

# Office of the Auditor General

**Southwest State of Somalia** 

Annual Audit Report 2023

Presented to the Parliament on 25/11/2024.



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SOUTH WEST STATE OF SOMALIA

# Office of Auditor General

Transmittal Letter

25th November 2024.

Honourable Mohamed Nur Mo'allim Mohamed Deputy Speaker & Acting Speaker of Parliament Southwest State of Somalia Baidoa, Somalia.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the provisions of section 32(3) of the 2018 PFM Act, And Sections 30, 32 and 33 of the Audit Act 2021 of South West State of Somalia (SWSS), I have the honour to submit to you the 2023 Annual Audit Report of the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) for tabling in the State Parliament.

This report provides a summary of the major issues identified while much more detail in relation to these issues can be found in the annexes attached. These are:

1. The 2023 Financial Statements of SWSS and accompanying Audit Opinion (Annex 1).

2. The Audit Management Letter for 2023 including the detailed findings, recommendations for improvement and formal responses from Ministry of Finance (Annex 2).

Yours Faithfully,

Mohamed Omar Ahmed

Auditor General

Southwest State of Somalia

1. President South West State of Somalia CC:

2. Minister of Finance South West Sate of Somalia



# 1. Executive Summary

The Office of the Auditor General (OAG) is an independent institution whose main function is to be the external Auditor of the State as per Section 58 of the Constitution of South West State of Somalia (SWSS).

Section 32(3) of the PFM Act 2018 and Section 30(4) of the Audit Act 2021 require the Auditor General to examine, at least annually, the consolidated financial statement of the South West State of Somalia and report to Parliament. The law requires the Auditor General to express an opinion on the truth and fairness of the consolidated financial statements, report on significant findings and recommendations on the usage of public funds and also report on internal control deficiencies.

The office is led by the auditor general and is supported by two directors and two officers. Main issues that are an impediment to the full functioning of the office include and not limited to; inadequate staffing, inadequate but developing capacity among staff, lack of tools of work, lack of independence and zero financial resources to enhance the independence of the office.

Despite the aforementioned challenges, the office meets its legal mandate and reports to parliament with regards to government accounts.

This report gives a summary of the Opinion, significant findings and recommendations and internal control deficiencies for the financial year ending 31st December 2023. More detail on these findings is presented in Annex 2 to this report along with responses from the Ministry of Finance.

The overall audit opinion is a Modified Opinion — this means that the Auditor General considers that the financial statements are a true and fair representation of the financial activities during the 2023 financial year except in the following key areas.

- 1. Income from local revenue streams such as Landing Fees, Road user tax, Customs Duty on Khat, livestock fees, Buildings, Examination fees, Fuel, Fines, institutional donations and Work permit taxes amounting to \$407,528.65 could not be traced to collection receipts and to the bank. The lack of original collection receipt means that we could not confirm the base of the tax, type of tax, tax rate and amount payable. Further, private payroll taxes amounting to \$772,254.38 lacked supporting documents. Amounts remitted by organizations and firms were not accompanied by any source of information e.g. payroll listings to give an indication of the basis of the payments and how amounts been paid was determined
- 2. 13% of non-payroll expenses amounting to \$1,191,393.39 were found to be supported only with internally generated documents such as commitment payment order, payment request form and the paying cheques (Bisan and bank cheque) which are all print outs of FMIS. These expenses lacked any evidence of occurrence and were hence deemed unsupported



- 3. 19% of the non-payroll costs amounting to \$ 1,691,883.6 were partially supported with third party documentations but lacked evidence of delivery or work done. These expenses lacked evidence that goods were delivered or services were rendered. There were no goods received note or delivery notes neither were certificates of work done or certifications by professional such as engineers provided. In addition, for travel expenses there were no quotation, invitation letter, boarding bass, travel authorization forms etc. In the circumstances, the expenses were deemed partially supported
- 4. Security payments amounting to \$2,254,246.96 was spent with no proper supporting documents. We could not ascertain the number of security personnel paid per month neither were we able to determine whether payments reached the intended final beneficiaries since payments were made in bulk in the name of the ministry of internal security.
- 5. We noted daily meals amounting to \$663,400(31% of total daily meals) were not supported with required documents and the only documents availed for audit were internally generated documents such as commitment payment orders, payment request forms, and the paying cheques (Bisan and bank cheque)

The performance of the state in this year in terms of accountability is similar with the previous year in which the audit opinion was also modified on similar basis.

The main body of this report summarises the main findings identified during the audit. Greater detail on all audit issues identified is included in the Audit Management Letter attached as Annex 2.

# 2. About the OAG

2.1 Vision, Mission and Core Values

Vision	To help the public institutions improve their processes
	"WSPARE"
Mission	To deliver independent high quality audit reports that promote accountability, transparency and integrity in the use of public resources
Core Values	1. Accountability 2. Transparency 3. Efficiency 4. Integrity



# 2.2 Functions of SWSS OAG as per Audit Law

As per Sections 6 and 7 of the Audit Act 2021, functions of the OAG are:

- 1. To perform financial, compliance, performance and other audits on all public bodies of SWSS and report to the State Assembly with copies to the President, and the Minister responsible for finance.
- 2. Conduct special investigations for the purpose of ascertaining dishonesty, fraud or corruption.
- 3. If it is determined that sufficient evidence exists to warrant criminal investigation and prosecution, the OAG should refer the case to the Police and appropriate judicial authorities.
- 4. The OAG shall report at least annually, but no later than four months after receipt of the public accounts from the Minister of Finance and from Heads of Spending Agencies, on the results of the audit work of his/her office to parliament through the speaker.
- 5. The OAG may choose to conduct special audits and at his/her discretion prepares special reports for submission to parliament or for inclusion into annual reports.
- 6. The OAG to make reports public through print and electronic media, publishing through the official gazette, through comments and interviews to the press or other media on the subject of any published audit reports.

