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CSO and Community Members Meeting on key accountability issues



SONSA platform attended two days Civil Society and Community Members Meeting including 10 school headmasters in Banadir Region to identify and advocate for key accountability issues on Somalia Children. Somali Peace Line and Save the Children Somalia organized the two days consultation meeting.

The consultations meeting was intended to have discussions and exchange ideas among participants on key issues that should be accountable to government institutions and communities at all, including violations against children, provision of services, policies and the legal framework for the protection of children's rights.

On the conclusion, the participants developed actions plans aimed at the improvement of provision of basic services, mechanisms, legal framework and policies to be implemented that contribute to enhancing the protection of Somali children.

Somalia Passport Bill Review Meeting



Representatives from Somalia non state actors (SONSA) attended one day discussion and consultative workshop meeting to review the draft Somali Passport Act, organized by the Immigration and Naturalization Directorate and was held at Afrik Hotel , Mogadishu , Somalia. The workshop also attended by representatives from federal government and state institutions.

The main objective of the consultative workshop was to have discussions and consultations among government institutions at federal and state level and civil society on the first draft of the Somali Passport bill prepared by the Immigration and Naturalization Directorate of Somalia. The directorate worked on the Somali's Passport act, released by the central government of Somalia on 1970 and developed a draft bill. The 1970 act was 10

articles while the new draft bill is 19 articles.

After fruitful discussions and consultations, the participants shared their viewpoints and suggestions on the draft Somalia's passport bill prepared with the directorate. SONSA members attended the workshop meeting actively participated in all discussions by representing the viewpoints of Somalia's non-state actors.

Meeting with African Union High-level Implementation Panel (AUHIP), IGAD and UNSOM



SONSA Platform and other key civil society members held a meeting with Delegate from African Union High-level Implementation Panel led by former South African President, Thabo Mbeki, delegate from IGAD and the United Nation envoy to Somalia. The AU Delegate came into the country to have high-level talks with the Government Leaders and the Civil Society on pursuing the objectives of regional integration in the Horn of Africa.

It was discussed the horn of Africa regional integration process and consequences which may result at that process, CSO shared with the delegate their views on the integration process, they expressed concerns with the process since Somalia is still in fragile situation. They emphasized the need of national integration including economic, social, political, that should be in place before the regional integration, and there have to

have be good governance practices at federal and local level.

On the conclusion, the delegate and CSO members seen necessary having collaborative coordination between Somali Government Institutions and the Civil Society, to face the key issues forming the social, economic and political systems of the country as well as the regional and international level.

Learning Event on sustainable approaches to peace-building in the horn of Africa.



SONSA attended three days Learning Workshop Event on Coordination of State & Non State Actors and the role of NSAs for Working towards a sustainable model that links community level work to responsive and accountable institutions in securitized environments.

Several key donors and stakeholders in Somalia and the Horn of Africa including representatives from the Government of Somalia, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Community-based organizations, and civil societies attended the workshop. The three days learning event, was organized by Conflict Dynamics and Saferworld.

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