



Federal Republic of Somalia
Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs & Reconciliation

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THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE ON CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS (CRVS)

The National Steering Committee on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS), which is mandated to oversee and guide the implementation of CRVS activities in the Federal Republic of Somalia, convened its third annual meeting in Mogadishu on 17th-18 May 2025.

The meeting was presided over by His Excellency Mr. Ali Yusuf Ali (Xoosh), Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs, and Reconciliation of the Federal Government of Somalia, and Chairperson of the National Steering Committee on CRVS. The session was attended by esteemed members of the Committee, including:

1. The Minister of Family Affairs and Human Rights Development, FGS;
2. The Deputy Minister of Education and Culture, FGS;
3. The Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, FGS;
4. The Deputy Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs, and Reconciliation FGS
5. The State Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs, FGS
6. The Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs, and Reconciliation, Hirshabeelle State;
7. The Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs, and Reconciliation, SSC Khatumo
8. The Deputy Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs, and Reconciliation, Southwest State
9. The Deputy Director General of the National Identification and Civil Registration Authority;
10. The Somali National Bureau of Statistics;
11. The Secretary General of Benadir Regional Authority and Mogadishu Municipality; and
12. The General Director of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics, FGS

DELIBERATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE:

During the proceedings, the Committee reviewed a comprehensive report on activities undertaken as part of the 2023–2024 action plan, with particular emphasis on the progress made toward restoring and strengthening civil registration services.

Upon in-depth discussions and deliberation, the Committee adopted the following resolutions:

1. Granted approval for the implementation of a digital civil registration system for the documentation of vital events, namely marriage, divorce, guardianship, and domicile and family registration;
2. Decided to expand the implementation of the Digital CRVS System to additional 29 districts across the country to ensure nationwide coverage through Unified Digital Civil Registration and Vital Statistics service;
3. Resolved to extend civil registration services to Somali citizens residing abroad, to be facilitated through the embassies and consulates of the Federal Republic of Somalia;
4. Approved the 2026–2027 fiscal year budget for the implementation of civil registration and Vital Statistics;
5. Adopted to integrate Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) services and their associated document with other public service such education, national identification and travel document in order to strengthen legal compliance and enhance the efficiency and accessibility of government service delivery;
6. The Committee resolved to conduct a study to determine an appropriate and standardized fee structure for CRVS services, taking into consideration the revenue needs of local governments and the affordability of such fees by Somali citizens.
7. Agreed to take appropriate measures aimed at minimizing late and delayed registration of vital events, through enhanced cooperation with health facilities.

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