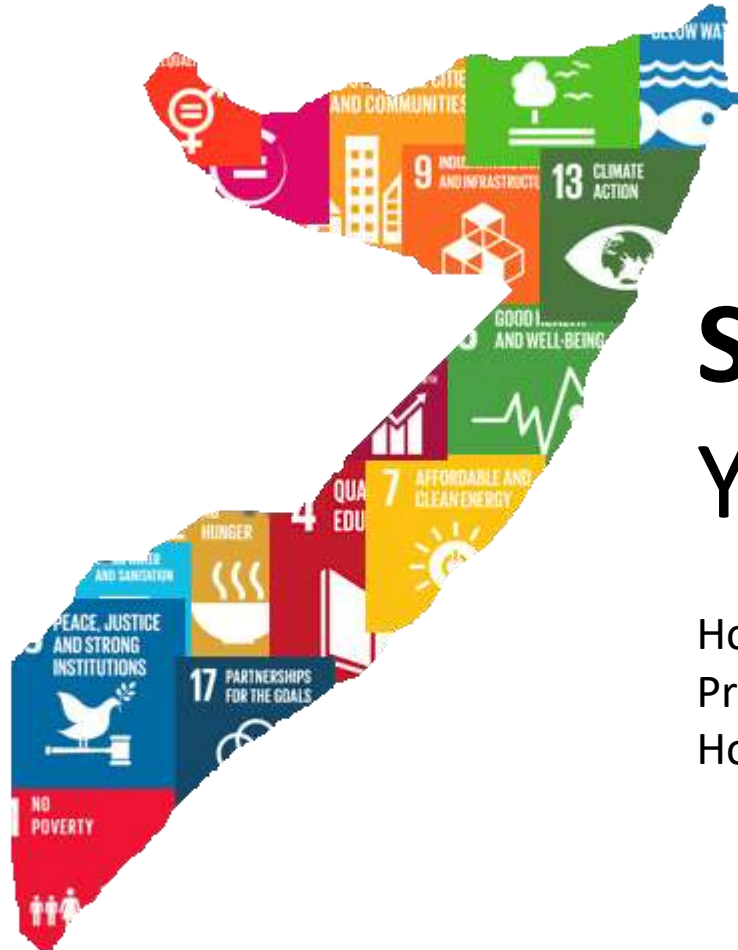




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Youth Engagement

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CHALLENGE

- A lack of functioning government institutions for more than two decades.
- Statistically 80% of Somali population are under 35 Yrs old and Close to a 70% of Somali youth are unemployed.
- A lack of clear vision and policies that enable them to be part of the productive society is absent.



MECHANISMS & ACTIONS

- The ninth SFG parliament with the help of executive Branch and international partners created a platform that advocates youth inclusion.
- The SFG representatives encouraged Youth to participate the election of the 10th parliament
- Formation of mini-youth parliamentarians helped many youth to get involve and later resulted the increase of youth in the new parliament.

KEY FUNCTIONS
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REPRESENTATION

IMPACT

- Increased youth participation in shaping future involvement in Somali political process
- The first Somali Youth Parliament was established in December 2014
- More than 76 new mps joined the 10th parliament and some later become part of the ministers in cabinet.



LESSONS LEARNED



- Nations should include their youth in the process of political representation to secure sustainable development.
- The leadership of the country should create the enabling environment where youth can benefit for the future of the country.
- If security permitted more voices could participate from different federal states to shape the future of the nation.