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Press Release

Introduction:

On June 24 to 25, 2018 PUNSAA Aid Effectiveness TWG organized a consultative meeting and invited all stakeholders on Aid sector including Puntland Ministries of Planning and International Cooperation (MoPIC), Agriculture, Livestock together with the Civil Society Organizations including youth, intellectuals, women organizations, media and business people.

This consultative meeting was related on how to invest in Puntland farming, livestock and fishing sector. The participants came up with various suggestions and recommendations

Problems:

After deep discussions the participants agreed that farms, livestock and fishing, which are the backbone of our economy, have not been received sufficient investments.

Way Forward:

In order to find a full advantage and investment in the development of our herdsmen, farmers and fishermen, the meeting agreed with the following recommendations:

Recommendations:

**Agriculture Sector:**

1. Provide input into farms such as: land, tractors, production equipment, wire and seed
2. Knowledge and trainings to give to our farmers
3. Develop agricultural irrigation such as well, water supply, equipment and irrigation systems.
4. To form a way to prevent and treat diseases and pests that harm crops
5. To obtain laboratory diagnostics in soil quality and development
6. To develop agricultural markets
7. To raise awareness about how to use crop poisons
8. To look projects to develop and expand the agricultural sector in Puntland
9. To find projects to develop and invest in the production of date in Puntland
10. Develop legislation prioritizing internal production and protecting external competitors



**Livestock:**

1. To acquire investments in farming pastoralists
2. To encourage camel milking projects and find places for testing
3. To find industries for livestock milk
4. To develop the knowledge and the skills of veterinarians and livestock herders
5. To get the livestock adequate water and fodder
6. To develop livestock slaughters and the hygiene of the meat and milk
7. To provide mobilizations to the livestock herders on how to treat animals
8. To carry out awareness campaigns on the use of medicines and vaccines
9. To conduct community awareness raising on animal care and kindness

**Fishing:**

1. To prevent illegal fishing with the internationally banned gears
2. To prevent the remnants of the factories in the vicinity of the seas and coastal areas of Puntland and across Somalia.
3. To promote the infrastructure, especially in the feeder roads connecting both local and international markets
4. To develop fishing skills such as: methods of fishing, storage, drying and marketing.
5. Attracting international investors for fishing.

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