



Terms of Reference for Development Economics Expert for Developing National Development Plan III, Ministry of Planning and National Development, Somaliland

1. Background to SDF

The Somaliland Development Fund (SDF) was established in 2012 to provide a single vehicle through which development partners could support Somaliland's development goals. The first phase of the SDF was implemented in 2013-2017 and supported the Government of Somaliland (GoSL) filling a critical gap through funding projects that are fully aligned to the National Development Plan (NDP) while at the same time recognizing the role of GoSL in the delivery of basic services.

The Somaliland Development Fund – Phase 2 (SDF2) covers the period 2018-2024. SDF2 is conceived as an inclusive economic development program. It supports the GoSL in delivering infrastructure that is relevant for inclusive economic development. It focuses on sustainable investments that spur job creation and fast growth, while at the same time laying the foundation for long-term resilience and development, leading to a more stable and peaceful Somaliland. SDF2's support is fully aligned with government priorities as defined in the National Development Plan 2 (NDP2) 2017-2021 and reflects the priorities set out in Somaliland Vision 2030.

The objectives of the SDF2 are threefold:

1. Support increased inclusive economic growth through investment in productive, strategic infrastructure to enhance economic growth and revenue generation.
2. Strengthen and maintain the capabilities of the government of Somaliland to prioritise and manage the sustainable and equitable development of Somaliland's infrastructure.
3. Support strong government ownership of development priorities aligned with the National Development Plan.

2. Ministry of Planning and National Development

The SDF has allocated funds to the Ministry of Planning and National Development for the development of the National Development Plan III. The second 2017-2021 National Development Plan (NDP2) will expire in December 2021. By that time, the new National Development Plan for 2022-2026, prepared with subnational stakeholder adequate participation and government ownership, will need to be finalized and ready for roll-out in January 2022. Somaliland has now established a tradition of medium-term development plans linked to the Vision 2030 and this will be the third National Development Plan progressing towards the national vision.

Underlying its preparation and implementation will be the need to ensure that the NDP 2022-2026 is aligned with and progressing towards the Somaliland Vision 2030 and the SDGs. It is critical that the national development planning must be country owned and based on a process of broad-based participation and consensus-building that delivers a comprehensive context analysis sufficient to inform desired development results and outcomes. The national development planning process should link policy, planning and budgeting; identify national development objectives and priorities; improve the quality of expenditures leading to efficiency gains; harmonize development financing; and promote accountability and transparency through strong monitoring and evaluation. Therefore, the NDP 2022-2026 process will be designed to open up space for participation by all major

stakeholders, including civil society organizations, private sector representatives, women's groups, youth organizations and marginalized groups.

To ensure that the new NDP is evidence based and results driven there is a need to gain a baseline understanding of what is happening within the nine key sectors that will be the strategic core of the NDP. For each sector an analysis will be conducted that will provide key sector policy decision makers and stakeholders with the foundational information required to make forward looking planning decisions regarding their sector and how it will progress over the next five years. Based on the baseline data drawn from the sector analysis, prioritization process which will set out the outcomes, targets, indicators and the priorities of the next five years for each sector will be proceeded to. Consequently, when sector analysis and the prioritization process come to a close, amalgamating the sector based work and drafting NDP III will immediately follow.

The MoPND is therefore seeking to engage the services of a Development Economics Expert to work under the National Development Planning Expert as a part of the team supporting the Somaliland National Technical Team in the development and writing of the National Development Plan III (2022-2026).

3. Scope of the assignment

The main objective of this assignment is to support the GoSL through the Ministry of Planning and National Development to write its National Development III Plan for 2022-2026. Specifically, the assignment conducts a Development Finance Assessment in phase 1 and develop budgets for specific sectors as well as at national level and projected financial flows for the implementation of the NDP III during Phase 2. These two phases will support the budgeting of the National Development Plan III.

During Phase I, the Development Economics Expert will conduct a Macro-economic Situational Analysis and Development Finance Assessment (DFA) consultation with various key stakeholders, including relevant government departments, international development partners, local and international NGOs, and the private sector. The Expert will:

- a) Analyze the country's macro-economic situation
- b) Assess volume and trends in development finance flows and their allocation to national development priorities and the potential future flows
- c) Develop NDP III budgeting process
- d) Develop NDP III resource mobilization strategy

4. Key Tasks

- Analyze socio-economic and political context by referring to key relevant publications. The MoPND will provide a list of relevant publications, the Expert is expected to search for any other relevant materials to obtain comprehensive understanding of Somaliland's socio-economic and political context, as much as possible.
- Collect necessary data and analyze volume and trends of the different sources of the development finance at both national and regional levels as well as their allocations to sectors (education, production, health, etc.) supported by statistical department for data calculation and analytical work.
- Undertake interviews/consultations with relevant stakeholders to validate the data and seek further data as needed.
- Identify statistical methodologies and apply them to provide, to the extent possible, prospects for sustainability of development finance inflows in the next five years and scenarios of

development finance inflows in the next five years (i.e. how a policy change will affect the inflows of development finance sources).

