

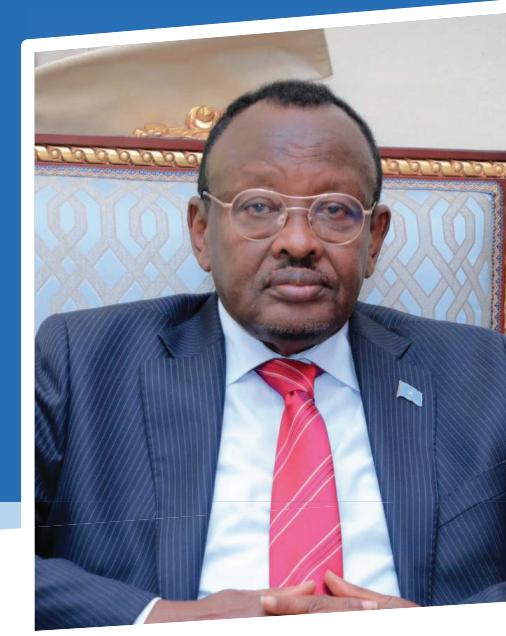


**THE MINISTRY OF FAMILY AND  
HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENT**

# **SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**

**The Path To A Just, Stable And Prosperous Somalia**

# MINISTER'S MESSAGE



I am thrilled to present the latest edition of our Ministry's newsletter, aimed at enhancing visibility and promoting transparency within the Ministry of Family and Human Rights Development, for the 2nd Quarter of 2024.

This newsletter serves as a platform to share updates from all departmental activities, including advancements in family welfare, child protection, human rights advocacy, and community engagement efforts. Our collective actions reflect our commitment to enhancing the well-being of families and individuals throughout the nation.

During this quarter, the Ministry has made significant strides in coordinating efforts to address pressing issues related to family dynamics, gender equality, and human rights violations. We have strengthened partnerships with various stakeholders, including government agencies, NGOs, and community organizations, to foster collaboration and ensure comprehensive support for our initiatives.

Key achievements this quarter include the successful implementation of capacity-building programs, the launch of awareness campaigns on human rights, and the development of strategic policies aimed at empowering marginalized communities. Furthermore, we are actively working to address challenges in service delivery and promote inclusive practices that uphold the dignity and rights of all citizens.

As we move forward, we remain committed to our mission of promoting family strength and human rights protection, and we will continue to produce public newsletters to enhance transparency and keep our stakeholders informed.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to create a more equitable and just society for all.

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Ministry of Family and Human Rights Development presents its quarterly newsletter, offering a comprehensive overview of our recent activities and events in alignment with our Annual Work Plan (AWP).

In the past quarter, our engagements have focused on enhancing collaboration and cooperation with various Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) Federal Member States (FMS) and international partners. These partnerships are vital for addressing the multifaceted challenges faced by families and communities across the nation.

The Ministry plays a critical role in coordinating efforts across government agencies and providing strategic advice to the government on medium and long-term initiatives aimed at improving family welfare and safeguarding human rights. Our active participation in conferences, workshops, and discussions relevant to policy-making has facilitated knowledge sharing and best practices, aligning our strategies with the needs and expectations of the public.

Through this newsletter, we aim to keep stakeholders informed about our progress, achievements, and ongoing initiatives as we work towards creating a more just and equitable society for all families. Your continued support and collaboration are invaluable as we strive to uplift the rights and well-being of every individual in our communities.

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## SOMALI WOMEN AWARD RECEIVES GOVERNMENT BACKING IN EMPOWERING WOMEN

*Ministry of Family and Human Rights Development pledges support for the SWA initiative, recognizing Somali women's contributions and promoting gender equality*



His Excellency Lieutenant General Bashir Mohamed Jama, along with Director General Mohamed, today met with the founders of the Somalia Women Awards, underscoring the Ministry of Family and Human Rights Development of the Federal Government of Somalia's commitment to empowering women.

The SWA initiative is vital in recognizing and honoring the remarkable contributions of women throughout our nation. Such initiatives not only inspire resilience among women but also emphasize the importance of pursuing gender equality in all areas of society.

The Ministry looks forward to participating in the upcoming ceremony and remains dedicated to supporting initiatives that amplify women's voices and celebrate their achievements.

