic engagement. Discussions revolved around strategies to bolster youth development initiatives, with a particular focus on Beledweyne and its surrounding areas.

Key highlights of the event included collaborative sessions aimed at forging stronger partnerships between governmental bodies, youth organizations, and international stakeholders represented by UNSOM. The dialogue underscored the importance of coordinated efforts in creating sustainable opportunities for youth, thereby fostering stability and prosperity in Hirshabelle State.

Participants concluded the event with a shared vision of continued cooperation and concerted action to address the challenges faced by youth, ensuring their voices are heard and their aspirations are realized across all sectors of society. The day's proceedings encapsulated a renewed commitment to empowering Somali youth as architects of positive change and progress in their communities.



CELEBRATING SOMALI YOUTH DAY IN THE CAPITAL OF HIRSHABELLE, JOWHAR

On May 15, 2024, the capital of Hirshabelle State, Jowhar, reverberated with the commemoration of Somali Youth Day, supported by SOYVDA, Creative, USAID, and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of Hirshabelle. The event gathered dignitaries from various sectors including officials from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the Hirshabelle State Parliament, SOYVDA organization, youth associations in Jowhar, educators, regional administration representatives, and local leaders from Jowhar district.

The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports extended heartfelt congratulations to Somali youth on this significant occasion, marking the 81st anniversary of the founding of the Somali Youth League (SYL). He underscored the day's profound significance, emphasizing SYL's founding principles of unity and collaboration towards achieving peace, development, and prosperity in our nation. Discussions at the event focused on fostering partnerships and leveraging resources to promote youth involvement in nation-building efforts, particularly in advancing peacebuilding and socio-economic development initiatives. The gathering reaffirmed the commitment to nurturing the potential of Somali youth as catalysts for positive change and progress in our society.

The commemoration concluded with a renewed commitment from all stakeholders to continue working together in unity and harmony, ensuring that the aspirations and voices of Somali youth are heard and respected across all levels of governance and development initiatives.

MINISTER MOHAMED AYNTE DRIVES FORWARD THE FUTURE OF SOMALI YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

On May 21, 2024, Minister Mohamed Aynte, at the helm of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in Hirshabelle State, spearheaded a crucial meeting dedicated to charting a comprehensive ten-year plan for Somali youth development. This pivotal gathering, convened under the auspices of the Federal Ministry of Youth Affairs, united leaders from diverse regional youth and sports ministries nationwide, alongside representatives from the Benadir region. The aim was to forge a cohesive strategy aimed at propelling the advancement of Somali youth across the country.

The centerpiece of the deliberations was a visionary initiative designed to ensure that youth engagement translates into tangible economic empowerment at both federal and regional levels. Emphasizing a holistic approach, the plan focuses on bolstering vocational skills training, expanding avenues for entrepreneurship, and leveraging technology to enhance productivity and competitiveness in the job market.

The meeting underscored a commitment to harnessing innovative strategies over the

next decade, including initiatives aimed at equipping young people with high-demand skills essential for active participation in the workforce. This includes fostering a conducive environment for entrepreneurship and maximizing the transformative potential of technology across all corners of the nation.

Minister Aynte emphasized the pivotal role of collaboration and strategic planning in realizing these goals, affirming a dedication to fostering a generation of empowered Somali youth poised to contribute meaningfully to the nation's socio-economic fabric. The comprehensive framework laid out during the meeting sets a robust foundation for sustained development and prosperity across Somali communities, driven by the energy and potential of its youth.

HIRSHABELLE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN SOLIDARITY WITH XUS OO XAAQO FREEDOM WEEK (CLEAN DRIVE)

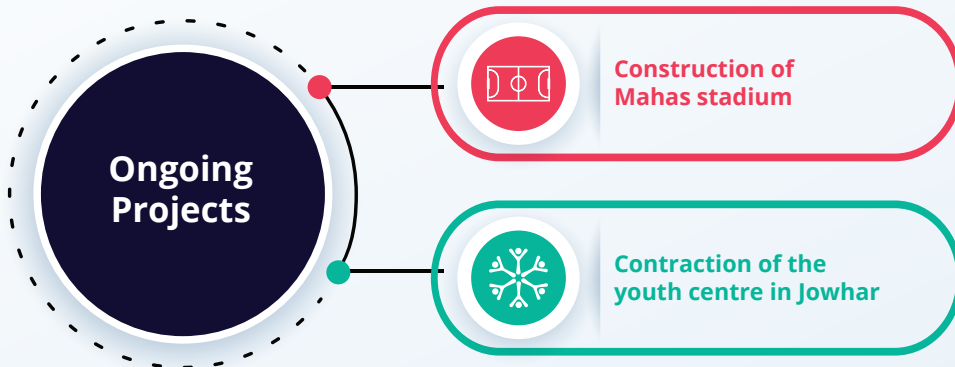
From June 17 to July 1, 2024, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of Hirshabelle State actively participated in the annual XUS OO XAAQO Freedom Week, celebrating the essence of liberty and involving Somali youth in meaningful engagements across several districts within Hirshabelle State. The initiative encompassed districts such as Baladweyne, Buloburde, Warshiikh, and Ceelbaraf, each hosting a series of events including sports tournaments, cultural performances, and educational seminars during the Freedom Week festivities.

The highlight of the activities included the renovation and beautification of local playgrounds and community spaces in these districts, transforming them into vibrant hubs for youth engagement. Somali youth enthusiastically participated in various activities such as football matches, poetry readings, and art exhibitions, showcasing their talents and creativity.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports extends profound gratitude to the youth leaders of these districts for their dedicated efforts and collaboration in making the Freedom Week celebrations a resounding success. This collaborative spirit underscores the commitment to empowering youth and promoting social cohesion and resilience across Hirshabelle State.

This initiative not only fostered a sense of unity and national pride but also reaffirmed the importance of youth involvement in community development and nation-building efforts. Moving forward, the Ministry remains steadfast in its mission to provide platforms for youth empowerment and development, ensuring their voices are heard and their contributions valued in shaping a prosperous future for Somalia.

