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Consortium for Elections and Political Process Strengthening (CEPPS)

What is CEPPS?

USAID's CEPPS program seeks to strengthen local and national capacity to promote good governance, a core component of USAID's stabilization strategy. It is implemented by the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and the International Republican Institute (IRI).

The program opened in August 2010 and will run through September 2013.

What does CEPPS do?

CEPPS in Somaliland fosters policy-making based on scientific research to address citizens' priorities, improve confidence in government, and demonstrate rewards from democratic political processes:

- Enhances the ability of Somaliland's Parliament to develop effective and informed public policies that address top national issues.
- Promotes political parties' use of expert analysis and public opinion research in platforms, message development, and outreach efforts.
- Improves the ability of civil society to influence decision-making and political processes.

CEPPS in South and Central Somalia works to improve regional and national parliaments to develop legislation; perform oversight; and support the national government in the implementation of the new provisional constitution and other political processes:

- Strengthens the ability of civil society to participate in political processes, enabling civic action, and involvement of citizens in political processes.
- Promotes peaceful, broad-based participation in determining, defining and negotiating governance structures.
- Strengthens the capacity of Somali institutions to approve and oversee the implementation of legislation on critical processes that promote democratic principles.

What is next for CEPPS?

- Work with civil society to increase access to and effective engagement with Members of Parliament;
- Support the new Somali Government Federal Parliament (House of the People) in developing rules of procedure and the legislative agenda to implement the provisional constitution (approved in August of 2012);
- Work with the House of the People and Puntland Parliament to review and scrutinize draft laws, and support efforts to solicit public input on legislation;
- Provide technical and administrative support to the Office of the Speaker of Parliament and Committees of Parliament for their oversight functions.



Somaliland's Green Caucus Members of Parliament research environmental issues with their communities for a legislative hearing