

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

Social Protection Landscapes and Perspectives of the Federal Republic of Somalia

Comprehensive review of the national social protection systems
and reforms of Somalia

National inception workshop to launch the drafting process
Mogadishu, Somalia, 13 May 2025



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SYSTEMS AND REFORMS COUNTRY PROFILE OF
SOMALIA

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01 Introduction

Objectives

- Provide policymakers with a comprehensive and detailed baseline of the SP context, system and programmes,
- Identify potential reform needs and available options,
- Provide a standardized basis for cross-country comparison and learning.

01 Introduction

What is the “Template for Authors”?

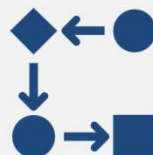
A detailed
template



User-friendly,
self-explanatory



A stream-lined
process



Aim of the Template

- Intended for government entities and contracted local research entities



- To provide them with hands-on guidance to produce a comprehensive national social protection systems and reforms country profile

02 Report structure and content

Total: 35,000 words

Preliminary Pages

Preface, acknowledgements, acronyms, executive summary (3,500 words)



Section 1

Country context, including (2,500 words)



Section 2

Social protection system overview and policy context (8,000 words)



Section 3

Social protection programmes' mapping, design, delivery, financing and organizational set-up (13,000 words)



Section 4

Current and future reform trajectories and policy recommendations (6,000 words)



Annexes and references

Associate annexes and figures, costing tools and references. (3,000 words)



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Section 1

Country Context



1.1

Geographical and political
overview



1.2

Macroeconomic overview



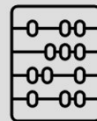
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Demographic overview



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Labour market overview



1.5

Poverty, inequality and
vulnerability

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Section 1

Country Context

Geographical and political overview

- Key geographical and economic classifications
- Political structure

Macroeconomic overview

- Size of economy, growth rates, remittances, inflation
- Current crises or disruptions affecting the economy

Demographic overview

- Population size, population pyramid, stage of demographic transition, dependency ratios, non-citizen population

Labour market overview

- Employment, unemployment and labour force participation
- Quality of employment and migrant employment

Poverty, inequality and vulnerability

- Standards of living conditions based on poverty lines, human development index, Gini index, etc.

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Section 2

SP system overview
and policy context



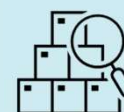
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Social protection historic
pathways



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Policy, legal and regulatory
frameworks



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Monitoring
& Evaluation framework



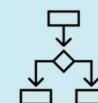
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Coverage by social
protection function



2.5

Public financing and
expenditure



2.6

Institutional structure

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Section 2

SP system overview
and policy context

Social protection historic pathways

Short history of the country's SP system, agenda, and reform in recent decades

Policy, legal and regulatory frameworks

- Legal commitments based on international instruments
- Overview and appraisal of SP legal and regulatory frameworks
- SP vision and strategy

Monitoring and evaluation framework

- Overview of SP monitoring and evaluation mechanisms at the national level

Coverage by SP function

- Presentation of indicators showing effective coverage of SP functions (as per SDG indicator 1.3.1)

Public financing and expenditure

- Budget planning and responsiveness to shocks
- Sources of revenue
- Public expenditure on social protection

Institutional structure

- Overview of key actors and their roles and responsibilities
- Coordination structures and practices
- Control and accountability mechanisms
- Human resources and institutional capacity

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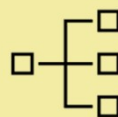
Section 3

SP program mapping,
design, implementation,
financing and
organizational set-up



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SP programs: mapping,
coverage, expenditure



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Design of main SP
programs



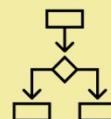
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Delivery mechanisms



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Financing sources



3.5

Organizational set-up

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Section 3

SP program mapping,
design, implementation,
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organizational set-up

SP programs: mapping, coverage, expenditure

- Inventory of public SP programs
- Coverage and expenditure data and ratios
- Appraisal of degree of integration across programs

Design of main SP programs

- Key design features of selected SP programs: eligibility criteria, coverage and expenditure, benefit design, equity of benefits, efficiency of benefits

Delivery mechanisms

- Process mapping of delivery systems
- Delivery phases: outreach, intake and registration, eligibility verification, enrolment, benefit payment/service delivery, monitoring & evaluation, data and information management, recurring beneficiary operations

Financing sources

- Financing sources of selected SP programs
- Appraisal of adequacy, sustainability and equitability of financing sources

Organizational set-up

- Schematization of administrative structures/bodies
- Identification of underlying administrative systems

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Section 4

Current and future reform trajectories and policy recommendations



4.1

Current reform trajectories



4.2

Summary of findings plus elaboration of policy recommendations



4.3

Costing of policy recommendations



4.4

Affordability of implementing policy options and financing strategies



4.5

Overview of future reform needs and main takeaways

02 Report structure and content

Section 4

Current and future reform trajectories and policy recommendations

Current reform trajectories

- Summary of ongoing SP reforms in the country

Summary of appraisals and policy recommendations

- Summary of appraisals: issues, gaps and challenges identified in previous sections
- Policy recommendations