SNAPSHOT OF PROGRESS: MILESTONES ACHIEVED



The Ministry of Youth and Sports has achieved significant progress in enhancing sports infrastructure in Hirshabelle. Our completed projects include the construction and rehabilitation of multiple stadiums. Current endeavors focus on new constructions and community youth centers, while future plans aim to further expand and improve our sports facilities, ensuring sustainable development and community engagement.

KEY MILESTONES IN YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT IN HIRSHABELLE STATE



REHABILITATION OF JOWHAR BASKETBALL STADIUM

FUNDED BY: NIS Foundation

DATE: August 2022

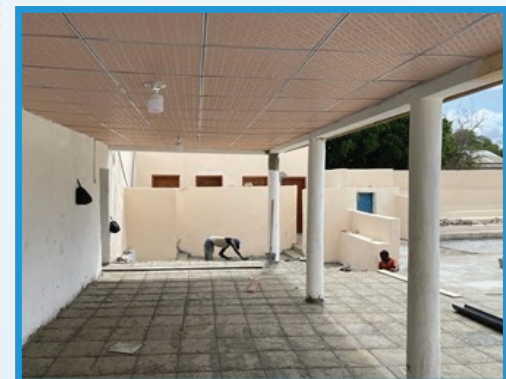
Background: The Jowhar Basketball Stadium was once a bustling center for youth sports but had fallen into disrepair due to years of neglect. Recognizing the potential of sports to unite and empower the youth, the Ministry of Youth and Sports, in collaboration with the NIS Foundation, prioritized the rehabilitation of this key facility. The project aimed to restore the stadium to its former glory, providing a modern and safe environment for basketball and other sports activities.

Impact: Since its rehabilitation in August 2022, the Jowhar Basketball Stadium has become a pivotal hub for youth engagement, offering a safe and inclusive space for both girls and boys to participate in sports. The restored facility has significantly boosted local sports activities, encouraging healthy lifestyles and providing an outlet for youth to channel their energy positively. It has also fostered social cohesion within the community, helping to bridge divides through shared sportsmanship and offering a renewed sense of pride and belonging among the residents of Jowhar.

Since its rehabilitation in August 2022, the Jowhar Basketball Stadium has emerged as a cornerstone for youth engagement within the community. This revitalized facility has become much more than just a sports venue; it serves as a safe and welcoming space where both girls and boys can actively participate in sports. The stadium's influence extends beyond the confines of the court, significantly boosting local sports activities and encouraging a healthier, more active lifestyle among the youth of Jowhar.

One of the most remarkable outcomes of this project has been the enhancement of social cohesion within the community. By providing a common ground where individuals of different backgrounds can come together, the stadium has played a crucial role in bridging societal divides. Shared sportsmanship on the court has translated into stronger community bonds off it, fostering a renewed sense of pride and belonging among Jowhar's residents.

Moreover, the stadium has offered the youth an invaluable outlet for channeling their energy in a positive direction. Instead of turning to potentially harmful activities, young people now have the opportunity to engage in structured, organized sports. This has not only kept them physically active but has also contributed to their personal growth, teaching them important life skills such as teamwork, discipline, and perseverance.





CONSTRUCTION OF AADAN YABAL STADIUM

Funded by: IOM (under FCDO Stabilisation Projects)

DATE: July 2023

Background: During a civic engagement visit to Aadan Yabal in July 2023, the Ministry of Youth and Sports conducted a one-day session with local youth to identify their needs. The youth expressed a strong desire for a sports facility, which the Ministry prioritized. Through diligent coordination with IOM, the request was fulfilled under the FCDO-funded stabilization projects.

Impact: The Aadan Yabal Stadium has transformed into a cornerstone for youth activities, promoting unity and resilience in a region previously lacking in such facilities. The stadium has provided a structured environment for youth to engage in sports, reducing idle time that could lead to negative influences and strengthening the fabric of the community.

The establishment of the Aadan Yabal Stadium has had a profound impact on the region, transforming it into a cornerstone for youth activities. Prior to the stadium's construction, the area lacked structured environments where young people could engage in positive, organized activities. The absence of such facilities often left the youth with idle time, which could potentially lead to negative influences and behaviors.

With the advent of the stadium, however, this scenario has changed dramatically. The stadium now provides a structured, safe, and inclusive environment where youth can engage in sports, fostering unity, discipline, and resilience. The impact of the stadium extends beyond just physical activities; it serves as a vital tool for social cohesion, bringing together young people from diverse backgrounds to participate in shared experiences. This, in turn, has strengthened the fabric of the community, promoting a sense of belonging and pride among the residents of Aadan Yabal.

Moreover, the stadium plays a critical role in reducing the risk of youth falling into negative patterns by offering them a constructive outlet for their energy. By engaging in sports and related activities, young people are less likely to be swayed by harmful influences, thereby contributing to a more stable and peaceful community environment.

In summary, the Aadan Yabal Stadium is more than just a sports facility; it is a beacon of hope and progress for the region. Through this project, the Ministry of Youth and Sports, in partnership with IOM and the FCDO, has not only fulfilled a crucial need but also laid the foundation for a brighter, more unified future for the youth of Aadan Yabal.





CONSTRUCTION OF MOQOKORI STADIUM

Funded by: IOM (under USAID-funded Stabilisation Projects)

Background: Following the liberation of Moqokori from Al-Shabaab, the youth in the area faced a lack of recreational facilities. The Ministry, recognizing the need for positive engagement, collaborated with IOM to construct a stadium under the USAID-funded stabilisation projects.

Impact: The new Moqokori Stadium has played a critical role in reintegrating the youth into the community, providing them with a platform to engage in constructive activities. The stadium has not only become a center for sports but also a symbol of hope and normalcy in a region recovering from conflict. It has helped in diverting youth from potentially harmful activities by offering them a positive and productive outlet.

The construction of the Moqokori Stadium has had a transformative impact on the local community, particularly on its youth. As a new and vital public facility, the stadium has quickly become a cornerstone of community life, offering a much-needed space for sports and recreation. For the youth of Moqokori, the stadium represents more than just a venue for physical activity; it is a symbol of hope, normalcy, and the potential for a brighter future.