# 2.3 Current Status of the OAG

The OAG was established in 2015 but was not fully operational until January 2018 and the Audit Act was passed by parliament on 7th January 2021. Since operationalization, with the support of donors, staff and institutional capacity have steadily improved. We are grateful for the EU funded SFAS Technical assistance project that supports FMS OAGs currently. It is worth mentioning that technical assistance alone may not achieve sustainability and have long lasting impact without addressing underlying issues such as staffing, resources, independence, tools of work, retention of staff etc. which is not currently addressed by ongoing donor support.

# 2.4 Responsibilities of Other Parties in the Audit process Ministry of Finance

As per section 32(1) and (2) of the PFM Act 2018, the Minister shall prepare the unaudited Final Account of the Consolidated Budget and submit it to the Auditor General no later than four months after the end of the fiscal year. The unaudited Final Account of the Consolidated Budget shall be in accordance with the content and classifications of the budget.

The independence of the Auditor General is important. As such, he has no role in the preparation of the financial statements and plays no part in controlling the underlying transactions that are reported in the financial statements.



# 3. Key Terminologies

# 3.1 Audit Opinion

This is the auditor's judgment on the financial statements prepared by management. An audit opinion is a professional view offered by a qualified accountant at the completion of an audit of financial records. In addition to an overall conclusion, the opinion describes the processes used during auditing, the standards used by the auditor, and other relevant information.

# Types of Audit Opinions

*Unmodified opinion*—no reservations concerning the financial statement. This is also known as a clean opinion meaning that the financial statements appear to be *presented fairly in all material respects*.

Modified opinion —There are two circumstances when the auditor may choose to issue a modified opinion: When the financial statements are not free from material misstatement or When they have been unable to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence. Modification of the audit opinion may take the following three forms depending on the severity of the findings on the financial statement. The forms of modification are:

Qualified; this means that the auditor has taken exception to certain current-period accounting applications or is unable to establish the potential outcome of a material uncertainty. Also known as "except for...." opinion.

**Disclaimer opinion**— this is an audit opinion whereby the auditor is <u>unable to state his/her view</u> as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements due to a material limitation of scope. The auditor is therefore unable to express his opinion.

**Adverse opinion** — this is a type of audit opinion which states that the financial statements <u>do not</u> fairly present the financial position, results of operations, and changes in financial position, in conformity with the relevant financial reporting framework.

# 3.2 Consolidated Financial Statements

These are the financial statements of the various Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the state that are presented as one combined statement for a given financial period.

#### 3.3 Materiality

Misstatements, including omissions, are considered to be material if they, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.



# 4. Key Audit Results and Recommendations

# 4.1 Report of the Independent Auditor

# **Modified Opinion**

I have audited the financial statements of the South West State of Somalia which comprise the Consolidated Fund Statement of Receipts and Payments, the Consolidated Fund Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual amounts, and Notes to the Financial Statements including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information. In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Modified Opinion paragraph, The financial statements presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the South West State of Somalia as at 31 December 2023 and its financial performance for the period then ended in accordance with the Public Financial Management Act, 2018 and the International Public-Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) - Financial Reporting Under the Cash Basis of Accounting, 2017.

# **Basis for Modified opinion**

We identified the following material misstatements in the course of the audit conducted in accordance with the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAI):

- 1. Income from local revenue streams such as Landing Fees, Road user tax, Customs Duty on Khat, livestock fees, Buildings, Examination fees, Fuel, Fines, institutional donations and Work permit taxes amounting to \$407,528.65 could not be traced to collection receipts and to the bank. The lack of original collection receipt means that we could not confirm the base of the tax, type of tax, tax rate and amount payable. Further, private payroll taxes amounting to \$772,254.38 lacked supporting documents. Amounts remitted by organizations and firms were not accompanied by any source of infirmation e.g. payroll listings to give an indication of the basis of the payments and how amounts been paid was determined
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I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards for Supreme Audit Institutions(ISSAI). My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my Annual Report. I am independent of the entity in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Supreme Audit Institutions together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in at Section 7 and 6 of the Audit Act 2021, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Office of the Auditor General Code of Ethics.





# 4.2 Other weaknesses

# a. Weakness in Revenue

# i. Local revenue:

we have noted various weaknesses in the collection, management and recording of local revenues as follows:

- a) Different agencies and ministries other than the ministry of finance collecting taxes such as Livestock fees, Landing fees, Work permit tax etc. with no proper trail and control maintained by the ministry of finance.
- b) no reconciliations between receipt books, daily collection registers, deposit slips, FMIS and RMS etc.
- c) Insufficient details on the Revenue Vouchers Details such as the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), type of tax, purpose of tax, rate of tax etc are not captured making it impossible to know who paid the taxes and for what purpose.
- d) Lack of automated interphase between RMS and FMIS leading to variances between the two systems

## **Recommendation:**

- All local revenue collections be supported by original receipt books and any other original documents in which the amount collected/recorded was based on.
- The different support youchers to include TIN, the tax base and total income being taxed.
- Consider digitization of all collections of revenues.
- We recommend for the real time interface between systems and regular reconciliation procedures to be implemented by the state.

# ii. Weakness in Grants from Donors and FGS

Gaps identified during the review of grants from both FGS and other international organizations include and are not limited to:

- Lack of donor agreements making it difficult to ascertain budget, work plan, terms and conditions, and milestones.
- lack of proper communication channels leading to pending donor confirmations which limits our ability to conclude on the completeness of amounts received from the donor.

