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LOCAL GOVERNANCE BAROMETER - SOMALILAND



The Local Governance Barometer (LGB) is a locally-owned and institutionalised survey mechanism that will regularly assess and measure perceptions and performance of local governance. The LGB is based on a set of indicators derived from existing policy and legal frameworks and developed and refined through incremental consultative processes. It provides an independent and credible mechanism for measuring local

governance progress over time, which helps internal and external actors to identify, prioritise, monitor and adapt capacity development and governance strengthening programmes and activities in an efficient, strategic, and evidence-based manner.

I. Overarching Goal: Contribute to participatory, responsive, effective and accountable local governance in Somaliland.

II. Primary Objectives:

1. Promote meaningful, equitable public participation in political processes;
2. Increase public confidence in local governance institutions;
3. Strengthen accountability and transparency in local governance institutions;
4. Contribute to equitable and quality service delivery;
5. Enhance the efficacy of capacity development initiatives.



III. Why a Local Governance Barometer? Practical and mutually reinforcing rationales:

A. Local governance and decentralised service delivery are embedded in the Somaliland constitution and policy frameworks. However, there is a need for reliable analysis of (1) perception of local governance performance; (2) level of public participation; and (3) quality and equity of service delivery. The LGB establishes a set of practical, context-specific and easy to understand indicators that measure and reinforce incremental progress over time, as well as allow comparing performance of different districts.

- B. The LGB provides government and stakeholders at the local and central level with information on the needs and challenges relating to local governance. Information that is necessary to overcome challenges, improve service delivery and build the capacity of local governance structures. The LGB also provides a channel for dialogue between local government and the citizens, serving as a feedback mechanism.
- C. The LGB can improve collaboration and coordination between local and central governance institutions by clearly reflecting on and refining their respective mandates and comparative advantages.
- D. The LGB also provides evidence-based material to shape arguments and mobilize public opinion for constructive change including the formulation of policy-oriented recommendations to address identified opportunities, gaps and challenges while optimizing the use of resources.

The inception of LGB-Perception survey

On 5th November, Academy for Peace and Development with the assistance of Interpeace has conducted two-day training for 47 enumerators to be deployed in three districts in the pilot phase of the LGB project. As a prelude of the data collection of the perception survey, the trainees

have imparted interviewing skills and code of conduct in engaging with potential interviewees.

Following the training and field-testing of the questionnaire, the Decentralisation pillar team in collaboration with Management of APD has embarked on the data collection exercise in the three LGB-pilot districts (Burao, Borama and Salahley). Enumerators equipped with the necessary tools for the field data collection have been dispatched to the field in the following sizes and inception dates:

No.	District	Enumerators	Inception date
1	Borama	16	12 th November
2	Burao	27	15 th November
3	Salahley	4	15 th November



The data collection activity is scheduled to continue from 8-11 days. According to the pre-defined sample of the survey, the enumerators in teams of four are assigned to interview the following sample size in the three districts:

No	District	Sample size
1.	Borama	552 interviews
2.	Burao	872 interviews
3.	Salahley	112 interviews



Meanwhile, another component of the LGB, the Local Government Assessment exercise by the Civil Service Institute is going in the three districts in parallel with the survey and the teams of the implementing agencies constantly communicate in the field.

