



**Minister**

Ref: MoPND/M/24/172/2024

Date: 17/02/2024

To: All National and International Organizations

**MINISTERIAL CIRCULAR**

The Ministry of Planning and National Development is hereby extending its gratitude to the donors and implementing organizations working in Somaliland for their valuable contribution to the Somaliland development and humanitarian assistance.

The Ministry stands for strengthening its cooperation with its national and international partners through:

- I. Effective communication and participatory decision-making process in line with the relevant national and international protocols and regulations.
- II. Respecting operational independence of all partners.

Having said so, the Ministry would like to remind national and international institutions working in Somaliland to abide the following regulations:

1. All development shall be aligned with the Somaliland National Development Plan of the Country. International NGOs should encourage and develop tangible achievements while supporting national NGOs in improving and building upon existing strengths to attain continuance and sustainability, as stated in paragraph 2, article 35 of the NGO Act 43/2010.
2. All agencies and organizations implementing a development project, emergency or humanitarian activities must be registered with the Registration Office at the Ministry of Planning and National Development, according to Articles 13 and 28 of the Non-Governmental Organizations Act, No. 43/2010, and Article 28 of the Ministries and Government Agencies Regulation (Regulation No. 01/2018).
3. Private companies implementing development or emergency/humanitarian projects must obtain a project implementation permit from the Ministry of Planning and National Development as per the NGO Act 43/2010 and according to Article 28 Paragraphs 4, 9 and 10 of the Ministries and Government Agencies Regulation (Regulation No. 01/2018).
4. International NGOs must encourage investment in national NGOs and should avoid competing with them for activities that they can implement competently to strengthen the

capacity of national NGOs for quality service delivery, as stated in paragraph 1, article 35 of the NGO Act 43/2010.

5. International NGOs shall not become implementers for other International NGOs and UN organizations working in Somaliland, as stated in paragraph 3, article 35 of the NGO Act 43/2010.
6. Employers are not allowed to recruit foreigners for all positions that can be performed by citizens competently, according to the Somaliland Labor Act 31/2020, Articles 34, 35 and 36.

For any feedback, comments or inquiries please feel free to contact with Director General, Mr Mustafe Omar Farah for any feedback through his official email: [dg.mopnd@sldgov.org](mailto:dg.mopnd@sldgov.org)

Sincerely,

Ahmed Mohamed Diriye (Tornoo)  
Minister,  
Ministry of Planning and National Development



- Cc:
- Ministry of Employment, Social Affairs and Family
  - Ministry of Trade and Tourism
  - Ministry of Finance Development
  - Chamber of Commerce
  - Office of the President, Republic of Somaliland