# **Recommendation:**

- Donor agreements, MOUs needs to be maintained within the ministry of finance and all spending entities for ease of coordination.
- Donor agreements, MOUs and other donor related documents should reflect all necessary information such as budgets, objectives, deliverables, conditions etc
- A list of donor contacts should be maintained. And Monthly donor reconciliations should be performed.



# b. Weaknesses in procurement

From the review of the procure to pay process, we noted the below weaknesses and gaps that should be improved by the Ministry:

- Procurement policy does not have stipulated guidelines on the composition and number of the procurement committee
- Procurement committee is not in place.
- No procurement plan.
- Prequalification of suppliers for goods and services is not done
- Requirements for competitive procurement process has not been complied and several instances
  of unjustified single sourcing have been noted

# **Recommendation:**

- Conformity to the law on matters procurement is recommended. Value for money, fairness, equity and transparency in the states procurement process can only be achieved when procurement law is fully implemented.
- The State should establish a Procurement Committee to review the procurement procedures, documents, bid evaluations, award recommendations
- Competitive procurement procedures should be adhered to as per the guidelines
  - c. Weaknesses in the management of fixed assets

Following issues were noted in relation to the entities fixed assets register

- Lack of centralized fixed asset register
- Fixed assets are not tagged.
- And no evidence for periodic assets verification procedures.

### **Recommendation:**

- Centralized assets register should be established and updated. This should include all government property both movable and immovable.
- The SWSS should ensure that all assets are tagged with a unique identification code.
- An asset maintenance schedule be maintained and followed, and all broken but useful pieces of assets be regularly repaired and put into good use.
- There should be regular physical verification exercise on the assets, the results of which should be updated in the Centralized assets register.

# d. Payroll Expenses

# Gaps in Compensation to employees

- No evidence of competitive recruitment for contract employees
- Absence of job descriptions and attendance sheet in relation to payments of contract employees



and incentive allowances

Missing personnel files for health workers

# **Recommendations:**

The state should ensure that the payroll system is automated and payroll payments should be based on biometric identification of recipients. Periodic personnel head count should be carried out prior to release of lump sum required amounts. Mechanisms for managing leave and performance should be established. Background checks are important and should be done before issuing offer letters.

# C. Failure to Implement Prior Year Audit Recommendations

We noted that, most of the audit recommendations made for the audit year of 2022 have not yet been implemented.

The following table shows that the implementation status of OAG recommendations made in the Annual Report 2022.

Total No. of Prior Year Recommendations	Implemented	Partially Implemented	Not Implemented
15	2		12

The Office of Auditor General regularly gives recommendations to the Government to address the various issues identified during audit. These recommendations key tools to support effective governance and to improve financial management.

### **Recommendations:**

- The Ministry should develop an action plan to implement last year OAG audit recommendations with timelines and responsible officers clearly identified.
- Progress against this action plan should be reported regularly to the Minister of Finance.



# 5.0 Acknowledgement

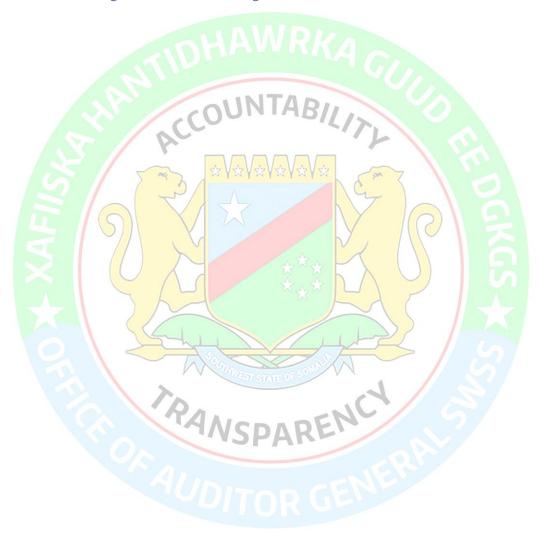
We take this opportunity to acknowledge the cordial corporation accorded to us by the officials of the Ministry of Finance headed by the Minister for Finance. We are also grateful for the valuable technical input of our EU Advisor and I appreciate e my staff for their commitment throughout this process.





Annex 1 – Auditor's report on the SWSS Consolidated Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31 December 2023 and the accompanying financial statement.

Annex 2 – Detailed Management letter with management comments for SWSS FY 2023.





# SOUTH WEST STATE OF SOMALIA

Office of Auditor General

# Office of the Auditor General Southwest State of Somalia,

SOUTHWEST STATE OF SOMALIA (SWSS)

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS'** 

REPORT ON THECONSOLIDATED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR

THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER

2023

# **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

FGS Federal Government of Somalia

FY Financial Year

IPSAS International Public Sector Accounting Standards

(IPSAS)ISSAI International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions

SWSS Southwest State of Somalia

MoF Ministry of Finance
US\$ United States Dollar



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# 1.0 STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

The Public Financial Management (PFM) Act 2018 of Southwest State of Somalia requires Ministry of Finance (The Ministry) to prepare Consolidated Fund Statement of Receipts and Payments for each financial year that recognizes all cash receipts and payments, and cash balances controlled by the State. The State is required to maintain proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the transactions of the State and disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the State. The State is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the State and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Ministry accepts responsibility for the preparation and presentation of these Financial Statements in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) - Financial Reporting Under the Cash Basis of Accounting 2017 and in the manner required by the Public Financial Management Act, 2018 of Southwest State of Somalia. The Ministry also accepts responsibility for:

- Designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the Consolidated Financial Statements.
- ii) Selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and
- iii) Making accounting estimates and judgments that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Having assessed the State's ability to continue as a going concern, the Management is not aware of any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast doubt upon the State's ability to continue as going concern.

