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OUR WORK

USAID partners with government institutions and communities to increase Somalia's stability through targeted interventions that foster good governance, support economic recovery, and reduce the appeal of extremism. In fiscal year 2013 and 2014, USAID invested approximately \$11,000,000 in activities in Puntland.¹

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DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

USAID's Strengthening Somali Governance (SSG) project supports the development of effective and accountable governance. The SSG project focuses on supporting deliberative bodies in their representative functions, improving institutional capacity, and engaging citizens in political processes. SSG activities align with Puntland's priorities around implementing governance reforms. SSG supports government counterparts in their efforts to improve outreach, increase citizen participation in the political process, enhance women's roles in good governance, and build the functional capacity of key government institutions. In Puntland, SSG completed three assessments of the current operating environment to identify stakeholder needs and tailor activities to meet these needs. SSG is preparing to provide support to government representatives through mentors, trainings, and the provision of limited equipment in areas including Public Financial Management, institutional coordination and communication, and civil society strengthening.



¹To date, not all FY2013-2014 funds have been programmed.



ECONOMIC GROWTH

To improve livelihoods in Puntland, USAID's Partnership for Economic Growth (PEG) facilitates collaboration between local governments and the private sector to accelerate economic growth, increase investment, and generate productive employment. Activities in Puntland focus on strengthening the livestock value chain, and facilitating private sector investments. The Ministry of Livestock and a local non-governmental organization called KAALO conducted a 3-week practical training for lead Community-based Animal Health Workers (CAHW) in 20 Puntland villages on the newly developed CAHW standardized curriculum. In addition, the Ministry and KAALO distributed veterinary kits to 15 local veterinary medicine suppliers, and established private sector linkages among CAHWs, local veterinary medicine suppliers and international medicine importers/suppliers. To complement this activity, PEG launched a National Veterinary Drug Awareness Campaign using TV, radio, and billboards. PEG also trained four communities on soil and water conservation practices, and laid 2km of contour stone and earth bands to improve key grassland floodplains. Lastly, PEG supported the Puntland Chamber of Commerce to develop the region's first Investment Guide and business directory to provide potential local, diaspora, and foreign investors with a step-by-step process on investing in Puntland's key economic sectors.

HEALTH

USAID invests in the Somali Joint Health and Nutrition Program (JHNP), which is a multi-donor fund managed by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) that strengthens health systems and service delivery in Bari, Mudug, and Nugal. By supporting reproductive, maternal, new-born,

and child health and nutrition services that are accessible, affordable, and high quality, JHNP improves health and nutrition status of Somali people, and reduces maternal and child mortality.

PEACE AND SECURITY

USAID's Transition Initiatives for Stabilization (TIS) seeks to increase confidence in Somali government institutions through targeted, strategic interventions that improve service delivery and government responsiveness. TIS supports anti-piracy and governance programming in five coastal communities and the district capitals of Garowe and Bosaso. Through TIS, Somali government institutions, the private sector, and civil society collaborate to design, evaluate, and deliver projects with a quick and lasting impact on the lives of Somali citizens in critical risk areas. Currently, TIS is building the capacity of the Puntland government through the rehabilitation of eight regional and local administrative offices and by offering technical assistance to 120 government officials in communications and outreach, planning, and monitoring and evaluation. TIS is working in partnership with targeted regional and local government units to improve delivery of critical services through the rehabilitation of 12 schools, eight public health facilities and three water/sanitation systems. TIS is also helping government partners enhance economic and citizen security by expanding market stalls in three municipalities, erecting 58 solar street lights, and connecting towns, markets, and communities through 80km of new gravel roads. Lastly, TIS is strengthening the role of women in local decision-making processes by facilitating their participation in 24 activity planning sessions and community dialogue events, through support to four women's groups involving over 1,200 women and girls, and the renovation of six community centers in which women's groups meet. TIS is also helping more than 500 at-risk youth stay away from piracy and criminal activity through support to fishing, farming, and other traditional livelihood opportunities, vocational training, sports, and cultural activities.

PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND EVALUATION SERVICES

USAID utilizes multiple methods to monitor and verify that resources are being used to accomplish intended goals, and to assess the impact of investments. Monitoring is built into all stages of the USAID Somalia program cycle, and monitoring by implementing partners is supplemented by quantitative and qualitative verifications and analyses by independent entities. USAID Somalia maintains two independent contracts to verify, evaluate, and assess USAID-funded activities, and help ensure responsible stewardship of foreign assistance resources: Somalia Program Support Services (SPSS) and Somali Engineering and Architectural Support (SEAS).

SPSS conducts consistent, on-the-ground, performance monitoring and verification visits to USAID-funded activities, and reports to USAID technical staff to enable effective and efficient management. In addition, SPSS designs both performance and impact evaluations of individual activities, as well as quantitative and qualitative impact assessments of overall progress made toward achieving USAID's goals.

SEAS provides architectural, engineering, and environmental services for infrastructure investments in Somalia. SEAS reviews engineering designs, monitors construction, and verifies environmental compliance of USAID-funded rehabilitation and small-scale infrastructure activities. SEAS ensures that construction activities are implemented according to host government regulations, or where those do not yet exist, according to generally accepted international standards.



