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# Foreword

Somalia urban growth is complex due to the influx of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), regular migration and natural disasters that have caused an unprecedented spike in the urbanisation rates. This rapid influx has created a strain on critical urban services and infrastructure putting Somalia urbanisation needs at the core of UN-Habitat's work.

2019 marked the end of the Somali National Development Plan 2017-2019 which coincided with the conclusion of the UN-Habitat strategic plan 2014-2019. This provided an opportunity for reflection to synergize our work with the priorities outlined in the New Somalia National Development plan (NDP-9 2020-2024) while aligning with the new UN-Habitat strategy. Furthermore, the National Development Plan (NDP 9) showcases the increased government commitment in accelerating efforts towards actualisation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In 2019, UN-Habitat paid attention to durable solutions through restructuring of the urban planning portfolio to include a holistic approach to the urban crisis

while addressing the various triggers and consequences of displacement. Working as a member of the UN Country team, UN-Habitat interventions are underpinned by the agency's core normative programming on inclusive and sustainable development of cities.

This report highlights UN-Habitat's 2019 work with the federal government, and its Member States in responding to the Somalia national development plan priorities and contributing to the sustainable development goals (particularly SDG 11) and the implementation of the New Urban Agenda (NUA).

We acknowledge the support from development partners, UN sister agencies and our implementing partners. Additionally, we are grateful for the continuous support received from the federal government of Somalia and its member states in the delivery of these interventions. Equally, we thank the people of Somalia for owning the interventions and their cooperation. We look forward to continued partnership and successful implementation in 2020.

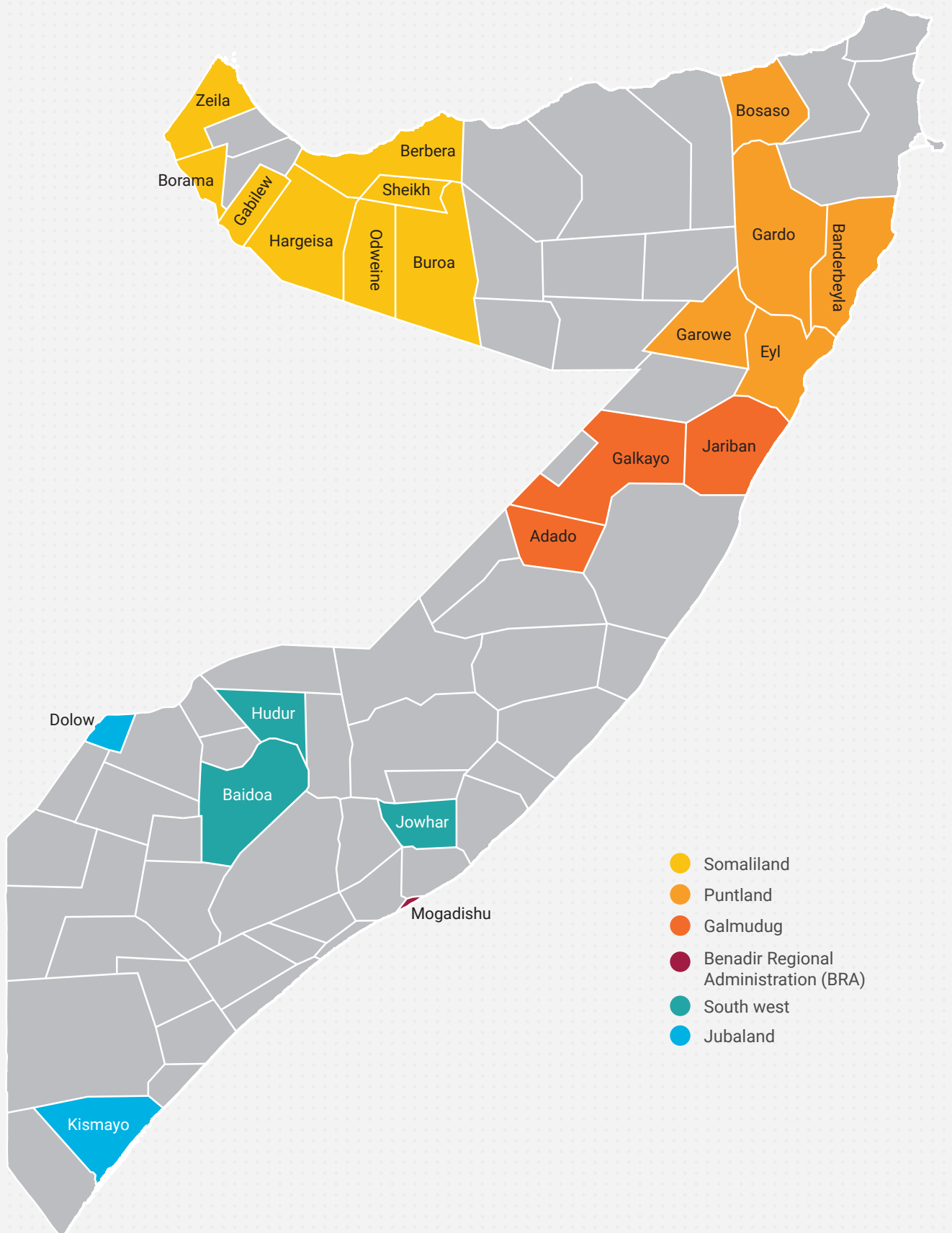
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# UN-Habitat Somalia projects geographical coverage