Costing policy recommendations/options

- Application of SP basic costing tool
- Cost projection of selected policy scenarios, expressed as % of GDP and of total government spending

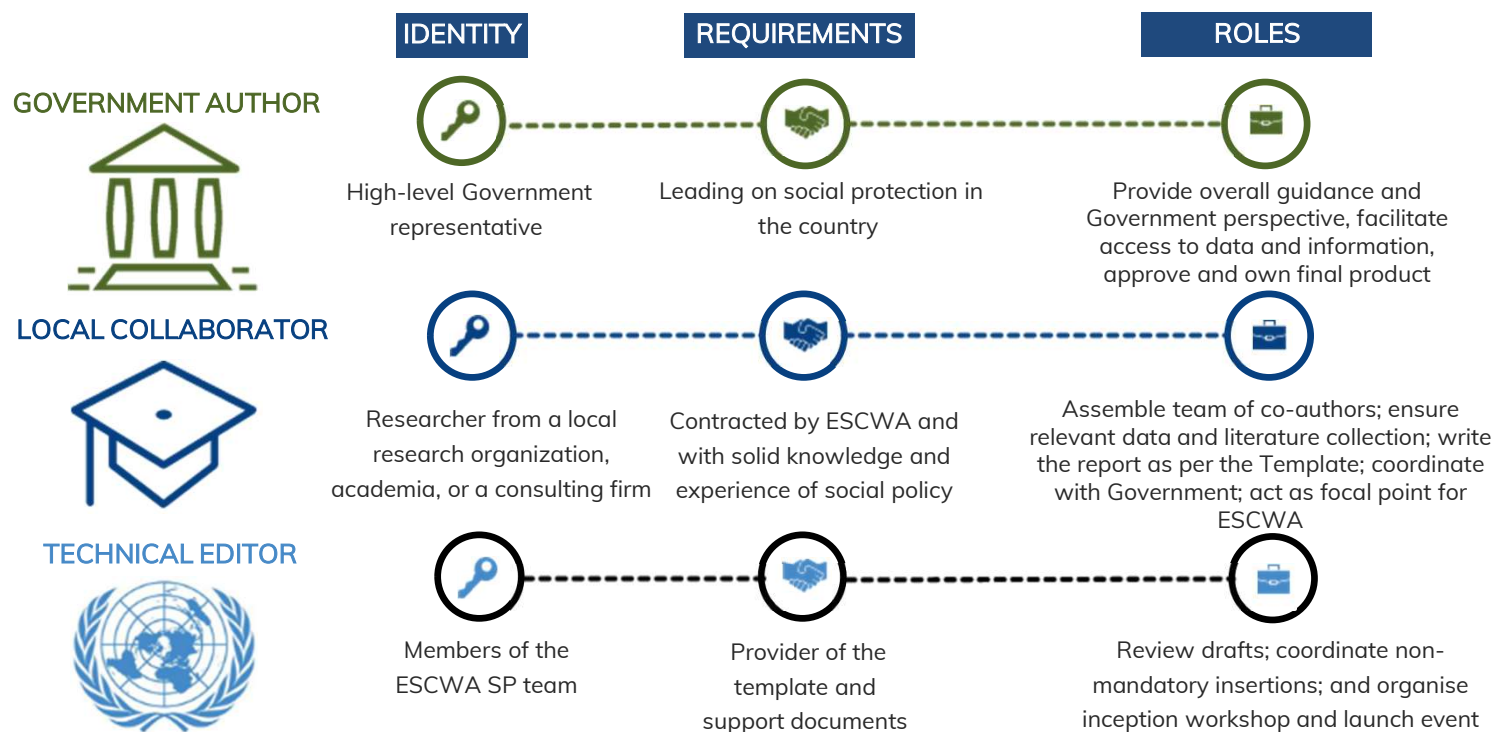
Affordability of implementing policy options and financing strategies

- Affordability analysis of policy recommendations based on analysis of available fiscal space
- Recommendations for alternative resource mobilization strategies

Overview of future reform needs and main takeaways

- Summary of most pressing challenges facing the national social protection system
- Main recommendations and their affordability

03 Drafting team, roles and responsibilities



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The Government Author (MoLSA)

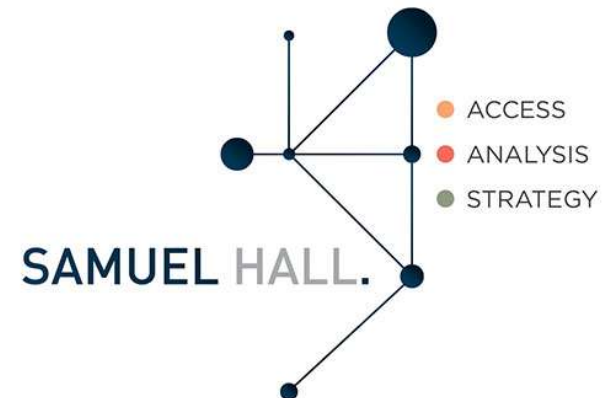
- Provides overall guidance on behalf of the Government and facilitates the overall process from the Government perspective,
- Ensures that the data and information stemming from various Government sources as required by the Template for Authors are as far as possible made available,
- Facilitates communication between the Local Collaborator and relevant stakeholders, including other Government entities working on SP,
- Revises the various drafts of the report and approves the final report,
- Coordinates and collaborates with the Local Collaborator and ESCWA SP Team during the whole process,
- Collaborates with ESCWA to initiate the process and launch the report once ready.