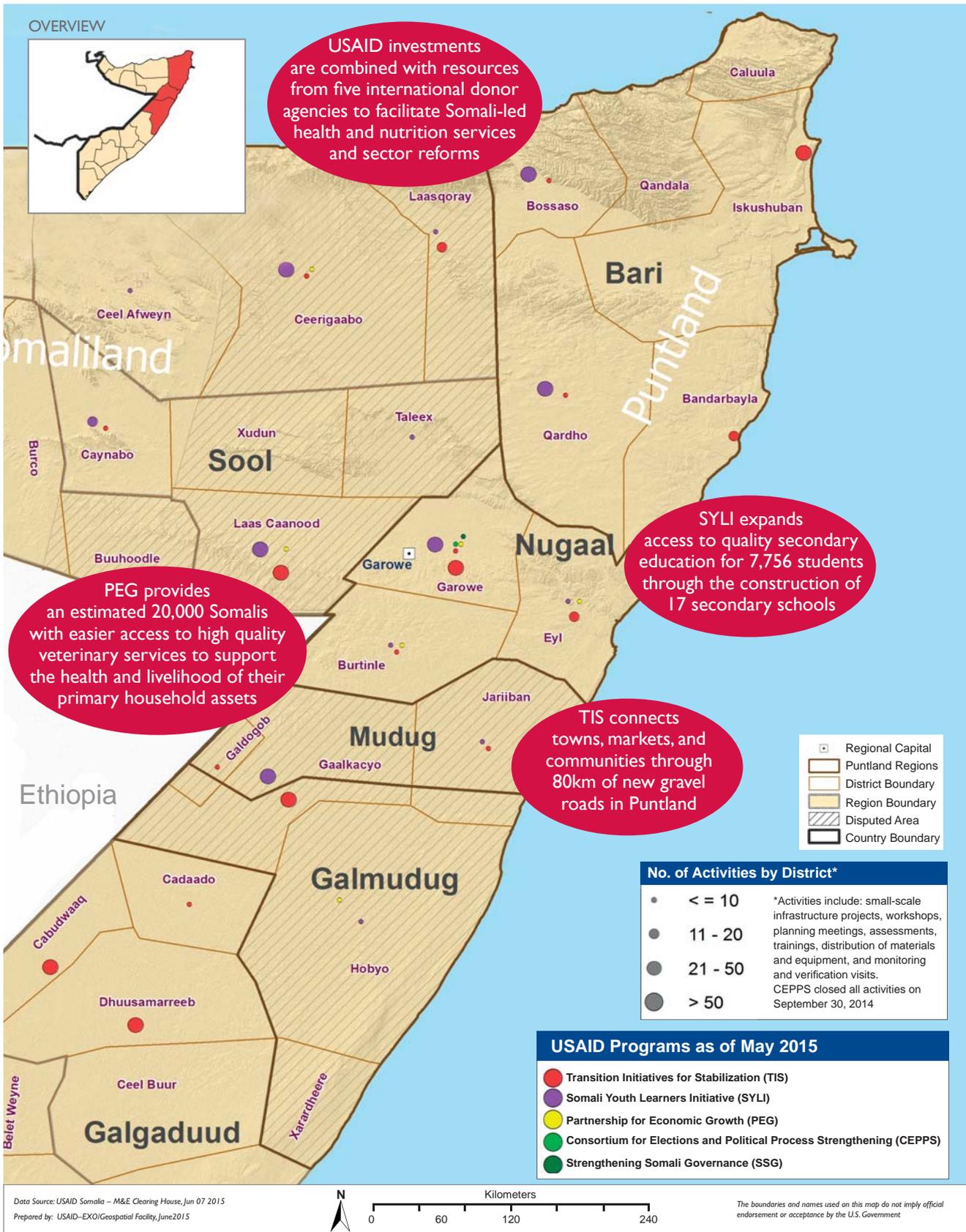
YOUTH AND EDUCATION

USAID's Somali Youth Learners Initiative (SYLI) supports the next generation of Somali leaders by expanding access to quality secondary education. Currently in Puntland, SYLI invested in the construction of two new schools, and has completed construction of 15 secondary schools to increase access to secondary education for 7,756 (5,105 male and 2,651 female) students. In addition, SYLI improves the quality of education by providing teaching and learning materials to secondary schools, and conducting teacher training for 252 (215 male and 37 female) current and future teachers, as well as head teachers. To build economic survival skills among out-of-school youth

in Puntland, SYLI provides an array of opportunities, including non-formal education training in basic literacy, numeracy, life skills, and entrepreneurship. SYLI also supports youth in Puntland in planning and implementing civic engagement activities to help them raise awareness of social issues, and engage in dialogue about issues affecting their lives, such as environmental conservation, drugs (khat), and recruitment into militant groups. Lastly, SYLI collaborates with school management committees, community education committees, and the Puntland Ministry of Education to build capacity to review and develop education policies, and better manage the delivery of secondary education.



PUNTLAND COMPLETED AND ONGOING USAID ACTIVITIES PUNTLAND (OCTOBER 1, 2012 - MAY 31, 2015)



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USAID partners with non-governmental organizations, private sector enterprises, and government entities that successfully respond to competitive solicitations. USAID posts solicitations on two public websites: www.fbo.gov and www.grants.gov. Search for Somalia to find the relevant solicitations.

To learn if a USAID partner can help you address a specific challenge or take advantage of a specific opportunity, start by talking to USAID.

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