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# Urban Planning

## HIGHLIGHTS



**Hargeisa Urban Vision 2020-2040 developed;**  
420 (156 female) people participated



**36 staff** from the Ministry of public works and local authority trained on GIS



**10 staff** from the Ministry of public works trained on urban planning

In Somaliland, the programme trained 36 staff from the Ministry of Public Works, Land and Housing and Hargeisa Municipality on application of Geographic Information System (GIS) and Surveying on Land Management for increasing inhouse capacity on GIS software application and surveying tools. This was to boost geospatial capacity of the government authorities for the implementation of the master plans. For instance one of the top priorities of the Ministry for 2019 was the continuation of the Gabiley Master Plan implementation, which continued with demarcation of a planned city extension of about 1 km<sup>2</sup>, the upgrade of the main transport corridor of the city, and the construction of key facilities such as markets and health clinics.

In Puntland, the Minister of Public Works, Housing and Transport, Puntland State of Somalia, together with the Mayor of Garowe launched a new phase for the implementation of the Garowe Spatial Strategic Plan in August 2019. The planning unit from the Ministry, consisting of urban planners, GIS specialists and other engineers, and the Puntland Highway Authority worked on the city extension plans as per Urban Regulatory Framework and within the parameters of the cabinet-endorsed urban land management law. This included training of engineering students for land surveying and urban land management tools. To this end, new roads and residential areas are demarcated in Garowe as part of implementation of Spatial Strategic Plan. Further support to implement Bosaso City Extension Plan in currently ongoing under the leadership of MoPWH&T and close collaboration with Bosaso Municipality.

## Spatial Plans in Somaliland and Puntland

In the past years, the program provided technical support to develop spatial plans, defining the future growth direction of the towns in Somalia, their infrastructure development needs and incorporating them in District Profiles as well as in the District Development Plans. In addition, the spatial plans were developed in a way to impart knowledge and transfer skills to local counterparts. In 2019, the programme maintained close collaboration with state ministries responsible for urban development and land management, focusing on the implementation of the District Development plans through assisting in road surveying and mapping, road opening and accompanying community information.

