

## **ANNEX A - TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR MIXED MOVEMENTS ASSESSMENT IN PUNTLAND, SOMALIA**

### **Background**

The Puntland State of Somalia is an autonomous region established in 1998 and later became a Federal Member State. Located in northeastern Somalia, its state capital is Garowe in the Nugal region. Bossaso, the region's largest city and economic hub, is home to a major seaport and coastal area. It serves as a central point for displaced populations and affected communities from neighboring countries, including Ethiopia, Yemen, Eritrea, and Sudan. Bossaso is a key destination for refugees, asylum seekers (RAS), internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees, and mixed migrants, and has become a major hub where many attempt to cross the sea in search of safety and better opportunities.

Bossaso city experiences the most influx in Somalia all the years, In January 2024 to August 2024 the migrants reached reported by MOIFAD 23,538 individuals while IOM have different record from their partner Migration Response Centre (MRC) based in Bossaso which recorded from January to July 2024 37,420 Individuals. Bossaso hosts 13,771 refugees, 599 returnees and 294,802 IDPs. Some of these communities carry out onward migration to other destinations.

Mixed movement flows present opportunities and challenges for Puntland regions specially in Bari region and need emergency humanitarian assistances, however the humanitarian actors are not emphasized or seen as visible like the IDPs or RAS because the migrants intention is to through sea as illegal tahrib, 90% are male and 10% are women and children, during the travel road they face challenges such as Hyenas attacks, Rape, AS and DAISH capture them from the roads and employs forcibly and the smugglers who take away from them everything they have and abuse them

The Mixed Migration Task Force (MMTF) in Puntland was established in 2007 led by the Government to serve and address the issues of the migrants and how to assist them with protection mind to respond as an affected population.

UNHCR Field Office Bossaso under the supervision of the Sub Office Galkayo needs to undertake a Mixed Migration assessment to best determine a myriad of indicators, such as reasons for migration, destination areas, protection risks facing migrants, and the statistics. This data will be valuable to produce and evidence-based advocacy paper to alleviating and addressing Mixed Migration challenges identified within the migration corridor.

### **The Purpose of the Assessment:**

The selected local consultancy firm will conduct a comprehensive assessment of mix movements flows in and out of Bossaso to determine the direction and trends of mix flows in the region, while adopting a routes-based approach to understanding and addressing the complex dynamics of migration with the ultimate intention of informing a Mixed Movement programming in the country.

The consultant will also look at:

- Prisons, to identify if there are arrested migrants.
- Accessibility and livelihood
- Entry points
- Why there are travelling through Illegal tahrib
- Services they need.
- Protection they need.
- Civil documentation

Areas to consider by the consultant:

- Rescue at sea-Wash outs,
- Trafficked victims.
- Assisted Voluntary Repatriation
- Physical injury (GBV)
- Arbitrary and Massive arrests of Migrants followed forceful deportations.

**Specific objectives:**

- To obtain a contextual understanding of migration patterns and trends, including origins and transit points and entry points, historical and political contexts of regions involved and other geopolitical factors influencing movements routes which may include conflicts in neighboring countries and impact of climate shocks. The assessment will cover but not limited to, major border towns like Bossaso, Gardo, Garowe, Galkayo, Baran, Galdogob, Laas'aanood, Erigaba. This includes entry and exit points into and out of Bossaso such as Mareero beach, Dhahar, Ceeldahir, Eelaayo, Arta, and Buhoodle
- To provide legal and policy frameworks governing migration, asylum, and refugee protection along the routes, including enforcement of border management policies, detention practices, humanitarian access, and aid policies and implications for people on the move.
- Identify specific vulnerabilities of people on the move along the route, including mapping of profiles to capture minimum set of data on nationality, age, gender, and reasons for movement.
- Explore the route dynamics, identifying key transit points, modes of transport and associated risks, costs, and accessibility. The most critical hotspots for movement will be identified and prioritized for immediate mixed movement responses while assessing the capacity of local authorities in deal with the phenomena of mixed flows. To assess the protection needs, and risks, faced by people on the move, including vulnerabilities to trafficking, exploitation, and abuse. To assess and identify available protection or other services for people on the move at all points along the routes, including safe migration options and integrated support systems, partners or institutions that offer such services, reviewing existing gaps while making recommendations to address these gaps.
- To understand the intentions and aspirations of people on the move, including their preferred destinations and the factors influencing their decisions. To identify key stakeholders involved along routes, existing coordination mechanisms and role of local communities along the routes supporting or hindering migration, and their attitudes towards migrants and impact on future programming.
- To provide evidence-based recommendations for humanitarian programming, policy development, and advocacy efforts related to mixed movements in Puntland.

**Scope of Work:**

The assessment will focus on the following key areas:

**Data Collection and Analysis:**

- Conduct surveys and interviews with migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and IDPs in Puntland to gather quantitative and qualitative data on mixed migration flows.
- Collect data on the demographic profiles of people on the move, including age, gender, nationality, and reasons for movement.
- Analyze the routes used by migrants, the modes of transport, and the duration of their journeys.

**Protection Needs Assessment:**

- Identify protection risks faced by people on the move, such as exposure to violence, trafficking, exploitation, and abuse.
- Assess access to essential services, including healthcare, legal aid, and shelter.
- Identify vulnerable groups within the migrant population, such as unaccompanied minors, women, and people with disabilities.

**Intentions and Aspirations:**

- Explore the intentions and aspirations of people on the move, including their desired destinations and the factors influencing their decisions.
- Assess the level of awareness among migrants about the risks associated with their journeys and their understanding of legal migration options.

**Stakeholder Engagement:**

- Engage with local authorities, humanitarian organizations, and other relevant stakeholders to understand their perspectives on mixed migration in Puntland.
- Identify existing protection mechanisms and assess their effectiveness in addressing the needs of people on the move.

**Recommendations:**

- Provide actionable recommendations to improve protection mechanisms and address the identified gaps.
- Suggest policy changes or advocacy strategies to support the rights and protection of people in mixed migration and other vulnerable groups.

**Deliverables:**

The key deliverables of the assessment are:

- **Inception Report:** Outlining the detailed methodology, work plan, and timeline for the assessment.
- **Data Collection Tools:** Finalized survey instruments, interview guides, and FGD guides.
- **Draft Assessment Report:** Presenting preliminary findings, analysis, and initial recommendations.
- **Final Assessment Report:** Comprehensive report including all findings, analysis, and actionable recommendations.
- **Presentation of Findings:** PowerPoint presentation summarizing the key findings and recommendations for dissemination to stakeholders.

**Budget:**

- A detailed budget should be prepared, covering all costs associated with the assessment, including personnel, travel, data collection, and report production.

**Duration of the assessment:**

- The duration of the assessment in PUNTLAND will be from 1st October 2024 -10th December 2024

**Ethical Considerations:**

- The assessment must adhere to ethical guidelines, including:
- Ensuring informed consent from all participants.
- Protecting the confidentiality and privacy of participants.
- Being sensitive to the cultural and social context of the assessment area.
- Avoiding any harm to participants and ensuring their safety during the data collection process.

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