By providing a platform for constructive engagement, the stadium has played a crucial role in reintegrating the youth into the community. It has offered them an outlet to channel their energy positively, fostering teamwork, discipline, and a sense of belonging. The availability of such a facility has significantly reduced the likelihood of youth being lured into destructive behaviors, as they now have access to a structured and supportive environment where they can develop their skills and form positive social connections.

Moreover, the stadium has become a focal point for community gatherings, hosting local sports tournaments, events, and cultural activities. These gatherings have not only strengthened the bonds between community members but have also contributed to the healing process in a region recovering from conflict. The stadium's success in drawing the community together underscores the power of sports as a unifying force, capable of bridging divides and fostering a shared sense of pride.

The establishment of Moqokori Stadium also reflects the broader goals of the USAID-funded stabilization projects, which aim to build resilience in communities by addressing the root causes of instability and creating opportunities for sustainable development. Through this project, the youth of Moqokori have been given the tools to rebuild their lives, pursue their aspirations, and contribute positively to the future of their community.





CONSTRUCTION OF MATABAN STADIUM

Funded by: IOM (under FCDO Stabilisation Projects), with Community Contribution
Background: The construction of the Mataban Stadium stands as a testament to community resilience and collaboration. The project was primarily funded by IOM through FCDO stabilisation projects, with the local community contributing 10% of the total cost.

Impact: The Mataban Stadium has become a vital community asset, fostering a sense of pride and ownership among the local population. It has significantly increased sports participation among youth, including both boys and girls, and has become a key venue for local tournaments and events. The stadium's success underscores the power of community involvement in development projects, strengthening the social fabric and encouraging further community-driven initiatives.

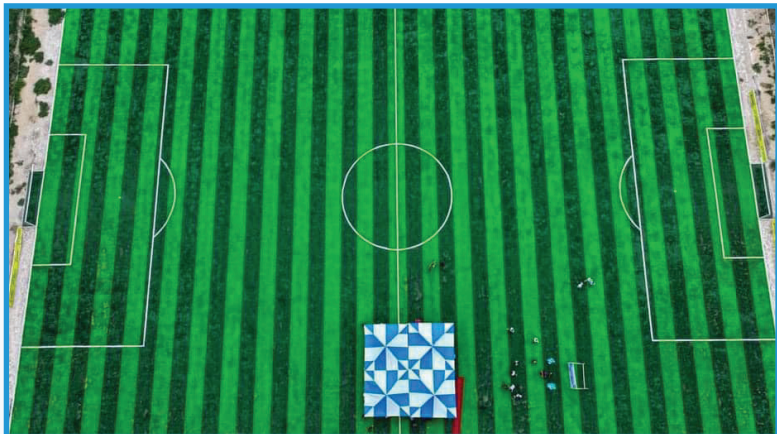
The completion of the Mataban Stadium has had a transformative impact on the community, particularly among the youth. The stadium has quickly become a hub of activity, significantly increasing sports participation among both boys and girls. For many young people in Mataban, the stadium represents their first opportunity to engage in organized sports in a safe and welcoming environment.

The stadium has also emerged as a key venue for local tournaments and events, bringing together people from different parts of the region and fostering a strong sense of community. These events have become much-anticipated occasions, drawing crowds and creating a vibrant atmosphere that reflects the renewed spirit of Mataban. The regular hosting of sports tournaments, cultural events, and community gatherings at the stadium has strengthened the social fabric of the town, making it a focal point for communal life.

Moreover, the success of the Mataban Stadium project underscores the power of community involvement in development efforts. The active participation of the local community in both the construction and ongoing maintenance of the stadium has instilled a deep sense of pride and ownership among residents. This sense of ownership is crucial for the long-term sustainability of the stadium, ensuring that it will continue to serve the community for years to come.

The positive impact of the stadium has also inspired further community-driven initiatives. Seeing the success of the Mataban Stadium, other towns and villages in the region have begun to explore similar projects, recognizing the value of investing in facilities that bring people together and promote social cohesion. The stadium has thus become a catalyst for broader development efforts, demonstrating how a single project can spark a wave of positive change.





REHABILITATION OF DR. AYUUB JEENYO STADIUM

Funded by: IOM (with Community Contribution)

Background: Initially built by IOM, the Dr. Ayuub Jeenyo Stadium required significant rehabilitation, including the installation of artificial grass. The Ministry facilitated the grant-matching process, where the community contributed 10% of the required funds, with IOM covering the remaining costs.

Impact: The rehabilitation of Dr. Ayuub Jeenyo Stadium has revitalized a key sports facility in the region, elevating it to meet modern standards. The upgraded stadium has enhanced the quality of sports events, attracted higher levels of participation, and provided a renewed sense of pride for the community. This project has also highlighted the importance of sustainable maintenance and local investment in public facilities, ensuring long-term benefits for the youth.

The rehabilitation of Dr. Ayuub Jeenyo Stadium has had a profound impact on the community. The installation of artificial grass and other modern amenities has transformed the stadium into a state-of-the-art facility, capable of hosting high-quality sports events and attracting participants from across the region.

The enhanced quality of the stadium has also elevated the stature of local sports events, drawing larger crowds and fostering a renewed sense of pride within the community. The stadium has become a symbol of progress and resilience, showcasing what can be achieved when the community and international partners work together towards a common goal.

The construction of this state-of-the-art football stadium was a collaborative effort involving the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the administration and citizens of Balcad, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Somalia. This modern facility is set to play a crucial role in hosting football tournaments across the districts of Hirshabeelle, promoting sports and community engagement.

During the ceremony, officials from both regional and federal levels joined President Hussein in laying the foundation stones for several other developmental projects slated for Balcad district. These initiatives signify the government's commitment to advancing infrastructure and providing enhanced opportunities for the youth.

The Ministry of Youth and Sports of Hirshabeelle remains dedicated to fostering social integration and promoting sports development.



