



Meeting with the NGOs Advisory Board Members, Ministry of Planning and Ministry of Interior on the newly introduced Mayors and Governors NGOs registration, Taxation and Commitment forms @ 4th Jan 2023, Garowe Puntland Somalia

Meeting Participants

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Meeting Agenda

1. Mayors and Regional governor offices registration request , taxation and commitment forms
2. AOB

On Wednesday 4th Jan 2023, members of Puntland NGOs Advisory board, The ministry of Planning Economic Development and International Cooperation (MoPEDIC) and the Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs and Democratization- (MOIFAD) came together to an ad hoc meeting aimed to discuss the recently introduced forms from the Galkacyo Mayor and at large the Puntland district/regional authorities on the issues related registration/taxation requests.

During the meeting the NGOs representatives had unanimously raised their concerns and the challenges faced by the NGOs operating in the different regions of Puntland administration such as such government double registration and taxation requisitions from mayor/governor offices. These has been witnessed as a bureaucratic impediment that has affected and put aid deliveries on stuck.

Key action points agreed:

1. The NGOs will be registered and taxed only under the Ministry of Planning and ministry of Finance and there is no any other government institution that can provide legal document as per the Puntland's NGOs Act instructed.
2. Ministry of Planning and Ministry of Interior to release an official communication to the regional governors and mayors pertaining that only the ministry of Planning have the mandate to issue a legal registration document for NGOs. Deadline of this directive to be on 15th Jan 2023
3. Government authorities such as the NGO line ministry , regional Officers (RO), Governors and Mayor to coordinate themselves internally and share information that would help the smooth implementation of the programs and to ensure the accountability and transparent manners
4. Mayors and governors should inform and closely liaise with the ministries in case they have concerns against the humanitarian NGOs operation, and they should not publically condemn through media without prior consultation and clear evidences of corruption allegations
5. Galkacyo mayor suspended number of NGOs operating in Galkacyo district. The meeting agreed to commence all on hold project as soon as possible as it's of an emergency humanitarian live saving programs that targets the vulnerable groups and IDPs. Deadline in this Week.
6. To further strengthening internal and external information sharing and coordination mechanism, Ministries to draft a government reporting tool to update the district programs implemented by each organization. The draft tool to be shared to NGOs before finalization for their input. This will be part of the new approach adopted by the local authorities of service decentralization. Deadline 20th Jan 2023

Below are the meeting Photos:





Meeting photos between MoPEDIC and MoI Directors

