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# COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

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### Background:

In the Monday morning 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 high level delegates from Qantara association based in Geneva led by Caroline Abu Sa`ada with KAABA representative members have arrived in Hargeisa airport at seven past thirty minutes where selective members from ASAL staff led by the chairman Mr. Mohamoud; were ready for the reception of the distinguished members of the delegates. Notably the ASAL reception and welcoming team have extended to their warmest greetings to the delegates. The members (arrivers and receptionists) have arranged themselves to have a memorial photo-group at the moment of reception.



After few minutes the delegate members were delivered to the hotel where the hospitality is entitled in order to have their accommodations and fresh beverages so as to stay calm and enjoy their presence in the hotel. In addition to that few minutes later the delegates requested to visit the site where the Centre of sports is being built by the Qantara association and this is the main purpose they have arrived in Hargeisa in order to help the young teenagers and keep them away from drug use. The delegates viewed the landscape of the Centre and carefully pondered to sketch the area by having the standard scale and measurement of the piece of land donated by ASAL organization for the Centre.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>QALAH IDP CAMP VISIT ARRANGEMENT</b> <b>1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEDNESDAY MORNING</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11:00 AM – 11:30 AM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Number of households that live in the IDP are approximately estimated at 2,000 HHs</li> <li>▪ Number of households supported by ASAL are 1,164 that receive monthly the relief program of cash based transfer (CBT) from WFP</li> <li>▪ Newly registered households are 400 HHs</li> <li>▪ At least 10 households are added in to the number of villagers in each month as new commuters in the IDP camp because of drought related factors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The individuals of the community should be skilled and raised the level of their skills</li> <li>▪ the priority should be given for the basic education services</li> <li>▪ Women should be preferably skilled</li> <li>▪ The relief programs should be extended and included new beneficiaries</li> <li>▪ The women cooperatives in the camp (DAMAL) should be assisted and helped</li> </ul>														