"SADIA MOHAMUD:

A BEACON OF HOPE AND PROGRESS IN HIRSHABELLE"

Sadia Mohamud Hassan, a 21-year-old nurse and midwife, represents the spirit of resilience and progress in the heart of Somalia. Born and brought up in the Mataban district in the vast Hiraan region of Hirshabelle state, her life story is intertwined with the evolving landscape of her community.

Her passion for healthcare ignited early, leading her to pursue a degree in nursing and midwifery. Today, she is a vital community pillar, delivering life-saving care to mothers and newborns.

On this day, she is pacing up and down along the long corridor of Mataban's main hospital, catching up with a mother in labour who has been wheeled into the hospital. "This is a case of prolonged labour," she explains, her voice filled with urgency as she tends to a young patient. If we don't act swiftly, we risk losing both mother and child." Sadia's dedication to her profession is evident in her unwavering commitment to saving lives.

Beyond her medical expertise, Sadia keenly observes the positive changes sweeping through her community. She is particularly enthusiastic about the role of the Ministry of Youth and Sports in fostering unity and progress.

"We are youth, and we have witnessed firsthand how the Ministry has brought us together," she says with a gleam in her eye. "Football tournaments have become a powerful tool for uniting people from different backgrounds."

The construction of the first football stadium in decades in Mataban has created a revolution. "I remember before the stadium, my brothers and their friends played on a dirty field, lacking proper equipment," she recalls. "It was disheartening." The stadium is a hub of activity, inspiring young people to dream big.

Sadia's love for football is contagious. She regularly attends matches to cheer on her local team, her spirit as vibrant as the colours of the jerseys. "Seeing my brothers and cousins play fills me with pride," she says. "It's a testament to the brighter future we are building."

Despite occasional tribal clashes, Mataban remains an oasis of peace in a troubled region. As one of the first areas liberated from the grip of al-Shabaab following the recent onslaught on the group, the community has shown remarkable resilience.

"The Minister has been instrumental in creating opportunities for the youth," Sadia emphasizes. "By bringing us together to discuss our concerns, he has empowered us to be agents of change."

Mataban, once a sleepy district, is transforming. The Ministry of Youth and Sports has played a pivotal role in this evolution, investing in the potential of its young people.

"The future looks bright," Sadia declares with optimism. "With the support of the Ministry and the unwavering spirit of our youth, Mataban is poised to become a shining example of progress and prosperity."

Sadia's story is a vivid example of how the Ministry of Youth and Sports is shaping the future of Hirshabelle's youth. By providing resources and support, the Ministry has enabled young people like Sadia to thrive in their chosen fields and contribute positively to their communities. The initiatives spearheaded by the Ministry, such as constructing sports facilities and organizing tournaments, have not only fostered a sense of unity but also



provided a platform for the youth to engage in meaningful activities. Sadia's pride in her community's progress and her optimism for the future highlight the Ministry's significant role in empowering the youth, fostering peace, and nurturing hope in a region on the path to recovery.

Sadia's story represents that of many young people growing up in Somalia, a country slowly recovering from more than thirty years of anarchy and eager to grab any opportunity to enjoy life and work hard.



RISING STAR:

ABDIAZIZ'S JOURNEY TO EMPOWERING HIRSHABELLE'S YOUTH

Abdiaziz Shuriye Sabriye beams with an infectious smile as he talks about his role as a social worker and leader of the local sports association in the Farliibax district in the Hiraan region of Hirshabelle state. At just 26, he has emerged as a formidable force in his community, leveraging the power of sports and education to inspire and uplift the youth.

"Supporting the youth in my community is in my blood," he says, looking forward to the next youth meeting he plans for the week. His journey is a testament to the potential of young leaders to drive positive change, even in challenging circumstances.

Elected as chairman of the local Football Association less than a year ago, Abdiaziz has already spearheaded a movement to harness sports' transformative energy. With significant support from the Ministry of Youth and Sports for Hirshabelle, Abdiaziz successfully managed a youth sports competition on March 2, 2024, bringing together teams from four neighboring villages. This event fostered unity and camaraderie among young people across the district. Reflecting on the event, Abdiaziz remarked, "I am glad to be part of the youth that is contributing to the stability of the state. Through sports, we are not just playing games but building bridges and promoting peace."

In addition to his leadership in sports, Abdiaziz has actively pursued opportunities for personal and professional growth. He recently participated in a training program by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), focusing on leadership, youth engagement, and good governance. Abdiaziz credits this training with broadening his perspective and equipping him with essential skills. "The training opened my eyes and gave me valuable skills like time management," he shared. "It has made me more effective in my role and has empowered me to lead my peers towards constructive paths."

Abdiaziz is particularly appreciative of the Ministry of Youth and Sports for Hirshabelle state's support, which has been a significant catalyst for his work. The Ministry's pledge to build stadiums in Farliibax has ignited hope and excitement among the youth. "I am pleased about the Ministry's promise to build stadiums in Farliibax. It will provide a proper space for our youth to train and compete, strengthening our community bonds," he expressed.

Beyond sports and leadership development, Abdiaziz is a vocal advocate for education and awareness, tirelessly working to enlighten the youth about the dangers of extremism and the importance of good governance. His efforts have been instrumental in fostering a culture of peace and tolerance in Farliibax. "We must be vigilant against extremist ideas and work together to build a safe and prosperous future," he emphasized.

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FROM THE FIELD TO THE COMMUNITY:

SHAFI'I DHUBAD'S ROLE IN MATABAN'S FOOTBALL REVIVAL AND YOUTH UNITY

The buzz in Mataban town in the Hiraan region, Hirshabelle regional state, can be felt as young men engage in football matches with zeal and energy never seen before. Thousands of youth are cheering different teams at the town's newly constructed magnificent football stadium- the first modern football stadium in many years.

Shaafi'i Baashi Dhubad, a 28-year-old Mataban resident and youth activist, says he cannot be left behind as he joins his team in the matches.

The Ministry of Youth Sports made the decision to construct the stadium, which was spearheaded by Minister Mohamed Aynte.

"The stadium was a game-changer for us as the youth in Mataban, " says Shafi'i, adding that "we now feel more engaged than ever before."

Ever since the stadium was completed, the youth in the District have been organizing themselves into groups and teams and competing in the game they love most—football.