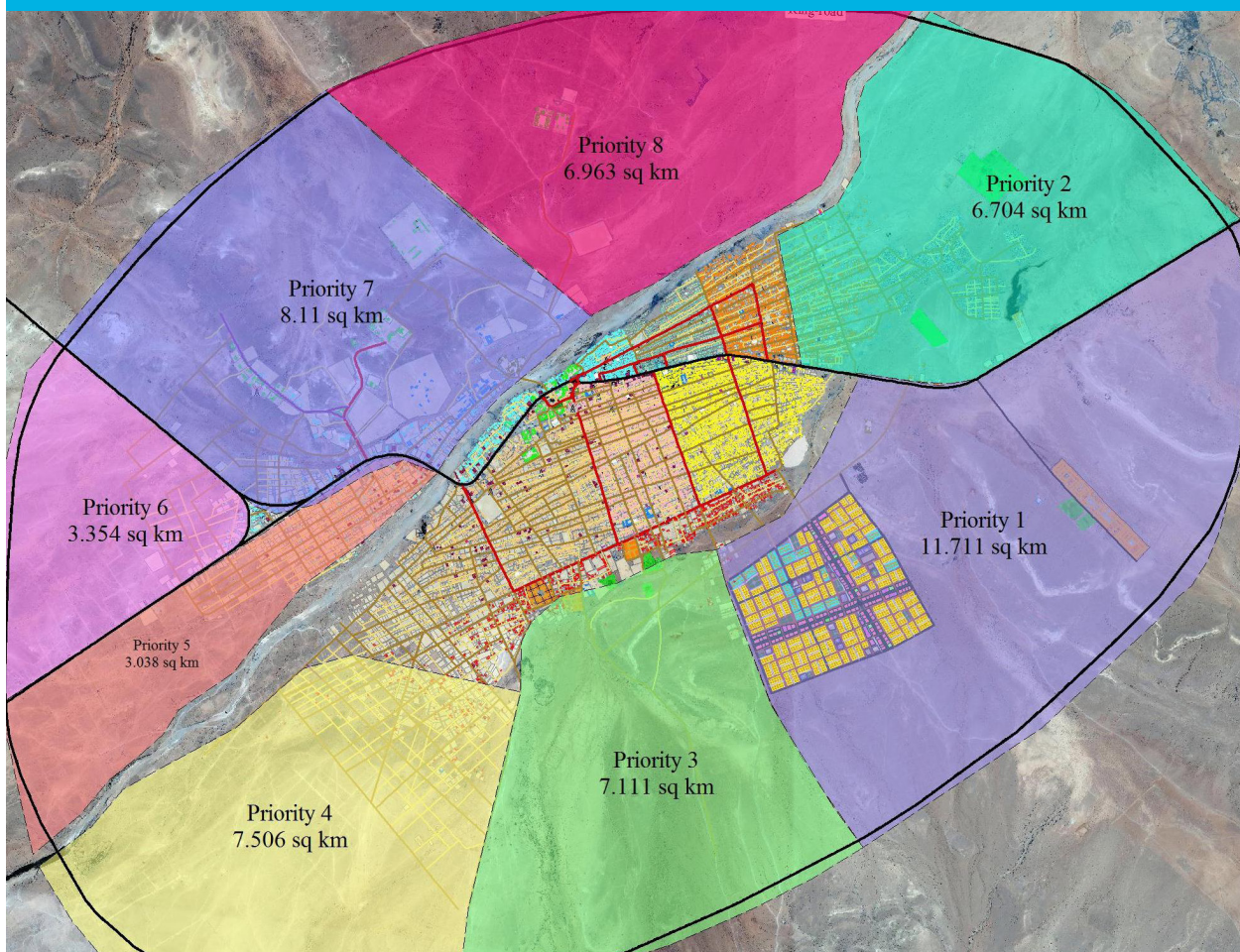


The Minister and the Mayor of Garowe visiting the extension area © UN-Habitat



Road surveying in Garawe © UN-Habitat

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A map of the Garowe Spatial Strategic Plan highlighting the extension areas



## Urban Profiling in Federal Member States

The unregulated growth of the urban centers makes it very challenging for newly established state institutions and local authorities in Federal Member States to cope with the humanitarian crises and to **“make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable (Sustainable Development Goal 11)”**. Jubbaland and South West States of Somalia are both in their infant stages, but yet the Ministry of Public Works, Reconstruction and Housing (MOPWRH) in both states, are mandated to lead and promote rehabilitation of public infrastructure and executing public works. However, physical planning capacities within the ministries in general and on urban planning are still limited.

Building upon the achievements of the previous initiatives in Spatial Planning and Land Administration, the programme supported the MOPWRH in Jubbaland and South West State with the provision of human resources and technical support in laying foundation for the establishment of functional urban development department in the long run.

A core component is data compilation and data management for improved coordination in the area of urban planning and management. Technical support was provided for the drafting of a basic set of urban standards and guidelines as the base for an Urban Regulatory Framework to steer and direct urban planning. This was matched with continued support on selected technical issues for technical staff of local administrations from selected district, such as Rapid Urban Profiling, Land Use Mapping through GIS and understanding Urban Regulatory Frameworks.

Additionally, the programme delivered a training of trainers on Rapid Urban Profiling and Land Use to the ministry to help replicate the training and build capacity of the municipalities in South West State. Similarly, as part of an effort to strengthen urban planning capacity of ministries of public works of both states, 10 staff members were trained on basic urban planning in the Ethiopian Management Institute which included exposure to urban management practices in Ethiopia and forged peer to peer learning relationship.



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