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# ICPD progress review report for Somalia

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## Outline

- **Country context**
- **Progress Made**
- **Challenges**

# Country context

- **The current administration is committed to restoring the country through the following ways:**
  - Establishment of peace and security
  - Financial sector reforms
  - Economic recovery
  - Reduction of reliance on external support through tax reforms
  - Improvement of External Debt Management Capacity
  - Building governance systems
  - Transformation from humanitarian to development through enhancement of resilience mechanisms

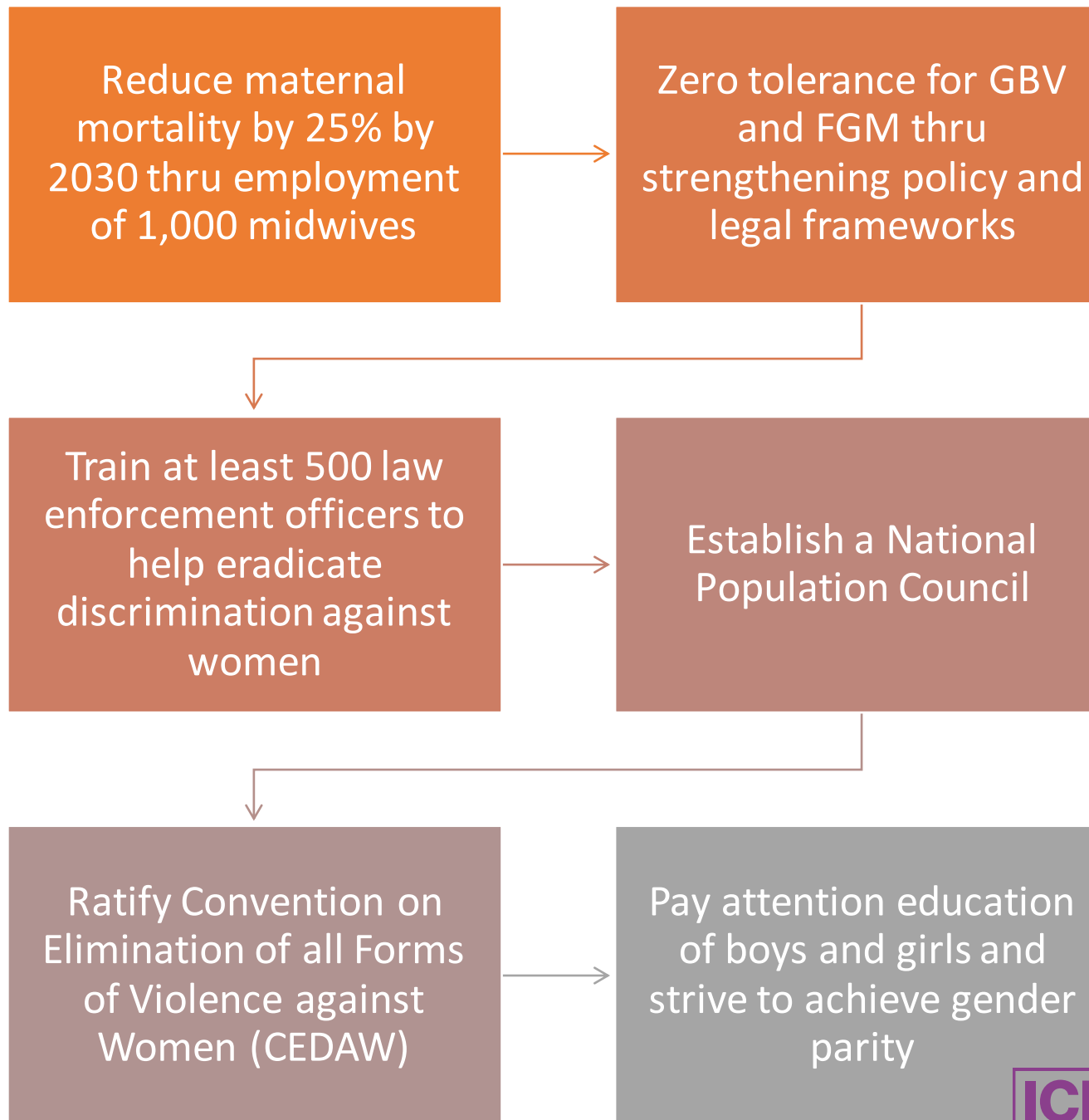
# Review of ICPD Progress for Somalia

- For the first time Somalia has reviewed the progress of ICPD.
- The country got the opportunity to assesses the achievements, challenges, and gaps in fulfilling the goals of the ICPD Programme of Action (PoA), particularly in the areas:-
  - ✓ *Sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR),*
  - ✓ *Gender equality, and empowerment of women and girls*
  - ✓ *And international cooperation and partnerships.*
- The ICPD Progress Review **Report** for Somalia (2023) **highlights some positive strides** made in achieving the ICPD goals, but it **also identifies significant challenges** that remain



## SOMALIA ICPD COMMITTEMENT

Former President Farmajo Committed during ICPD summit in 2019 in Nairobi to:





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# PROGRESS & ACHEIVEMENTS

## 1. Legislations & Policies Established

The current National Development Plan aims at addressing the country's population challenges and promoting sustainable development

The National Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (iPRSP) has been drafted to guide poverty reduction efforts

The AU Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in Africa has been ratified

National policy on IDPs and refugee returnees has been passed

The National Eviction Guidelines, and the Interim Protocol on Land Distribution for Housing to Eligible Refugee-Returnees and IDPs have been developed and endorsed

## 2. Conventions/policies Guaranteeing the Right to Decent Work

Somali Government ratified 7 conventions in 2021:-

- CO97: Migration for employment (July 1, 1949)
- CO155: Health and Safety at Workplace.
- CO144: Tripartite consultation for the improvement of better industrial relations and stakeholder relations
- CO143: The Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975
- CO190: Violence and Harassment Convention
- CO181: Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997
- CO187: Promotional Framework for occupational safety and Health Convention, 2006

The government has also developed National Employment Policy



### 3. Health sector progress

Reduction in maternal mortality from 732 to 692 deaths per 100,000 live births

National Health Policy focusing on improving SRH services

National Reproductive Health Policy

Maternal and Child Health Care Law

Somali Human Resources for Health (HRH) Policy

Somali National HIV/AIDS Policy

National Policy and Action Plan on FGM/C abandonment

Launch of Universal Health Coverage (UHC), as a roadmap for 2019-2023, aiming to address the health priorities of the population (maternal, neonatal, child health, and nutrition.)

## 4. Progress in Guaranteeing Dignity to the disadvantaged

Ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

Enactment of disability law and formation of the agency on disability

Five Commissioners with disabilities were appointed by Prime Ministerial Decree. Comprising (3 females and 2 males)

## 5. Progress in the area of youth

The Education Sector  
Strategic Plan (ESSP)

National youth policy

Child Rights Bill/Children's  
Act passed by the parliament

# Challenges

## Pending laws, such as

- FGM Bill
- National Disability Bill
- Revised Labour Code Bill
- Refugees Bill

FGM prevalence of 99%

Births attended by skilled health personnel is low at 31.9 percent

The adolescent birth rate for young mothers aged 15 -19 is 118 per 1,000 women



# More needs to be done!

- In Somalia, despite the challenges, the government and partners are working round the clock to achieve the 6 commitment of the and the SDG.
- But more needs to be done and with partnership spirit, Somalia can be on track in achieving all targets by 2030.



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# Thank you!



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