"The game is serving as a uniting factor for the youth who have previously divided along clan lines," says Shafi'i.

Hirshabelle's regional state is currently going through a positive transition following the ouster of the al-Shabaab militant groups in many places across the region.

People like Shafi'i and other youth are reaping the benefits of the fruitful struggle against the military group.

"I can tell for sure that a lot has changed. Before the liberation, it was unthinkable to see this kind of gathering and youths engaging in this kind of event," says Shafi'i with a broad smile.

A graduate of Plasma University, Shaafi'i was among the educated youth who turned to the town to make a difference. In addition to playing football—his favourite game—Hafi'i also passionately performs the roles of community mobilizer and social worker.

His passion for community service led him to participate in a youth leadership and good governance training program in Jowhar, where he honed his skills and gained invaluable insights into effective community engagement.

"As a community mobilizer, I am happy to have worked with the Ministry's programs. They have really helped the youth abstain from drugs and actively participate in sports and community initiatives."

In addition to his advocacy work, Shaafici is actively involved in the Xaaqo initiative, which focuses on community clean-up and environmental sustainability.

This initiative has beautified the town and instilled a sense of responsibility and pride among the residents, particularly the youth.

Shaafici's strong connections with the Ministry of Youth and Sports and various youth groups in Matabaan have enabled him to mobilize resources and effectively support local initiatives.



He has played a crucial role in organizing sports competitions, which have become a vital outlet for young people to showcase their talents and build camaraderie.

He expressed satisfaction: "The Ministry's support has been instrumental in organizing these events. It's amazing how sports can unite our community and provide a positive outlet for the youth."

Through his work, Shaafici has established himself as a respected leader and a trusted ally of the youth in Matabaan.

His dedication to promoting good governance, social responsibility, and youth engagement has made him a beacon of hope for many in his community.

As Shaafici continues collaborating with the Ministry and other stakeholders, he remains committed to creating a brighter future for Matabaan.

"Working with the Ministry has been a rewarding experience. We are building a community where young people can thrive and contribute positively," he concluded.

His story powerfully reminds us of the positive impact dedicated individuals can have on their communities. He stands as an inspiring example of leadership and resilience in Hirshabelle.

TESTIMONIAL FROM THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS

MOHAMED BARRE MOHAMUD

Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

It is with great pride and admiration that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Hirshabelle State for their remarkable achievements over the past two years. Under the leadership of Minister Mohamed Hussein Eynte, the ministry has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the empowerment of youth and the advancement of sports in Hirshabelle. Their efforts have not only brought about tangible improvements but have also laid a solid foundation for future progress and stability in the region.

The Ministry of Youth and Sports of Hirshabelle has been a beacon of hope and inspiration, exemplifying the values of dedication, resilience, and innovation. Their strategic initiatives, ranging from the Dalbile Youth Project to the reconstruction of sports facilities, have significantly contributed to the social and economic development of Hirshabelle. The successful implementation of these projects has empowered countless young people, providing them with the skills, opportunities, and support they need to thrive.

One of the most commendable aspects of their work has been the focus on inclusive development. By prioritizing training programs, workshops, and leadership initiatives, the ministry has ensured that youth from all walks of life can participate and benefit. The emphasis on conflict resolution and community engagement has fostered a sense of unity and purpose, crucial for the long-term stability of Hirshabelle.

The collaboration with international and regional partners, including the European Union, UNFPA, IRISE, and UN-HABITAT, stands as a testament to the ministry's proactive approach in seeking and leveraging support for its initiatives. Such partnerships have amplified the impact of their programs, allowing for broader reach and deeper engagement with the community.

As the Federal Minister of Youth and Sports, I am immensely proud of the strides made by our colleagues in Hirshabelle. Their achievements are a shining example of what can be accomplished with vision, hard work, and collaboration. I wholeheartedly endorse and recommend the continuation of these efforts, as they are pivotal to the overarching goal of national development and stability.



To the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Hirshabelle, your dedication and achievements are not just a source of pride for your state but for our entire nation. I look forward to witnessing even greater accomplishments in the years to come, as we work together to empower our youth, foster sports excellence, and build a brighter future for Somalia.

With sincere appreciation and best wishes,

Mohamed Barre Mohamud
Federal Minister of Youth and Sports
Federal Republic of Somalia



A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ALI HUSSEIN GUUDLAWE

HIRSHABELLE'S MINISTRY OF SPORTS CELEBRATES TWO YEARS OF PROGRESS:

Two years ago, I embarked on a journey, marking a new trajectory with the appointment of a youthful leader, Minister Mohamed Aynte, to head the Ministry of Sports and Youth. Two years later, the Ministry has registered huge success in promoting various aspects of development for the youth in our region. These include promoting stability through sports and the engagement of youth.

For years, the people of Hirshabelle have bravely fought against the al-Shabaab militant group. This fight gained renewed momentum in August 2022 when the federal government, under the leadership of President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, declared an all-out war on the militants. This marked a historic turning point, with Hirshabelle's local militia, Ma'awisley, playing a critical role in liberating swathes of territory previously held by al-Shabaab.

THE MINISTRY OF SPORTS AND YOUTH: A CATALYST FOR CHANGE

The Ministry of Sports and Youth, under Minister Aynte's astute guidance, emerged as a cornerstone in our fight for stability. The Ministry's comprehensive plan recognized the crucial role of youth in fostering interaction, promoting stabilization, and bridging the gap between communities. This vision translated into tangible action by constructing numerous sports facilities, including stadiums, across Hirshabelle. These facilities, particularly in recently liberated areas, became vibrant hubs for colorful tournaments, bringing people together in unity and joy.

THE POWER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS

There is no denying the transformative power of youth and sports. Our nation's youth are the very foundation of our society, and they have consistently proven to be the driving force behind progress. Their unwavering commitment to driving out militants is a testament to their courage and patriotism. Engaging them in positive endeavors like sports is not just a leisure activity but a strategic investment in our future. By fostering a culture of sportsmanship and healthy competition, we nurture a generation equipped with the skills and spirit necessary to build a stronger Hirshabelle and a stronger Somalia.