- Provide policy recommendations on the use of international development finance agendas (e.g. how this data can strengthen institutional management of different sources of development finance; how this data can support Somaliland to strategise implementation of its key development priorities such as the SDGs, etc.).
- Design a validation workshop to present the macro-economic situational analysis.
- Suggest possible options for the development finance modalities.
- Provide an overview of the volume and trends of development finance at both national and regional levels as well as their allocations to sectors (education, production, health, etc.).
- Conduct assessment of specific sectors of their financial flows for NDP III.
- Develop budgets for specific sectors as well as at national level including projection of financial flows for the implementation of the NDP III in consultation with the development consultant leading on writing the NDP III and the Technical Committee.
- Provide the revised sectoral and national budgets with incorporation of feedback from the Technical Committee to be including into the NDP.

5 Duration

The duration of the assignment will be four working months (approximately 96 working days). The assignment is expected to start in October 2021.

6 Reporting Arrangements

The Development Economics Expert will work under the National Development Planning Expert and will deliver the assignment guided by the National Technical Team. The third member of the team is the Monitoring and Evaluation Expert. Overall progress reports will be directed to the Director General for the Ministry of Planning and National Development.

7 Expected deliverables

Upon completion of the assignment the Expert will prepare and submit three hard copies and editable electronic copies (in Word, Excel, etc.) to the Director General, Ministry of Planning and National Development with a copy to the SDF Secretariat. PDF alone is not allowed.

The Consultant is expected to deliver the following:

Deliverable	Deadline/Day
An inception report, with clear time plan, delivered one week after signing of contract. The report shall include the key data/interviews/consultations required (for data, indicate sources/web links to be used); as well as key work approach and methodologies to be used.	15-10-2021
Draft report with preliminary findings to the National Technical Committee including the findings of specific sectors specific financial flows for NDP III and its budgeting process.	10-11-2021
Revised report that incorporates feedback from the National Technical Committee.	17-11-2021

Preliminary findings validation workshop.	24-11-2021
Revised and final report based on the comments received from the Government Technical Committee and the validation workshop.	01-12-2021
Assist and guide the NDP III National Technical Team on the budgeting of NDP III sectors.	15-12-2021
Deliver the NDP III resource mobilization strategy.	20-12-2021

8 Required Qualifications, Skills and Experience

Qualifications and skills

- Master's degree or higher in Economics, Finance, Statistics, Development Studies, or other related fields.
- Demonstrated excellent command of spoken and written English.
- Demonstrated analytical and report writing skills.
- Ability to work well in multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural teams.

General professional experience

- Minimum 12 years of experience in areas such as Development Economics, Development Financing, and national/sub-national planning.
- Minimum 10 years of experience in research/analysis work with a focus on domestic and international development areas.

Specific professional experience

- Minimum 8 years of experience in conducting country macro-economic assessments, developing financial costing and reports in relation to SDGs, national plans, strategic plans.
- Evidence of knowledge of dynamics and working of flows from different sources of development finance.
- Evidence of managing at least two multi-stakeholder engagement / coordination with ministries, national planning commission, UN and international agencies, economic sector, private and public sectors, and stakeholders in the last 6 years in a similar context to Somaliland.
- Previous experience in conducting at least two assessments similar to the Development Finance Assessment in Sub-Saharan Africa in the last 5 years.

NB. Experience of supporting previous NDP development or working in Somaliland desirable

9. Equipment

No equipment is to be purchased on behalf of the Client/Contracting Authority as part of this service contract or transferred to the Contracting Authority or local counterparts at the end of this contract. The Expert should bring his/her equipment to complete the consultancy assignment with all the necessary software installed.

10. Fees and Allowances

- The successful candidate will be offered competitive daily fees.
- Fees will be paid on monthly basis based on agreed milestones and submission and approval of milestone report, timesheet, and an invoice.
- Final payment will be made after the completion and approval of the final report.

- The SDF Secretariat shall organise and pay for the Expert's accommodation, travel within Somaliland, and DSA as per SDF guidelines.

9 Duty of care

- The Expert will work under the overall SDF Secretariat Health, Safety and Security protocols.
- The Expert will be expected to provide own insurance for health care (which must include Medevac provision which caters for COVID-19 related evacuation), accidents, and other risks associated to the assignment. The SDF Secretariat shall be free from any liabilities arising from the same.

10 Other provisions

- Duty post: The work is to be performed in Hargeisa.
- Relevant documents: The Ministry of Planning and National Development will provide the Expert with all available data and information relevant to this assignment.
- Office Space: MoPND will provide office space to the Expert.
- The SDF Secretariat will arrange all transport by road or air as needed.
- The SDF Secretariat will arrange accommodation.