

# Joint Programme on Youth Employment



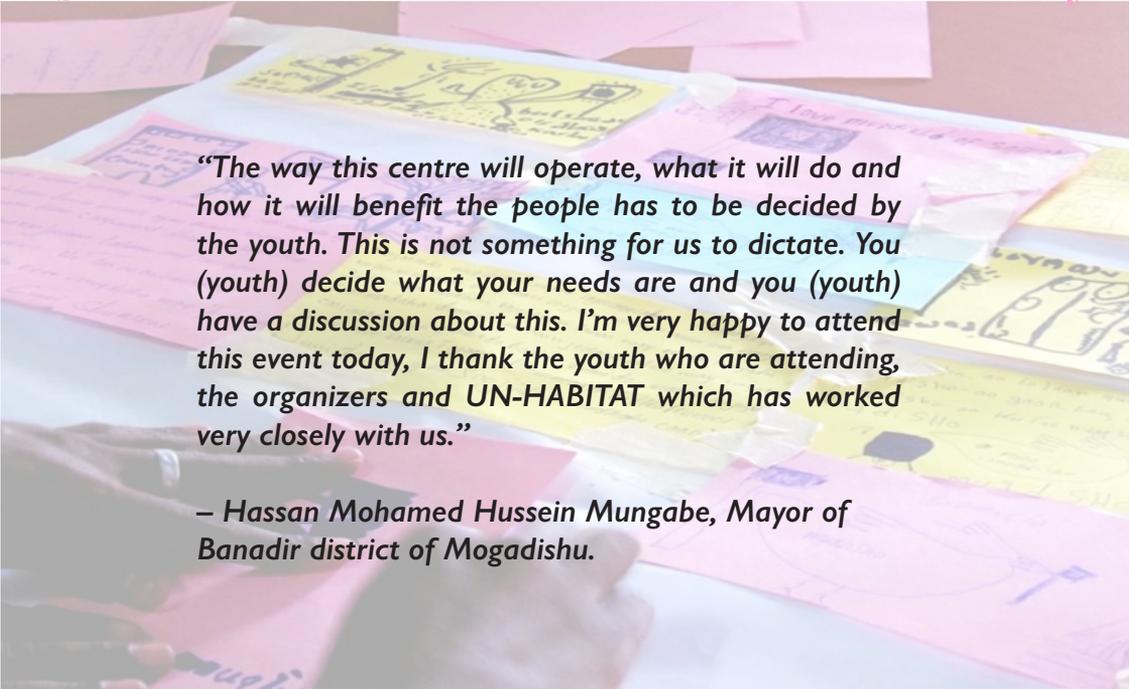
**YOUTH IN ACTION:  
TRAINING OF TRAINERS  
WORKSHOP  
IN MOGADISHU**

## FGS-UN Joint Programme on Youth Employment

Youth employment is without question one of the critical challenges facing Somalia on its path to stability and economic recovery. The FGS-UN Joint Programme on Youth Employment (JPYE) recognizes the potential of Somalia's youth as agents of change for economic growth and social development.

This Joint Programme aims to capitalize on recent security, governance and reconciliation achievements by expanding employment opportunities for young men and women in Somalia. This is to be achieved through value chain development, vocational and enterprise training and creation and rehabilitation of infrastructure through labour intensive employment methods.

The joint youth employment programme is a frontline intervention of the FGS to achieve rapid results under Peace and State-building Goal 4, **Economic Foundations**.



*“The way this centre will operate, what it will do and how it will benefit the people has to be decided by the youth. This is not something for us to dictate. You (youth) decide what your needs are and you (youth) have a discussion about this. I’m very happy to attend this event today, I thank the youth who are attending, the organizers and UN-HABITAT which has worked very closely with us.”*

*– Hassan Mohamed Hussein Mungabe, Mayor of Banadir district of Mogadishu.*



## UN-Habitat for Youth Employment

The vast majority of young Somalis, both men and women, do not have access to technical and vocational training. Even for those that have acquired a set of skills, these are often not relevant, resulting in a mismatch between their education/training and the skills in demand by employers.

The skills development component of the JPYE, through the establishment of One Stop Youth Resource Centres, aims

to equip youth with basic literacy, numeracy and life-skills, sector-specific vocational and business training. In particular, it aims to create a safe space for youth to meet and learn in order to enhance their employability to access sustainable job opportunities in sectors with high growth and employment potential.

### Training future Planners - the Workshop

In order to ensure youth ownership, the One Stop Youth Centre concept entails a youth-led planning process from day one. On October 13, 2015 UN-Habitat hosted a day-long consultation with 34 youth (17 women and 17 men) from the 17 districts of the Banadir region, followed by a two day workshop that focused on youth training of trainers for four men and two women.

The consultation was an opportunity to identify together the main concerns and needs of youth in Mogadishu. The ToT prepared the youth facilitators to lead a participatory process for designing and planning the One Stop Youth Centre.



The centre will be built in the Sinay public space which is situated between the districts of Warta Naba-da, Yaqshid and Bondhere.

## Impressions

“I have a dream that one day, young people don’t have to leave the country to get good education and job opportunities”, a young Somali man told us.



After a situation analysis and youth mapping session on the first morning, the young participants had a chance to present their vision of ‘Dream City Mogadishu’ and what that would exactly mean for young people living in the city. By far the biggest desire was for Mogadishu to be one of the most beautiful cities in the world, for tourists to come and enjoy their beautiful city and interact with local Somalis. These dreams provided a keen insight into the desires of youth not only for their city but for themselves.

In particular, young Somali women explained that not owning an ID prevented them from everyday opportunities such as travel or applying for a job. With that in mind, one of our local contacts organised a ‘Banadir Regional Youth Association ID’ for all participants - a small step to give the participants a fair chance to realise their dream city.

A second skills training is planned for the ToT’s in mid November.

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