A LOOK FORWARD

The achievements of the past two years serve as a beacon of hope, illuminating the path towards a brighter future. Under Minister Aynte's



continued leadership, the Ministry of Sports and Youth will continue to develop innovative programs that empower our youth and solidify the pillars of peace and stability in Hirshabelle.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN STABILIZATION

The remarkable progress in stabilizing Hirshabelle has been largely driven by the youth of our state. Their dedication and active involvement in peace-building efforts have been instrumental in reclaiming territories and ensuring safety for our communities. The youth-led initiatives, supported by the Ministry of Sports and Youth, have not only fostered a sense of unity but also strengthened the social fabric of Hirshabelle.

As an administration, this is a moment to celebrate but also a call to action. We must continue investing in our youth, providing them opportunities to excel and harness their boundless potential. Together, let us build a Hirshabelle where every young person can thrive, contribute meaningfully to society, and play a vital role in shaping a more peaceful and prosperous Somalia

**President Ali Hussein Gudlaawe,
President of Hirshabelle State.**

A MESSAGE FROM ABDIRIZAK ABDULLE

THE YOUTH CHAIRMAN OF HIRSHABELLE STATE

Dear Youth of Hirshabelle,

It is with great pride and gratitude that I address you as the Youth Chairman of our beloved Hirshabelle State. Over the past two years, our journey together has been one of remarkable progress and profound change. As your representative, it has been my honor to serve as the bridge between the vibrant, energetic youth of Hirshabelle and the Ministry of Sports and Youth.

EMPOWERING OUR YOUTH

From the onset, our mission has been clear: to empower our youth with the tools, opportunities, and platforms necessary to thrive and contribute meaningfully to our society. The Ministry of Sports and Youth, under the visionary leadership of Minister Mohamed Aynte, has been instrumental in realizing this mission. Together, we have worked tirelessly to create an environment where every young person in Hirshabelle can excel.

PROMOTING STABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT

Our collaborative efforts have resulted in significant achievements. We have promoted stability and development through numerous sports and youth engagement programs. These initiatives have not only provided recreational and competitive opportunities but also fostered a sense of unity and purpose among our youth. The construction and rehabilitation of sports facilities across Hirshabelle stand as testament to our commitment to your development and well-being.

FOSTERING A CULTURE OF SPORTSMANSHIP

Sports have always been more than just games; they are powerful tools for community building and personal growth. The Ministry's initiatives have encouraged sportsmanship, teamwork, and leadership among our youth. These values are essential as we continue to build a peaceful and prosperous Hirshabelle. The tournaments and events we have organized have brought our communities together, bridging divides and fostering a sense of collective identity.

A UNIFIED EFFORT FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

The link between the youth and the Ministry of Sports and Youth is one of mutual respect and shared goals. Your voices, aspirations, and energies drive our initiatives. As your Youth Chairman, I ensure that your needs and ideas are conveyed to the Ministry, shaping policies and programs that reflect our collective vision. Our partnership has proven that when we work together, we can overcome any challenge and achieve great things.



LOOKING AHEAD

As we look to the future, our commitment to you remains unwavering. We will continue to advocate for more opportunities, better facilities, and greater support for our youth. Our goal is to nurture a generation that is not only skilled and confident but also deeply invested in the growth and stability of Hirshabelle.

In conclusion, I extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your dedication, resilience, and unwavering spirit. Together, we will continue to build a brighter, more prosperous future for Hirshabelle.

Thank you for your trust and support

Yours sincerely,

Abdirizak Abdulle,

Youth Chairman, Hirshabelle State



CHALLENGES & FUTURE GOALS



ADDRESSING BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION

Despite the numerous successes, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Hirshabelle faces several challenges that hinder full participation in youth and sports programs. Key barriers include limited infrastructure, inadequate funding, and social constraints. Many regions still lack proper sports facilities, making it difficult for youth to engage in organized activities. Additionally, financial limitations often restrict the scope and reach of youth programs, preventing them from achieving their full potential. Social barriers, such as cultural norms and gender inequality, also pose significant challenges, particularly for young women who wish to participate in sports and leadership programs. The Ministry is committed to tackling these obstacles by working closely with local and international partners to secure funding, improve infrastructure, and promote inclusivity.

STRATEGIC PLANS FOR CONTINUED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry has outlined strategic plans to ensure the continued growth and development of youth and sports initiatives in Hirshabelle. These plans include expanding training programs and workshops to enhance the skills and capabilities of young people, promoting youth leadership and mentorship programs to foster a new

generation of leaders, and conducting information sessions to raise awareness about the benefits of active participation in sports and community development. The Ministry also aims to strengthen community engagement and outreach efforts to ensure that youth from all backgrounds have access to these opportunities. By leveraging partnerships with international organizations and local stakeholders, the Ministry seeks to secure the necessary resources and support to implement these strategies effectively.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE: LONG-TERM GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS

Looking ahead, the Ministry of Youth and Sports envisions a future where all young people in Hirshabelle have the opportunity to reach their full potential. Long-term goals include the establishment of state-of-the-art sports facilities in every district ensuring that every young person has access to quality sports and recreational activities. The Ministry also aspires to create a robust network of youth leaders who can drive positive change in their communities and beyond. Furthermore, there is a strong focus on promoting gender equality and inclusivity in all programs, ensuring that young women

have equal opportunities to participate and excel. By fostering a culture of excellence, collaboration, and innovation, the Ministry aims to create a vibrant and dynamic environment where youth can thrive and contribute meaningfully to the development of Hirshabelle.

In conclusion, while there are challenges to overcome, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Hirshabelle is dedicated to creating a brighter future for its youth. Through strategic planning, community engagement, and a steadfast commitment to inclusivity and excellence, the Ministry is poised to achieve its long-term goals and aspirations, paving the way for a prosperous and dynamic Hirshabelle.



LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

The Ministry of Youth and Sports of Hirshabelle has established a network of valuable partnerships, both locally and internationally, to advance its mission of empowering youth and promoting sports. These partnerships include collaborations with government agencies, non-governmental organizations, international bodies, and private sector stakeholders. Key partners such as the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), USAID, and the European Union (EU) have played pivotal roles in supporting various initiatives. Locally, the Ministry works closely with regional administrations, community leaders, and youth organizations to ensure that programs are relevant and effectively implemented. Notable collaborations also include partnerships with BINA Office and the Federal Ministry of Sports, which have provided additional support and resources to further the Ministry's objectives.

COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS AND THEIR IMPACT

Through these partnerships, the Ministry has been able to implement numerous impactful projects that have significantly benefited the youth and sports sectors in Hirshabelle. One notable project is the Dalbile Project, supported by the EU, the Government of the Netherlands, and UNFPA, which focuses on youth training, financial investment for entrepreneurial activities, and tackling unemployment. This project has empowered many young individuals with the skills and resources needed to become self-reliant and economically productive.

Another successful collaboration is with USAID, which has supported various sports competitions and community interaction trainings. These activities have not only promoted physical fitness and healthy lifestyles but have also fostered social cohesion and community spirit among the youth. The recently concluded Halgama Hibaad Ali Dasar sports competition in Adan-Yabaal District, for instance, brought together local leaders, youth organizations, and community stakeholders, highlighting the unifying power of sports.

Additionally, the partnership with IOM has been instrumental in delivering training programs on conflict resolution, community policing, and the fight against drugs. These trainings have equipped the youth with critical skills and knowledge, enabling them to play active roles in ensuring the security and stability of their communities.

PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIONS



Collaborations with the BINA Office and the Federal Ministry of Sports have also been crucial in facilitating high-level training programs and infrastructural development. These partnerships have enabled the Ministry to leverage expertise and resources from federal institutions, thereby enhancing the scope and impact of its initiatives.

FUTURE COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES

Looking ahead, the Ministry is eager to explore new collaboration opportunities to further enhance its programs and initiatives. Potential areas for future partnerships include expanding youth leadership and mentorship programs, developing state-of-the-art sports facilities, and promoting gender equality in sports and youth activities. The Ministry also seeks to strengthen its engagement with the private sector to tap into additional resources and expertise.

Furthermore, the Ministry is keen to collaborate with international organizations and donor agencies to launch new projects that address emerging challenges such as climate change, digital literacy, and economic resilience. By fostering strong, mutually

beneficial partnerships, the Ministry aims to create a sustainable framework for youth development and sports excellence in Hirshabelle.

In summary, partnerships and collaborations are at the heart of the Ministry's efforts to empower youth and promote sports in Hirshabelle. Through strategic alliances with local and international partners, the Ministry has been able to implement impactful projects and create lasting positive change. As it continues to forge new partnerships and explore innovative collaboration opportunities, the Ministry is committed to building a brighter, more inclusive future for all young people in Hirshabelle.



CONCLUSION

REFLECTING ON PROGRESS MADE

As we reflect on the past two years, it is clear that the Ministry of Youth and Sports in Hirshabelle has made significant strides in fostering youth empowerment and enhancing sports infrastructure. Our efforts have brought about positive change in the lives of young people, providing them with opportunities for personal and professional growth. The establishment of strategic plans and policies has laid a strong foundation for sustainable development, while the successful execution of various projects and events has showcased our commitment to creating a vibrant and active community. Our initiatives like Training Programs and Workshops, Youth Leadership and Mentorship Programs, Information Sessions and Community engagement and outreach have addressed critical areas such as entrepreneurship, conflict resolution. The completion of key infrastructure projects, including the reconstruction of the Hirshabelle Football Stadium and the organization of regional sports competitions, has further reinforced our dedication to providing state-of-the-art facilities and promoting sports excellence.

The accomplishments of the Ministry of Youth and Sports over the past two years are a testament to our unwavering commitment to the youth and the sports sector. These milestones reflect our dedication to not only providing opportunities for youth development but also creating a positive impact on the community as a whole. By fostering an environment that encourages participation and collaboration, we have set the stage for sustainable growth and long-term success.

Our strategic initiatives, such as the establishment of the Dalbile Youth Project, have empowered young people with the skills and resources needed to become entrepreneurs and leaders in their communities. Through this project, we have provided financial support and training to youth, enabling them to pursue their dreams and contribute to the economic development of Hirshabelle. Additionally, our efforts in conflict resolution and community engagement have strengthened the social fabric, promoting peace and stability in the region.

The completion of infrastructure projects, including the reconstruction of the Hirshabelle Football Stadium, has not only provided modern sports facilities for our youth but also created a sense of pride and unity within the community. These achievements highlight our commitment to creating an environment where young people can thrive and excel in various fields, from sports to entrepreneurship.



LOOKING AHEAD: THE ROAD TO CONTINUED SUCCESS

As we look to the future, we remain steadfast in our mission to support and empower the youth of Hirshabelle. The challenges we face, such as addressing barriers to participation and ensuring the sustainability of our projects, require ongoing dedication and innovation. We are committed to building on our achievements and working towards our long-term goals, which include expanding youth training programs, enhancing sports facilities, and fostering greater collaboration with regional and international partners.

Our vision for the future is one of hope and progress. By continuing to invest in our youth and sports sectors, we aim to create an environment where young people can thrive, contribute to their communities, and play a pivotal role in the stabilization and development of Hirshabelle. We look forward to the journey ahead and to the continued support of our stakeholders.

Looking ahead, we recognize that there are still challenges to overcome. Ensuring that all youth have access to opportunities and resources, addressing the barriers to participation, and maintaining the sustainability of our projects are key areas of

focus. We are committed to tackling these challenges head-on and finding innovative solutions that will enable us to achieve our goals.

Our strategic plans for the future include expanding our youth training programs to reach more individuals, enhancing our sports facilities to meet international standards, and fostering greater collaboration with regional and international partners. By doing so, we aim to create a supportive environment that nurtures the talents and aspirations of our youth, allowing them to reach their full potential.

Furthermore, we will continue to prioritize the implementation of the National Youth Policy, ensuring that it reflects the needs and aspirations of the youth in Hirshabelle. Our vision for the future is one of hope and progress, where young people are empowered to contribute to their communities, play a pivotal role in the stabilization and development of Hirshabelle, and become leaders in their respective fields.