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## COLLABORATION WITH NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES TO ENHANCE HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION



His Excellency Lieutenant General Bashir Mohamed Jama, Minister of Family and Human Rights Development, accompanied by Director General Mohamed Bashir, recently held a strategic meeting with Mrs. Safia Seed, Commissioner of the National Commission for Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (NCRI). The discussion centered on enhancing collaboration, jointly implementing key initiatives, and strengthening the protection of human rights across Somalia.



A primary focus of the meeting was the development of a national policy for human rights reporting, an effort spearheaded by the Ministry. To ensure the effective execution of these initiatives, a dedicated technical team will be formed to enhance cooperation and support the implementation of national development activities.

The Ministry reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to the National Development Strategy, particularly in ensuring the protection of vulnerable groups, including women, children, and individuals with disabilities. The implementation of policies and laws that uphold dignity and human rights remains a top priority.

## 03 QUARTERLY MEETING TACKLES VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Director-General Mohamed Bashir Omar highlights the role of women, traditional elders, and scholars in community-driven conflict resolution efforts.

Director-General Mohamed Bashir Omar convened a quarterly meeting aimed at addressing violence against women and children. The discussions focused on enhancing the role of women, traditional elders, and scholars in conflict resolution processes, emphasizing the importance of community involvement.

DG Mohamed stressed the vital need for collaboration between community organizations, local women, traditional leaders, scholars, and government agencies. This united effort is designed to strengthen initiatives that protect vulnerable groups and foster a safer, more inclusive society for all.



## 04 SOMALI WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS SHINE AT MOGADISHU EXHIBITION

Annual event celebrates Somali women in business, with support from banks, community organizations, and government institutions.

H.E. Minister Lieutenant General Bashir Mohamed Jama officially opened the Somali Women Entrepreneurs Exhibition in Mogadishu, an annual event that highlights the remarkable achievements of Somali women in business. The exhibition features a wide array of local enterprises led by inspiring women entrepreneurs, showcasing their innovation and resilience.

Representatives from Salaam Bank, IDMAN Bank, various community organizations, and government institutions attended to show their support for the event. Minister Bashir encouraged Somali businesswomen to continue pursuing entrepreneurial ventures, emphasizing the importance of empowerment, collaboration, and innovation in driving economic growth.

He reaffirmed the ministry's strong commitment to supporting female entrepreneurs in their start-up journeys, pledging continued backing for initiatives that uplift women in business.



## 05 BILATERAL TALKS STRENGTHEN SOMALI-SAUDI RELATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND EDUCATION

Minister Bashir and Saudi Ambassador Al Muwalad discuss collaboration on human rights, child protection, and Madrasa development

H.E. Minister of Family and Human Rights Development Lieutenant General Bashir Mohamed Jama held a productive meeting today with H.E. Ahmed Ibu Mohamed Al Muwalad, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Somalia. The meeting reaffirmed both nations' commitment to strengthening bilateral relations.

The discussions focused on key areas of collaboration, including human rights policies, child protection initiatives, and support for educational programs in Somalia. Both parties highlighted the importance of building and funding Madrasas to enhance access to education and promote community development. This partnership reinforces the shared goal of advancing social welfare and educational opportunities in Somalia.



## 06 MINISTER BASHIR MOHAMED JAMA ADDRESSES ROLE OF QURAN TEACHERS IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The Minister of Family and Human Rights Development, Bashir Mohamed Jama, convened a meeting in Mogadishu to discuss the crucial role of Quran teachers in the Somali community. The session aimed to enhance connections between Quran teachers, parents, and children, while addressing the challenges faced by undersupported Quran academies.

Minister Bashir reaffirmed the ministry's commitment to the rights of Somali children, announcing the development of a policy for Quran academies. This initiative is designed to promote growth, overcome challenges, and ensure children flourish with a focus on the teachings of the Quran.

The event, organized by Mrs. Halima Culusow, Adviser on Social Affairs in the Office of the President, brought together Quran teachers, scholars, and officials, highlighting a collective dedication to children's education and well-being.



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## EU-SOMALIA PARTNERSHIP FOCUSES ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

H.E. Minister Family and Human Rights Development Lieutenant General Bashir Mohamed Jama held a productive meeting with the Ambassador of the Europea Union to Somalia, Karin Jonsson. The discussion focused on enhancing collaboration in the fields of human rights and women's empowerment, with the shared goal of advancing social welfare in Somalia.