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMMUNITY BUILDING</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The basic needs of the community are considered water, food and drug (medicine)</li> <li>▪ The capacity of each water tank used by the community households is 1m<sup>3</sup>(one meter cubic) equivalent to five barrels of water shared by at least four households</li> <li>▪ Water tanks are filled four times in a month</li> <li>▪ The water supply in the camp is limited and commodified as commercial that every household should have bought and shared with three households in order to minimize the cost</li> <li>▪ Educational accessibility in the camp is limited whether public or private, only one primary school exists in the camp</li> <li>▪ Health posts are very limited, few MCHs exist in the camp</li> <li>▪ Sick people are transferred in to the central hospital or to the nearest private hospitals since the camp is far away from the health care centers</li> <li>▪ The camp is empty from police security stations</li> <li>▪ Sometimes conflict occurs among the villagers in the camp but the central committee of the community resolves the conflict by following the local resolution mechanisms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to promote their livelihoods</li> <li>▪ The basic human needs should be first assured and gratified</li> </ul>
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<b>AGENDA</b>	<b>POINTS OF DISCUSSION</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS SUGGESTED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SATURDAY MORNING</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:00AM – 10:30AM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OFFICE OF THE DG</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Highlighting brief biography of the Qantara association chairperson Mrs. Caroline</li> <li>▪ Briefing the objectives of the meeting and short concept note about the sports Centre</li> <li>▪ Centre establishment drives and its activities</li> <li>▪ The DG of the Ministry of youth and sports has welcomed the members of the delegates on behalf of the Ministry</li> <li>▪ The director general of the Ministry Mr. Abdirashid appreciated having such project in the homeland after he has listened the proposed note that concerns about the positive impacts of the project for the youth of Somaliland specially those who live in Marodi-Jeh region and stated that the project is fully accepted according to his own point of view</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Women should be given to special consideration in the Centre</li> <li>▪ The DG promised to arrange appointment with the acting director general for the Ministry of information, culture and national guidance for the members of the delegates in order to discuss with him the issue of providing music training activities for the youth in the Centre</li> <li>▪ The meeting with the acting DG of the Ministry of information has taken place on Monday morning at 10:00AM as the DG of the Ministry of youth and sports has made the appointment as promised earlier</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The idea of the project is viable and deserves to be implemented in local context</li> <li>▪ The local regulations that work at Thai-boxing sports are not yet initiated by the concerned institution( the Ministry of youth and sports) but as soon as possible it will be initiated by Ministry</li> <li>▪ Priorly we have tried to establish such this Centre but few challenges have emerged notably the absence of regulatory framework, luck of expert trainers and missing of Thai-boxing federation in Somaliland as a whole</li> <li>▪ In order to establish the Thai-boxing activity it should have permanent members that can establish the federation of Thai-boxing activity at country level with its bylaws</li> </ul>	
<b>AGENDA</b>	<b>DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONSULTANT ENGINEER</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
<b>MEETING WITH THE CONSULTANT ENGINEER FOR THE CENTRE CONSTRUCTION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To establish the BOQ sheet</li> <li>▪ To be part of the committee of monitoring and supervising the bid activity</li> <li>▪ Reporting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Binding contract should be signed by both of the parties hereby called `Qantara association` led by Mrs. Caroline and hereby the</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SATURDAY MORNING</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:45AM – 11:45AM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEGA PLAZA HOTEL</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To prepare the qualifications of the construction companies that can be used as the criteria of selection</li> </ul>	<p>consultant engineer named for `Mohamed` before the construction operation begins with the assistance of Asal as a facilitator</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AGENDA</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY MADAM EDNA</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEETING WITH MADAM EDNA</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MONDAY MORNING 8:30AM - 9:00AM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AT THE OFFICE</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Briefing introduction about the members has taken place</li> <li>▪ Mrs. Caroline highlighted that the main purpose of arrival in Hargeisa is to build a sports Centre for the youth of Somaliland specially Marodi-jeh region.</li> <li>▪ Further humanitarian services should be implemented in Hargeisa by the Qantara association.</li> <li>▪ The humanitarian services done by Caroline is shed on light</li> <li>▪ The Centre should have the massaging services, I will be the first customer and be closer to your Centre because this makes money and generates lot of income from the clients</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Edna recommended that the Centre should hire professional staffs in order to make better for the overall performance</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Edna promised to assist the Qantara association with the registration related issues</li> <li>▪ We hopefully want to put the foundation stone before we go back to Addis Ababa</li> <li>▪ The Centre should provide employment and recreational opportunities for the youth</li> </ul>	
<b>AGENDA</b>	<b>MEETING MINUTES</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE ACTING DG</b>
<p><b>MEETING WITH THE ACTING DG OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, CULTURE AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE</b></p> <p><b>6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER MONDAY MORNING</b></p> <p><b>Mr. ABDIKARIM ADAM SAED</b></p> <p><b>9:37AM - 10:00AM</b></p> <p><b>AT THE OFFICE</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Briefing the meeting introduction</li> <li>▪ Explaining the activities of the Centre to the acting DG</li> <li>▪ Mr. Liban has explained the services that the Centre will provide like Thai-boxing and the music</li> <li>▪ The acting DG informed that the note he is taking right now will be based on the decision that the Ministry will take for the support of the Centre</li> <li>▪ There is a need for the music teaching and learning in Somaliland region and this recommends to be aware by the society</li> <li>▪ The Ministry will facilitate for the all necessary procedures and the requirements for the project implementation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The acting DG appointed Mr. Mohamed (Waji) to be the focal point for the project on behalf of the Ministry</li> </ul>



AGENDA	MEETING WITH THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES	REMARKS
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LISTENING THE PRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE CONSTRUCTION COPANIES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TUESDAY MORNING</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:30AM – 10:30AM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AT THE OFFICE OF ASAL</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The committee of the bid listened the presentations made by the companies` representatives carefully</li> <li>▪ Questions related to their qualifications were raised</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Valid documents are requested from the companies</li> </ul>



Photo with the DG Mr. Abdirashid



Photo with Madam Edna



Photo with acting DG Mr. Abdikarim



Photo with Qalah IDP Community