The Management acknowledges that the independent audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements does not relieve them of their responsibilities.

Approved by Minister of Finance Southwest State of Somalia Ahmed Mohamed Hussein

Dated: 11/11/2024

# 2.0 INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

# 2.1 Independent Auditor's Opinion

# **Modified Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of the Southwest State of Somalia which comprise the Consolidated Fund Statement of Receipts and Payments, the Consolidated Fund Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual amounts, and Government Financial Statistic (GFS) Statement of Operation for the year ended 31 December 2023 and Notes to the Financial Statements including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Modified Opinion section of our report the financial statements presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the South West State of Somalia as at 31 December 2023 and its financial performance for the period then ended in accordance with the Public Financial Management Act, 2018 and the International Public• Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) Financial Reporting Under the Cash Basis of Accounting, 2017.

# **Basis for Modified Opinion**

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We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions

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(ISSAIs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the financial report* section of our report.

We are independent of Southwest State of Somalia in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial report, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our modified opinion.



# **Going concern**

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the going concern basis of accounting. Based on the audit evidence we have obtained, there has been no material uncertainty that exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the SWSS'sability to continue as a going concern.

# Other information

The Ministry of Finance is responsible for the other information. Other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report but does not include the Consolidated Fund Statement of Receipt and Payments and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the Consolidated Fund Statement of Receipt and Payments does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Consolidated Fund Statement of Receipt and Payments, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the Consolidated Fund Statement of Receipt and Payments, or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information: we are required to report that fact. Wehave nothing to report on in this regard.

# 3.0 Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our opinion, our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the Financial Statements of the period. These matters. We were addressed in the context of our Audit of Financial Statements as a whole and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. In addition to the matters described in the Basis for Modified Opinion section, we've determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report: -

# Weaknesses in revenue collection and recording

- 1. Local revenue: we have noted various weaknesses in the collection, management and recording of local revenues as follows.
- a) Different agencies and ministries other than the ministry of finance collecting taxes such as Livestock fees, Landing fees, Work permit tax etc. with no proper trail and control maintained by the ministry of finance.
- b) no reconciliations between receipt books, daily collection registers, deposit slips, FMIS and RMS etc.
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- d) Lack of automated interphase between RMS and FMIS leading to variances between the two systems

# 2. Weaknesses in Grants from Donors and FGS

Gaps identified during the review of grants from both FGS and other international organizations include and are not limited to.

- Lack of donor agreements makes it difficult to ascertain budget, work plan, terms and conditions, and milestones.
- lack of proper communication channels leading to pending donor confirmations which limits our ability to conclude on the completeness of amounts received from the donor.

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# Other gaps in Compensation to employees

- No evidence of competitive recruitment for contract employees
- Absence of job descriptions and attendance sheet in relation to payments of contract employees and incentive allowances
- Missing personnel files for health workers

# Weaknesses in procurement process

From the review of the procure to pay process, we noted the below weaknesses and gaps that should be improved by the Ministry:

- Procurement policy does not have stipulated guidelines on the composition and number of the procurement committee
- The procurement committee is not in place.
- No procurement plan.
- Prequalification of suppliers for goods and services is not done
- Requirements for the competitive procurement process have not been complied and severalinstances of unjustified single sourcing have been noted

# Weaknesses in the management of fixed assets

The following issues were noted in relation to the entities fixed assets register

- Lack of centralized fixed asset register
- Fixed assets are not tagged.
- And no evidence for periodic assets verification procedures.



# 4.0 Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the financial statements

The Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these Financial Statements in accordance with the Public Financial Management Act 2018 and the International Public Sector Accounting Standard (IPSAS) - Financial Reporting under the Cash Basis of Accounting and for such internal control as the Management Committee is necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from materialmisstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Financial Statements, the Management is responsible for assessing SWSS's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Management intends to liquidate SWSS or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the government's financial reporting process.

# 5.0 Auditor's Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISSAIs will always detect all material misstatement when they occur.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken based on this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISSAIs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We are also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material mistake resulting from fraud is higher than that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the government's internal control.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the Financial Statements, including the disclosures, and whether the Financial Statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the SWSS's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause SWSS to cease to continue as a going concern.

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 Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

The Office of the Audito Own AD GOROL Southwest State of Somalia)

Baidoa

12th November 2024

Annex 1: Consolidated and Ministerial Financial Statements of Southwest State of Somalia for the year ended 31 December 2023





# CONSOLIDATED & MINISTERIAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE SOUTH WEST STATE OF SOMALIA

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Prepared in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standard (IPSAS) -Financial Reporting Under the Cash Basis of Accounting (2017)

Prepared by the Ministry of Finance

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# **Statement of Certification-2023 Financial Statement**

The financial statement submitted for Audit in accordance with Section 32 (1) of the PFM Act 2018 shall include a Statement of Certification by the Minister outlining the basis of preparation and that the financial statements are materially accurate and fairly present the Government's financial position for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

The minster further confirms the completeness of the accounting records maintained for Southwest state of Somalia which has been relied upon in the preparation of Southwest State Financial statement as well as the adequacy of the system of the internal financial control.

For and on behalf of the Southwest State	of Somalia
Mr. Ahmed Mohamed Hussein	THE CONTUR GALBEET SOUTH OF FINANCE AND A WAR ARRADA THE SOUTH WEST STATE.
Minister for Finance	29/04/2024

# **Executive Summary**

# **Overview of the Financial Statements**

The Financial Statements of the Southwest State of Somalia provide a record of the Government's financial performance over the financial year, 2023 as outlined in the Statement of Receipts and Payments and the Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts. The Financial Statements further summarize all financial transactions for the year ended 31st December 2023 and the FMS's financial cash position as at the 31st December 2023. These statements have been prepared by the Treasury Directors of the Federal Member State of Somalia and include financial information related to all Federal Member State Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).