We are excited about the journey ahead and are confident that with the continued support of our stakeholders, we can achieve great things. Together, we will build a brighter future for the youth and sports sectors in Hirshabelle, contributing to the overall development and stability of our beloved region.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & CREDITS



The Ministry of Youth and Sports of Hirshabelle State extends its heartfelt gratitude to all those who have supported our endeavors over the past two years. Your unwavering commitment and generosity have been instrumental in the successful implementation of our projects and the realization of our vision.

We would like to express our profound thanks to our donors, partners, and contributors who have stood by us throughout this journey. Special thanks to the European Union, the Government of the Netherlands, UNFPA, IRISE, and UN-HABITAT for their invaluable assistance. Your support has been critical in driving our initiatives forward and achieving significant milestones.

We also appreciate the collaboration with BINA Somalia, USAID, and the Somali Federal Government. Your partnership has been crucial in advancing our initiatives, enabling us to reach more communities and make a more profound impact.

A special acknowledgment goes to our dedicated team, including the Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr. Mohamed Hussein Eynte, the Director General, Mr. Yusuf Abdi Farah, and all the officials and staff members who have worked tirelessly to achieve our goals. Your hard work and unwavering commitment are the backbone of our success, and we are deeply grateful for your contributions.

We also extend our appreciation to the youth, community leaders, traditional elders, and women who have actively participated in our programs and events. Your engagement and enthusiasm inspire us to continue striving for excellence and making meaningful strides in the development of the youth and sports sectors in Hirshabelle.

Together, we will continue to build a brighter future for Hirshabelle, contributing to the overall development and stability of our beloved region. Thank you for being an essential part of this journey, and we look forward to achieving even greater successes together.



MINISTRY OF YOUTH & SPORTS STRUCTURE

THIS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH & SPORTS SHOWCASES OUR DEDICATED TEAM WORKING COHESIVELY TO PROMOTE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT, SPORTS DEVELOPMENT, & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN HIRSHABELLE STATE.

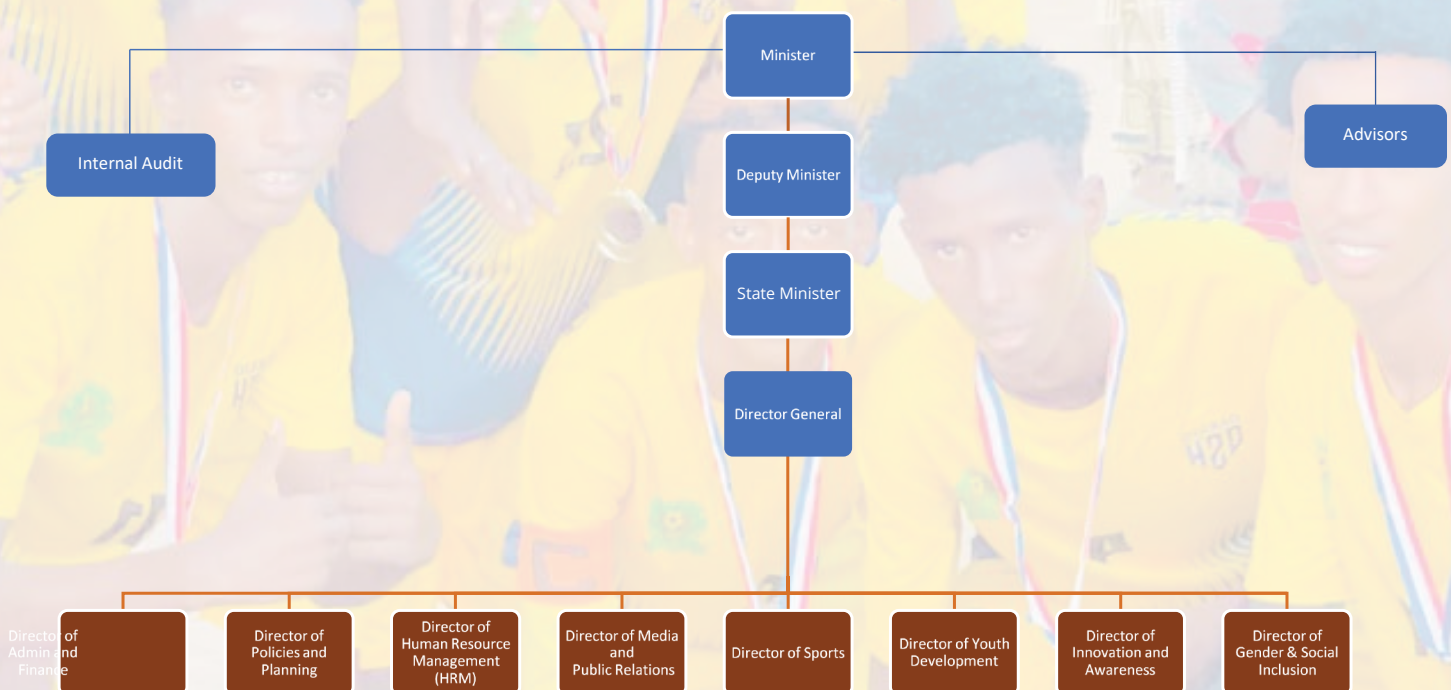


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ATTRIBUTE TO COLLABORATIVE SUCCESS: OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE

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For your innovative approach to youth engagement and empowerment



For your dedication to advancing opportunities for youth and sports



For your support in creating sustainable environments for youth development.



For your invaluable support in enhancing educational and sports initiatives.



For your contributions to youth-focused programs and policy development.



For your commitment to youth empowerment and community development.



For your efforts in promoting and advancing football as a means of youth engagement.



For your support in integrating social affairs into youth development strategies.



For your role in fostering partnerships and supporting youth initiatives.



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Your partnership has not only contributed to our achievements but has also set a precedent for collaborative success. We look forward to continuing our work together to create lasting impact and opportunities for the youth of Somalia. Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication.

With sincere gratitude,

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