The Minister emphasized the importance of these discussions in promoting family welfare and safeguarding the rights of children. He reiterated his commitment to deepening the partnership with the EU to drive greater stability, progress, and empowerment in the region.

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## KHATUMO STATE DELEGATION DISCUSSES DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION

Talks focus on cooperation and support for advancing key development projects in Khatumo State.

Minister of Family and Human Rights Development Lieutenant General Bashir Mohamed Jama held productive discussions with a delegation from the Khatumo State Interim Administration, led by Mrs. Suhur Faysal. The talks centered on strengthening cooperation between the Ministry and Khatumo State, with a focus on providing support and advancing essential development initiatives aimed at improving the region's welfare.

Both parties emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts to drive progress and enhance the quality of life for communities within Khatumo State.



## 09 MINISTRY AND FINLAND COLLABORATE ON FAMILY WELFARE AND HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES

Minister Bashir and Finnish DP Head of Mission discuss initiatives to empower Somali women and advance human rights.

Minister Lieutenant General Bashir Mohamed Jama met with Nelli Mikkola, Deputy Head of Mission from Finland to Somalia, to discuss initiatives aimed at enhancing family welfare and advancing human rights in Somalia. The meeting highlighted the Ministry's Strategic Plan for 2024-2029, which prioritizes inclusivity and comprehensive reforms.

Minister Bashir emphasized ongoing efforts to empower Somali women, focusing on their self-sufficiency and role in poverty reduction. He expressed deep gratitude for Finland's continued support in state-building and human rights development, urging for increased collaboration on shared goals, particularly in gender equality, human rights, and family welfare programs.



## 10 MINISTRY COMMITTEE INSPECTS BANADIR HOSPITAL, PRIORITIZES MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Committee appointed by the Prime Minister assesses hospital departments and addresses patient needs.

Lieutenant General Bashir Mohamed Jama, Minister of Family and Human Rights Development, along with a committee appointed by the Prime Minister, conducted a thorough inspection of Banadir Hospital. During the visit, the Minister engaged in discussions with the Director General and patients, addressing pressing concerns.

The committee evaluated all hospital departments, paying close attention to the challenges and urgent needs of patients. A key focus was placed on the maternal and child wards, with an emphasis on ensuring that public hospitals provide the highest quality of care for vulnerable groups.

**Discussions focus on aligning Plan Somalia's projects with the Ministry's strategic priorities.**

His Excellency Minister of Family and Human Rights Development, Lieutenant General Bashir Mohamed Jama, welcomed a senior delegation from Plan Somalia, led by Country Director Sadia Abdi, to the Ministry's headquarters. The meeting focused on enhancing collaboration between the Ministry and Plan Somalia, particularly in support of children and women in Somalia.

The discussions centered on Plan Somalia's ongoing interventions and future activities, ensuring they align with the Ministry's strategic priorities. Both parties reached a mutual agreement outlining upcoming projects aimed at improving the welfare of women and children, reflecting a shared commitment to sustainable development and improved quality of life across Somalia.



**12 Call for Reconciliation and Peace in 'Mother, Support the Nation' PROGRAM**

H.E. Minister of Family and Human Rights Development, Lieutenant General Bashir Mohamed Jama, delivered a keynote speech today at the "Mother, Support the Nation" program. In his address, the Minister emphasized the critical need to abolish tribal violence and addressed its devastating impact on Somali families.

Minister Bashir called for enhanced reconciliation efforts, urging Somalis to remember the blood ties that unite them. "We must work together for lasting peace and sustainable development for our citizens," he stated, reinforcing the importance of unity in building a peaceful and prosperous future for Somalia.

## MEETING WITH SODMA COMMISSIONER ADDRESSES VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES' NEEDS

Meeting focuses on humanitarian aid for marginalized groups and assistance for vulnerable families in Somalia.

H.E. Minister of Family and Human Rights Development, Lieutenant General Bashir Mohamed Jama, welcomed the Commissioner of the Somali Disaster Management Agency (SODMA), Mahamud Moallim Abdulle, to the Ministry's headquarters for a comprehensive meeting.

The discussions centered on providing humanitarian support to marginalized and impaired/disabled communities, as well as ensuring assistance to vulnerable families across Somalia. Both leaders emphasized the importance of coordinated efforts to uplift those less fortunate and improve their access to essential services. This partnership underscores the commitment to inclusive humanitarian initiatives.