The 2023 financial statements focus on reporting, primarily budgeted activities of the FMS for which an Annual Budget Statement was prepared for and authorized by the Federal Member State's parliament for the 2023 fiscal year. The budget and annual financial statements are produced to support FMS's strategic business and financial decisions critical to the fiscal and economic wellbeing of the state. The annual reports include the financial and budget activities of MDAs which directly and indirectly receive budget allocations from the Federal Member State. These MDA entities are listed in Note 1.2 of this report.

# Format of the Financial Statements and additional disclosures

Consolidated Financial statements of the Southwest Federal Member State of Somalia have been prepared on a cash basis with activities and related transactions recognized when cash is received, and payments are made. The financial statements for the financial year have been compiled and presented in order to make a fair presentation of the SWS's financial information and have been prepared in accordance with the Public Financial Management Act October 2018 and compliance with Part 1 of the IPSAS Cash Basis of Accounting which requires the following mandatory information to be disclosed:

# **Statement of Cash Receipts and Payments**

This is a statement of financial performance and measures the net surplus or deficit (the difference between total receipts and total payments) for the year. The statement provides information on the FMS's sources of revenue and the cost of its activities.

# Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts by Economic Nature

The statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts presents a comparison of the budget amounts and the actual amounts for the year based on the GFS economic classification. The statements are prepared to provide information on the extent to which resources were obtained and used in accordance with the budget approved by Southwest State Parliament.

# **Statement of Operations**

The Statement of Operations produces summary information on the overall performance and financial position of the general government. This Statement is divided into three sections that present: revenue and expense transactions; transactions in non-financial assets; and transactions in financial assets and liabilities. This Statement is a voluntary disclosure and not a reporting requirement under the International Public Sector Accounting Standards, Financial Reporting under the Cash Basis of Accounting (2017), which is the standard adopted in preparing these financial statements.

# **Accounting Policies**

These are the specific principles, bases, conventions, rules, and practices adopted by the South West of Somalia in preparing and presenting the financial statements.

# **Explanatory Notes to the Financial Statements**

The explanatory notes to the financial statements assist in understanding the information reported in the principal statements to provide full disclosure and are considered an integral part of the financial statements.

# **Additional Disclosures**

In order to meet the requirements under Section 6.1.4 of Regulation 6 2018, and also to provide further information to the financial statements reported under IPSAS, Cash Basis of Accounting, Part 2 of the standard encourages additional disclosures to be made so as to provide more information necessary for accountability and decision-making purposes.

# **Statement of Domestic Borrowing**

This statement provides information on the outstanding national debt of South West State of Somalia at the end of the year and makes a distinction of the nature of the debt (capital and operational)

# **Summary of Financial Results**

# **Financial Statement Highlights and Analysis**

Table 1: Summary of Financial Performance

	2023	2022
Financial Performance	USD	USD
Revenue	20,847,144	22,971,921
Expenditure	(20,726,900)	(22,323,507)
Surplus	120,245	648,414
<b>Revenue Increased by (%)</b>	1%	3%
Original Budget	49,121,516	35,154,920
Revised Budget ( Mid-year Revision )	32,543,586	35,154,920
Actual Expenditure	(20,726,900)	22,971,921
Under Spending (Budget Saving)	11,816,686	12,182,998
% Change	57%	65%

# **Revenue Analysis**

Southwest State's total revenue has decreased slightly from \$22.9 million in 2022 to US\$20.8 million in the 2023 financial year and decrease of US\$2.1 million (9%). The main sources of the SWSS's revenue are grants from international partners and transfers from the Federal Government of Somalia. Revenue from own source was 24% (\$4.9 million of \$20.8 million) of total revenue compared to the previous year which was \$3.4 million (15%) of total revenue (\$22.9) million).

Table 2: Summary of receipts

Revenue Type		
	<u>2023</u>	<u> 2022</u>
Receipts	<u>USD</u>	<b>USD</b>
Taxes	4,532,828	3,235,688
Grants	<u>15,887,951</u>	<u>19,542,910</u>
Other Revenue	426,366	<u>193,323</u>
Total	<u>20,847,145</u>	22,971,921

The following chart further highlights, the breakdown of revenue collections for the year which shows that external grants were 76% of the total receipts compared to the previous year which was 85% of the total receipt.

2023 Revenue Breakdown

2022 Revenue Breakdown

Taxes

Grants

Other
Revenue

85%

Chart 1: Comparison of SWS's sources of revenue

# **Tax Revenue**

As detailed in Table 2, the current year's tax stands at \$4.5 million up from \$3.2 million last year, in the same period. This upward movement of US\$1.3 million in this category of the revenue has mainly come from taxes on payroll (59%) where the government widened the tax base on payroll taxes during this financial year. As depicted in Chart 1 revenue from taxes collected was 22% of the total revenue for the year.

# **Other Revenue**

The financial year 2023 saw other revenue increase from \$193k last year to \$426k. This increase of \$233k has been mainly attributed to the property income. As depicted in Chart 1 above, other revenue was 2% of the total revenue for the year.

# **Grants**

The financial year 2023 saw grant receipts from international partners and transfers from the Federal Government of Somalia were significant sources of funds accounting for \$15.8 million of total revenue compared to the previous year which was \$19.5 and decrease of \$3.6 million. Grants received in 2023 accounted for 76% of total revenue compared to 85% in previous year, a decrease of 9%. This is mainly due to decrease of the budget support from the federal government of Somalia and the Barwaqo project was not fully utilized the 2023 allocated budget.