03 Drafting team, roles and responsibilities

The Local Collaborator (Samuel Hall)

- Responsible for the actual writing of the draft country profile in line with the Template for Authors and following the standardized process,
- Functions as ESCWA's focal point, collaborates and coordinates with MoLSA, and requests data and information as necessary via Government entities,
- Conducts Key Informant Interviews (KII) facilitated by MoLSA.



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The Technical Editors (ESCWA SP Team):

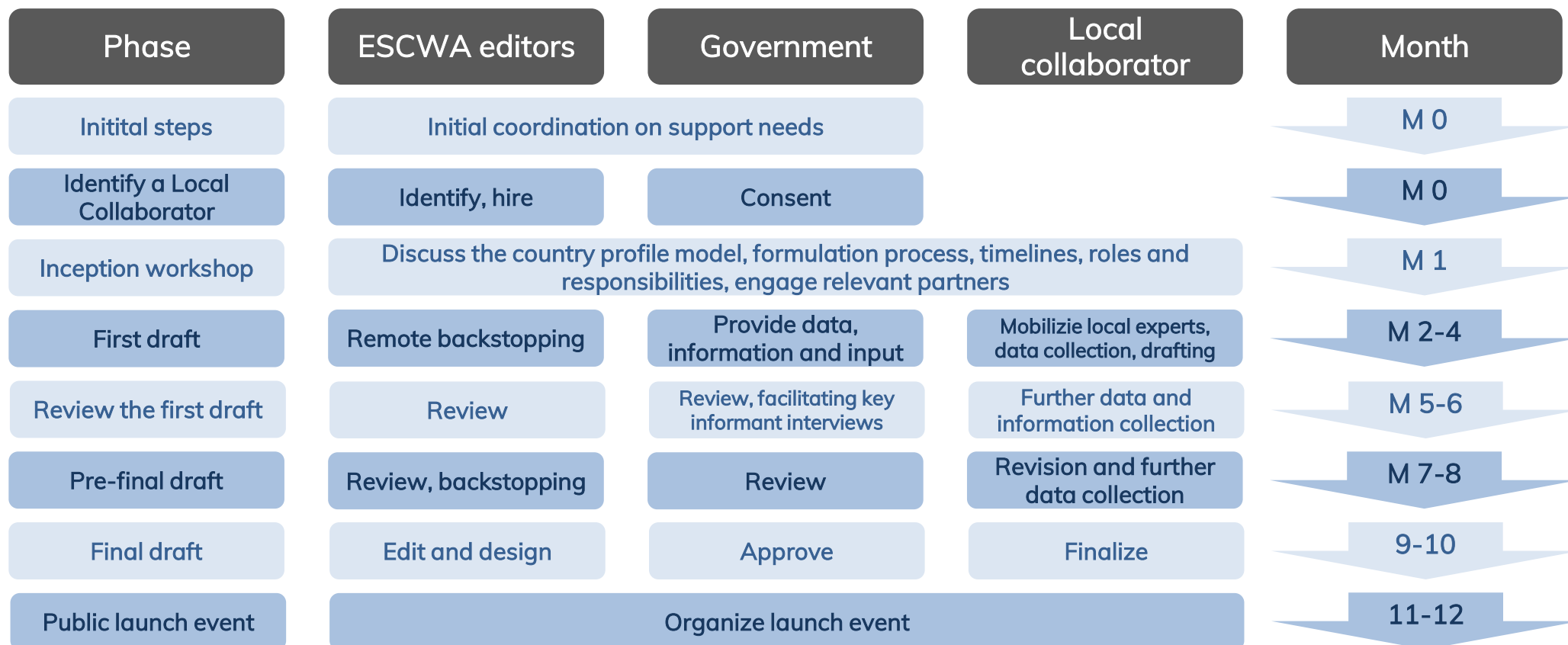
- Provides technical guidance, in particular to:
 - Respond to questions from the Local Collaborator regarding the template,
 - Review and edit drafts and provide feedback as well as further technical guidance,
 - Schedule validation meetings based on the agreed-upon timeline to review the draft and final versions of the report,
 - If required, manage, and coordinate the external review processes.
- Facilitates key events, including:
 - A national inception workshop to brief MoLSA and other relevant national entities, as well as the Local Collaborator, about the requirements to prepare and draft the report,
 - A launch event to announce the final report and discuss findings and reform options with key Government officials.



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04 Action plan and timeline





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