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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee Report on SOOL Region

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Introduction

Sool region is one of the dispute regions between Somaliland and Puntland government. It's always military frontline and the MPs wanted to oversight their constituency's current situation.

However, at that day (16-Jan-12) the fighting was going on in the region and that's why the MPs were unable to visit the entire region.

Therefore, they only visited Ainabo and Oog districts which are two main districts in Sool Region. Noteworthy is that Ainabo is the capital city of Saraar region, one of the new regions former President *H.E. Dahir Rayale kahin* nominated in mid 2008.

1. Regional Security Situation

The Regional is geographically too large and for security reasons we were unable to visit the whole region.

Ainabo share boundaries with **Laascood** and **Buuhoodle** cities which has always a poor security situation. And due to the very small number of security forces, there are numerous robbery cases in this eastern region.

There are approximately only **50** security forces in the region. They carry out policing routines which consumes 10 liter of fuel per day rolling. In nutshell, here below are the constraints faced by the security sector in the region:

- **Fewer vehicles.**
- **Lack of uniform.**
- **Lack of medicine.**
- **Lack of police stations.**



To further detail the constraints, for example, the police stations which are very important for the security sector is totally lacking and there is no single police station to detain criminal suspects.

1. Land

One of the biggest problems in the region is the recurrent numerous land conflicts that always happen in the region.



2. Regions Health Situation

As we know the health is one of the important things for the people's life and this region has less hospitals and clinic centers except one hospital which locates in Ainabo district.

Yet the hospital doesn't receive any medicine contribution from the Ministry of Health and Labor. Thanks to the Diaspora who built the hospital's gate. And the other problems are fewer vehicles and lack of in-patient wards.

The Regional authorities showed a concern on their hospital and regional health situation. Though with all the deficiencies, yet Ainabo hospital is the only hospital which is near to the Somaliland military when they are fighting with enemies and need cure for their wounded soldiers.



3. Regional judiciary state

Only one judge and one registrar are reported to have working in the region. Both of them are not professional and made the sector very justice weak. For example, the judge can't solve the first degree crimes. Ainabo court has only one room and needs new office rooms.

4. The Regional Education

Education is what develops a community. There is only secondary school named Guutaale Secondary School. In nutshell, the region's education status is very low and that's due to the negligence of the Ministry of Education.

5. Regional Water Condition

This region doesn't have sweet water for drinking. It only has bitter water which is difficult to drink. In summary, here are the problems in the water sector:

- No office for the Ministry of Water and Mineral.
- No budget allocated from the ministry of water and mineral for the region
- No staffs working other than the regional coordinator.
- No vehicle for Ainabo water agency.
- No sweet water in the region except small water dumps which dries immediately.

6. Regional Farm situation

The region is famous for the livestock but there are a lot of farms which produce different kinds of food. In summary, these are the problems in the sector:

- ❖ One regional coordinator is working here but there are no other important activities from the ministry of Agriculture
- ❖ No allocated budget from the ministry for the region.

Regional farm products are very good. The vegetables were used to bring from Togdheer region in the past years but now Ainabo region produces its own vegetables and exports to Togdheer itself. The kind of foods Ainabo produces cereals such as sesame seeds, watermelon, corns and rice.

DRC distributes the farmers of this region a farm materials and machines then gave trainings.

7. The Religion Affairs

The Islamic Religion is the first thing that all muslim people's gives the at most respect, yet the region needs the work of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Endorsement and has to do the following:

- ❖ Build the ministry's office.
- ❖ No more staffs except regional coordinator.
- ❖ More vehicles in the region.
- ❖ Incentives for the regional coordinators from the ministry of religion.

8. Community Achievement

The Saraar community developed their own region without getting any support from the government. Several projects are going on such as Ainabo regional offices. Other finished project includes the completion of Ainabo Central Jail. All these projects funded by regional community.

9. MPs Recommendation

We are strongly recommended to the public sector and international organizations to make well immediately the concerns of our constituency.

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