Further illustration and comparisons between current year and previous year is highlighted in Chart 2.

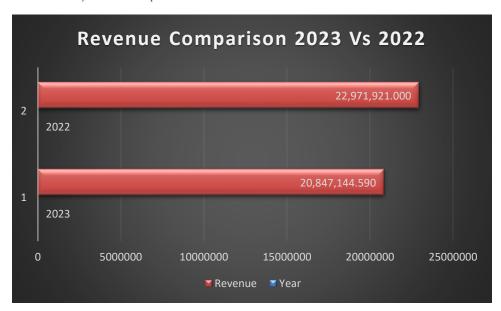


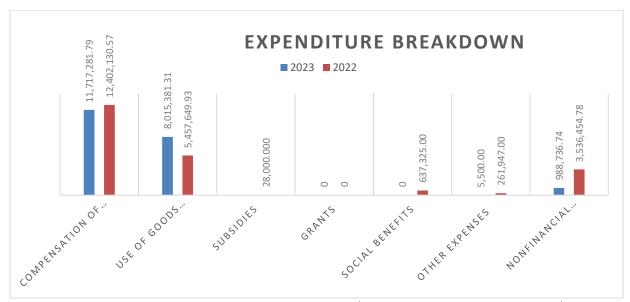
Chart 2: Yearly revenue comparison

# **Expenditure Analysis**

The SWSS's payments fall into four distinct categories; recurrent, non-financial assets (capital expenditure), social benefits and grants. The recurrent expenses or costs are primarily manpower related expenses and cost on goods and services for operations.

Chart 3 summarizes the major areas of expenditure incurred by the SWSS.

Chart 3: Expenditure categories



The total payments made during the year amounted to \$20.7million in comparison to \$22.3 million in 2022. Overall, the SWS has decreased its expenditure by \$1.6 million (7%), with the highest decrease are from other expenses of \$5.5K and nonfinancial assets \$988.7K due to decrease of capital expenditure.

Table 3 below shows expenditure categories for the 2023 financial year in comparison to the 2022 financial year.

Table 3: Summary of expenditure for 2 years

	2023	2022		
	USD	USD	Variance	%
			<b>USD</b>	Change
Compensation of Employees	11,717,282	12,402,131	684,849	6%
Use of Goods and Service	8,015,381	5,457,650	2,557,731	47%
Subsides	-	28,000	28,000	100%
Social Benefits	-	637,325	637,325	0%
Other Expense	5,500	261,947	256,447	98%
Nonfinancial Assets	988,737	3,536,455	2,547,718	72%
Total Expenditure	20,726,900	22,323,508	6,712,070	%

Table 4: Main expenditure headings

	2023	2022	Variance	Change
	USD	USD	USD	%
Recurrent Expenditure	19,738,163	18,787,053	951,110	5%
Non Financial Assets	988,737	3,536,455	2,547,718	98%
Total Expenditure	20,726,900	22,323,508	3,498,828	%

Chart 4: Expenditure classification in graphs





# **Non-Financial Assets**

Non-financial assets (Capital expenditure) for the year was \$988.7K compared to \$3.5 million for the previous year, a decrease of \$2.5 million (72%) due to decrease of capital expenditure. The major areas of expenditure were other fixed assets followed by inventories. In accordance with reporting on a cash-basis and complying with IPSAS, cash basis of accounting, capital expenditure is expensed in the year of acquisition.

# **Budget and Expenditure Analysis**

The annual budget of the SWS is the principal document by which the Government sets out its financial plan for the year. The original budget or financial plan approved by the State Parliament for the budgeted expenditure for the year was \$49.1 million and was revised to \$32.5 million.

The table below depicts the allocations and actual payments of each category of the expenditure

Table 5: Expenditure comparison - Budget v Actual

	2023	2022		
	USD	USD	Variance	%
			USD	Change
Compensation of Employees	11,717,282	12,402,131	684,849	6%
Use of Goods and Service	8,015,381	5,457,650	2,557,731	47%
Subsides	-	28,000	28,000	100%
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# **Consolidated Statements of Cash Receipt and Payment**

# **South West State of Somalia**

# Consolidated Financial Statement of Receipts and Payments Treasury Single Account

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
		Controlled by TSA	Controlled by TSA
		USD	USD
7	Note		
Receipts / Inflows	2		
Taxes	2	104 002	62.940
Taxes on income, profits, and capital gains		104,002	63,849
Taxes on payroll and workforce		2,847,798	1,693,384
Taxes on property		59,457	1 217 920
Taxes on goods and services  Taxes on international trade and transactions		949,945	1,217,820
Other taxes		532,228	260,636
Taxes		39,397 <b>4,532,828</b>	3,235,688
Grants	3	4,332,626	3,233,000
From foreign governments	3		
From international organizations		5,090,425	5,805,326
From other general government units		10,797,526	13,737,584
Grants		15,887,951	19,542,910
Other Revenue	4	13,007,931	19,342,910
Property income	-	_	168,006
Sale of goods and services		415,366	16,293
Fines, penalties and forfeits		6,000	2,347
Transfers not elsewhere classified		5,000	6,677
Other Revenue		426,366	193,323
Receipts / Inflows		20,847,144	22,971,921
Payments / Outflows		20,047,144	22,771,721
Compensation of Employees	5		
Wages and Salaries		11,717,282	12,402,131
Compensation of Employees		11,717,282	12,402,131
Use of Goods and Services	6		
Travel & Conferences	_	1,826,016	907,298
Operating Expenses		3,219,243	2,182,013
Rent		572,586	97,500
Contingency		-	500
Other Operating Expenses		2,397,536	2,270,339
Use of Goods and Services		8,015,381	5,457,650
Subsidies	7		
Subsidies to other sectors		-	28,000
Subsidies		-	28,000
Social Benefits	8		
Employment-related social benefits		-	637,325
Social Benefits		-	637,325
Other Expenses	9		
Premiums, fees, claims related to non-life insurance		5,500	261,947
Other Expenses		5,500	261,947
Nonfinancial assets	10		
Fixed Assets		986,817	3,244,465
Inventories		1,920	291,990
Nonfinancial assets		988,737	3,536,455
Payments / Outflows		20,726,900	22,323,507
Increase Decrease in Cash		120,244	648,414
Cash at Beginning of Year		1,225,943	577,529
Cash at End of Year		1,346,187	1,225,943