## 14 STRENGTHENING FAMILY SERVICES AND INCLUSIVITY OF DISABLED

H.E. Minister of Family and Human Rights Development, Lieutenant General Bashir Mohamed Jama, today received Halima Culusow, Social Affairs Advisor to the President, at the Ministry's headquarters. The meeting focused on a wide range of issues, including the strengthening of family services, upholding human rights, and advancing child protection.

A key topic of discussion was the inclusivity of impaired and disabled citizens, ensuring that their rights and needs are prioritized within social services. Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing welfare for all Somalis and promoting a more inclusive society.

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## UN SOM PARTNERSHIP ENHANCES NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IN SOMALIA

H.E. Minister of Family and Human Rights Development, Lieutenant General Bashir Mohamed Jama, welcomed Ambassador James Swan, Acting Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General, to discuss enhancing cooperation on the Ministry's National Development Strategy.

The meeting emphasized key areas, including family development, human rights, and child protection. Minister Bashir expressed profound gratitude to UNSOM for their invaluable support in implementing these initiatives through technical assistance and capacity building. He also highlighted plans to initiate further assistance in developing essential policies and legislation to advance these goals.

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## LAUNCH OF NATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION FOR CHILDREN FOCUSES ON RIGHTS AND PROTECTION

H.E. Minister of Family and Human Rights Development, Lieutenant General Bashir Mohamed Jama, officially inaugurated the 'High-Level Technical Meeting' to launch and disseminate the comprehensive National Plan of Action for Children. This plan is designed to promote children's rights, protect their well-being, and ensure access to essential services.

In collaboration with UNSomalia, UNICEF, Save the Children Somalia, World Vision Somalia, and other relevant institutions, the plan outlines a detailed strategy focusing on health, education, and social protection for children. The



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## AFRICAN WOMEN LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP PROMOTES WOMEN'S ROLE IN STATE-BUILDING

H.E. Minister of Family and Human Rights Development, Lieutenant General Bashir Mohamed Jama, officially inaugurated a three-day comprehensive workshop on African Women Leadership (Somalia chapter). This event gathers participants from the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS), Federal Member States (FMS), and the Banadir Regional Administration (BRA), aiming to achieve significant milestones in women's empowerment.

The workshop emphasizes the vital role of women in state-building, with senior officials from UN Women Somalia and the African Union actively participating. Minister Bashir reaffirmed his steadfast commitment to the development and empowerment of women in Somalia. Discussions will focus on strengthening cooperation in human rights, addressing challenges faced by Somali families, and identifying key areas for mutual support to advance shared priorities.

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## STRENGTHENED COOPERATION WITH QATAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Meeting focuses on mutual support to address Somali family challenges and advance shared priorities.

H.E. Lieutenant General Bashir Mohamed Jama, Minister of Family and Human Rights Development, held a constructive meeting with Dr. Abdullah bin Salem Al-Nuaimi, Qatar's Ambassador to Somalia.

The discussion focused on enhancing collaboration in the field of human rights, addressing the challenges faced by Somali families, and identifying key areas for mutual support. Both parties emphasized the importance of cooperation to advance the shared priorities of both nations, with a focus on improving family welfare and human rights in Somalia.



**19****DG MOHAMED BASHIR MEETS SAVE THE CHILDREN SOMALIA TO STRENGTHEN COLLABORATION ON CHILD PROTECTION**

Discussions focus on enhancing cooperation and expediting initiatives to safeguard Somali children.

The discussions centered on strengthening collaboration, evaluating ongoing activities, and expediting joint initiatives to ensure the safety and protection of all Somali children. Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to working together for the well-being and rights of children across the country.

**20****MINISTER BASHIR AND GOVERNOR YUSUF MADALE STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIP TO ADVANCE HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES**

Meeting focuses on fostering positive change and empowering families for community well-being.

the Banadir Regional Administration (BRA), to strengthen efforts in advancing human rights initiatives. Discussions centered around fostering a partnership that promotes positive change and ensures respect for every individual's rights. Minister Bashir emphasized the critical role of families in communities, aiming to create a supportive environment that empowers families and enhances collective well-being across the region.