# **Consolidated Statements of Budget and Actual**

**South West State of Somalia** 

#### Consolidated Fund Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

(Classification of Payments and Receipts by Economic Class)

(Classification	2023			2022		
		Original Estimate Appropriation	Final Estimate Appropriation		Difference Between Final Budget and Actual	Controlled by TSA
	Note	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
Receipts / Inflows						
Taxes	11					
Taxes on income, profits, and capital gains		78,628	135,988	104,002	(31,986)	63,849
Taxes on payroll and workforce		2,148,945	3,084,971	2,847,798	(237,173)	1,693,384
Taxes on property		757,500	140,000	59,457	(80,543)	-
Taxes on goods and services		2,129,534	1,117,162	949,945	(167,217)	1,217,820
Taxes on international trade and transactions		411,837	575,117	532,228	(42,889)	260,636
Other taxes		700,000	34,458	39,397	4,939	-
Taxes		6,226,444	5,087,697	4,532,828	(554,869)	3,235,688
Grants	12					
From foreign governments						
From international organizations		7,900,914	8,890,378	5,090,425	(3,799,153)	5,805,326
From other general government units		33,767,596	17,936,153	10,797,526	(7,521,337)	13,737,584
Grants		41,668,510	26,826,530	15,887,951	(10,937,779)	19,542,910
Other Revenue	13					
Property income		-	-	-	-	168,006
Sale of goods and services		1,221,563	619,159	415,366	(203,793)	16,293
Fines, penalties and forfeits		-	6,000	6,000	-	2,347
Transfers not elsewhere classified		5,000	5,000	5,000	-	6,677
Other Revenue		1,226,563	630,159	426,366	(203,793)	193,323
Receipts / Inflows		49,121,516	32,543,586	20,847,145	(12,079,152)	22,971,921
Payments / Outflows		,		, ,		
Compensation of Employees	14					
Wages and Salaries		20,820,719	14,009,237	11,717,282	(2,291,955)	12,402,131
Compensation of Employees		20,820,719	14,009,237	11,717,282	(2,291,955)	12,402,131
Use of Goods and Services	15		, ,			
Travel & Conferences		1,629,303	2,761,014	1,826,016	(934,998)	907,298
Operating Expenses		5,232,197	5,162,085	3,219,243	(1,942,841)	2,182,013
Rent		848,028	1,055,184	572,586	(482,597)	97,500
Other Operating Expenses		3,174,255	3,026,286	2,397,536	(628,750)	2,270,339
RCRF Non-Salary Recurrent Cost		9,090,089	2,668,324		(2,668,324)	_,_,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Contingency		401,000	393,000	_	(393,000)	500
Use of Goods and Services		20,374,872	15,065,892	8,015,381	(7,050,511)	5,457,650
Subsidies	16	20,574,072	12,002,072	0,010,001	(1,000,011)	2,127,020
Subsidies to other sectors	10	_	_	_	_	28,000
Subsidies Subsidies						28,000
Social Benefits	17					20,000
Social Assistance Benefits	17	12,000	12,000		(12,000)	637,325
Social Benefits		12,000	12,000	-	(12,000)	637,325
Other Expenses	18	12,000	12,000	<u>-</u>	(12,000)	057,525
Premiums, fees, claims related to non-life insurance	10	5,500	5,500	5,500		261,947
Other Expenses		5,500 5,500	5,500 5,500	5,500 <b>5,500</b>	-	261,947 <b>261,947</b>
Nonfinancial assets	19	3,300	3,300	3,300	<u> </u>	201,947
Fixed Assets	17	7,887,075	3,429,536	986,817	(2,442,719)	3,244,465
Inventories		21,350	22,220		(20,300)	291,990
				1,920 <b>988,737</b>	(2,463,019)	3,536,455
Nonfinancial assets Payments / Outflows		7,908,425	3,451,756			
•		49,121,516	32,544,386	120,244	(11,817,486)	22,323,507
Increase Decrease in Cash		-	-	120,244	120,244	648,414