## 21 EDUCATION KEY TO SOMALIA'S FUTURE: 1,700 GRADUATES CELEBRATED

*Graduates recognized for their role in innovation, resilience, and leadership.*

His Excellency Minister Lt. Gen. Bashir Mohamed Jama proudly participated in the graduation ceremony of 1,700 students today. The Minister emphasized that education is the cornerstone of strong families and a brighter future for society.

He highlighted that each graduate represents a commitment to innovation, resilience, and leadership—essential components for building a better tomorrow. The event marked an important step toward empowering the next generation to lead and contribute to the development of the nation.



## CID VISIT HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR IMPROVED DETENTION FACILITIES IN SOMALIA

His Excellency Lt. Gen. Bashir M. Jama, Minister of Family and Human Rights Development, visited the CID headquarters of the Somali Police Force today. The Minister assessed the measures in place to safeguard citizens' rights and ensure fair treatment within the justice system. Accompanied by senior officials, including the Minister of Interior, Minister Bashir emphasized the urgent need to provide adequate detention facilities for individuals awaiting court rulings. This visit reflects the government's commitment to upholding human rights and improving conditions within the justice system.



*Minister emphasizes safeguarding citizens' rights and improving detention conditions.*



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## MINISTER BASHIR WELCOMES GERMAN DELEGATION, PRAISES ONGOING SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND STABILIZATION

*Deputy Ambassador Martin Setin and Head of Stabilization Affairs Simon Becker lead discussions on key priorities.*

His Excellency Lt. Gen. Bashir M. Jama, Minister of Family and Human Rights Development, warmly welcomed a German delegation led by Deputy Ambassador to Somalia, Martin Setin, and Head of Stabilization Affairs, Simon Becker. During the visit, Minister Bashir expressed his deep gratitude for Germany's continued support in crucial areas such as human rights and stabilization—top priorities for the Somali government. The discussions highlighted the importance of international partnerships in advancing Somalia's development and peacebuilding efforts.

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## NATIONAL DISABILITY BILL PRESENTED TO UPPER HOUSE, DIALOGUE WITH DISABLED CITIZENS

*The bill aims to uphold the rights and dignity of disabled groups across Somalia.*

His Excellency Lt. Gen. Bashir M. Jama, Minister of Family and Human Rights Development, presented the first reading of the National Disability Bill to the Upper House, a landmark proposal designed to safeguard the rights and dignity of disabled citizens in Somalia and its institutions. Following the presentation, Minister Bashir met with a disabled citizen to hear firsthand about his daily experiences, further reinforcing the government's commitment to inclusivity and ensuring that the voices of disabled individuals are at the forefront of policy development.



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## UNICEF AND UNSOM ENGAGE WITH MINISTRY TO ENHANCE CHILD PROTECTION INITIATIVES

His Excellency Lt. Gen. Bashiir M. Jama, Minister of Family and Human Rights Development, along with the Director-General of the Ministry, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the representatives of UNICEF Somalia and UNSOM for their pivotal role in today's discussions at his office.

The meeting centered on crucial elements of the Ministry's Development Strategy, emphasizing human rights promotion and accelerating child protection initiatives. Minister Bashir reaffirmed the commitment to safeguarding human rights in Somalia, underscoring the importance of these collaborations in addressing these pressing issues.

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## STRENGTHENED COLLABORATION WITH UN AGENCIES TO DELIVER ON HUMAN RIGHTS MANDATE

His Excellency General Bashir M. Jama, Minister of Family and Human Rights Development of the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS), convened a strategic meeting today with all UN agencies to bolster cooperation and reinforce efforts to deliver on the Ministry's mandate.

During the session, the Minister also held an introductory meeting with Mr. Lionel Laurens, Head of UNDP Somalia, and other senior UNDP officials. The discussions focused on strengthening collaboration to advance human rights initiatives and ensure sustainable development through joint programs aimed at improving the well-being of Somali citizens.



## Strengthening Legal Frameworks for Family Welfare and Human Rights Protection in Somalia

In a productive meeting, the Minister of Family and Human Rights Development, Mr. Bashir M. Jama, engaged with the UK Ambassador to Somalia, Ambassador M. Nithavrianakis, to discuss the Ministry's key priorities.

The conversation focused on upcoming legislation and bills aimed at protecting Somali families and addressing critical human rights issues. Both parties emphasized the importance of these legal frameworks in advancing family welfare and ensuring the protection of vulnerable groups across Somalia. This collaboration marks a significant step forward in strengthening the nation's human rights landscape.





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