# Statement of Operations South West State of Somalia Statement of Operations

# For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Transactions Affecting Net Worth	USD	USD
Revenue	20,847,145	22,971,921
Taxes	4,532,828	3,235,688
Taxes on income, profits, and capital gains	104,002	63,849
Taxes on payroll and workforce	2,847,798	1,693,384
Taxes on property	59,457	_
Taxes on goods and services	949,945	1,217,820
Taxes on international trade and transactions	532,228	260,636
Other taxes	39,397	
Grants	15,887,951	19,542,910
From international organizations	5,090,425	5,805,326
From other general government units	10,797,526	13,737,584
Other Revenue	426,366	193,323
Property income	-	168,006
Sale of goods and services	415,366	16,293
Fines, penalties and forfeits	6,000	2,347
Transfers not elsewhere classified	5,000	6,677
Expense	19,738,163	18,787,053
Compensation of Employees	11,717,282	12,402,131
Wages and Salaries	11,717,282	12,402,131
<b>Use of Goods and Services</b>	8,015,381	5,457,650
Travel & Conferences	1,826,016	907,298
Operating Expenses	3,219,243	2,182,013
Rent	572,586	97,500
Other Operating Expenses	2,397,536	2,270,339
Contingency	-	500
Subsidies	-	28,000
Subsidies to other sectors	-	28,000
Social Benefits	-	637,325
Employment-related social benefits	-	637,325
Other Expenses	5,500	261,947
Premiums, fees, claims related to non-life insurance	5,500	261,947
Gross Operating Balance	1,108,981	-
Transactions In Non Financial Assets		
Change In Net Worth. Transactions (Assets)	988,737	-
Nonfinancial assets	988,737	-
Fixed Assets	986,817	-
Inventories	1,920	-
Transactions in Financial Assets & Liabilities		

#### **Notes to the Financial statements**

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Basis of Preparation

The South West State of Somalia's (SWSS) Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the *Public Financial Management Act of 2018* and the International Public Sector Accounting Standard (IPSAS) which had been applied in all material aspects - *Financial Reporting Under the Cash Basis of Accounting (2017)*. The notes to the financial statements form an integral part to understanding the statements and must be read in conjunction with the statements. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the period.

#### **Reporting Entity**

The Financial Statements are for the Southwest State of Somalia. The designed capital of South West State is Baraawe, located on the coast in Lower Shabelle Region, half way between Mogadishu and Kismayo. However, the South West State Administration is located as an interim in Baidoa currently.

The principal address is the Ministry of Finance Building,

Ali Salaamey Street,

Wadajir Village,

Villa Southwest State of Somalia - Baidoa.

The principal activities of the Government and its controlled entities include the provision of health, education, defense, security, and general public services. The Financial statements are for the Southwest State of Somalia (SWSS) and covers the period 1 January to the 31 December 2023. The financial statements encompass the reporting entities as specified in the SWSS Appropriation Act No.1 of 2023 and are comprised of:

- 1 State Ministry of President
- 2 Ministry of Justice & Judiciary
- 3 Ministry of Finance
- 4 Ministry of Interior & Local Governments
- 5 Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation
- 6 Ministry of Internal Security
- 7 Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resource
- 8 Ministry of Seaports & Sea Transportation
- 9 Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation
- Ministry of Health
- 11 Ministry of Education
- 12 Ministry of Information
- 13 Ministry of Posts & Communications
- 14 Ministry of Youth & Sports
- 15 Ministry of Water & Energy
- 16 Ministry of Industry & Commerce
- 17 Ministry of Reconciliation & Constitutional Affairs
- 18 Ministry of Aid & Disaster Management
- 19 Ministry of Environment & Wildlife
- 20 Ministry of Islamic Affairs & Endowments
- 21 Ministry of Labour & Employment
- 22 Ministry of Women & Human Rights
- 23 Ministry of Transportation & Airports
- 24 Ministry of Livestock & Veterinary
- 25 Ministry of Fisheries & Sea Minerals
- 26 Ministry of Public Works & Reconstruction
- 27 Civil Service Commission
- 28 Parliament
- 29 Office for Auditor General
- 30 Accountant General Office
- 31 High Court

All ministries were created by Presidential Decree SWSS-0001/03/01/15 entitled A Decree Establishing Ministries of South West State of Somalia and Defining Roles and Functions of Ministries dated 03 January 2015 and a separate Act creating the Ministry of Finance and the Revenue Collection Authority entitled an Act Establishing the Ministry of Finance and Revenue Collection Authority and Other Related Matters 2018. An Act establishing the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and its purpose entitled An Act establishing the Civil Service Commission of the South West State of Somalia dated 22 January 2018 established the office of the Civil Service Commission. A companion Act also established the Civil Service and the Civil Service Salary structure. The consolidated financial statements include all entities controlled during the year. None of the entities owns another entity or a separate business unit. An establishment of the Audit General Office Act dated 1st January 2023.

#### Treasury Single Account & Project Accounts

In addition to Treasury Single Account and Project Account bank accounts, five bank accounts were opened during the year under a written authorization of the Minister for Finance. These bank accounts were opened as sub-accounts of the TSA as a requirement of the donors. As at the end of 2023 financial year, balances of these bank accounts were as follows:

	2023	2022
	USD	USD
Treasury Single Account - Main	5,217	9,418
Local Development Fund(MoI)	1,307	3,341
SUIPP-Baidoa Mucicipality	´-	, -
Ministry of Livestock & Veterinary	1,036	25
Ministry of Health	148,122	94,441
Ministry of Planning Investment	87	87
Ministry of Education	80	80
Ministry of Women & Human Rights	1,736	21,925
Ministry of Interior, Local Government & Reconcili	1,733	80,056
Ministry of Aid & Disaster Management	10,000	100
Treasury Single Account - Main	3,634	5,262
BIYOOLE PROJECT	-	44,117
Ministry of Labour & Employment	17,033	-
Ministry of EDUCATION	37	5,911
Global Partnership for Education	-	2,456
Ministry of Planning Investment & Economic Develop	14,708	13,520
Ministry of Water & Energy	51,837	215,421
Ministry of Public Workers Reconstruction & Housin	507	10,850
TREASURY SINGLE ACCOUNT	7	16,507
Project Account - RCRF III	82,384	70,146
Somali Urpan Recilience Project	-	518,937
Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation	-	-
Ministry of Public Workers, Reconstruction & Housi	-	112
PERFORMANCE BASED CONDITIONS FOR RCRF SWSS	240,435	1
Ministry of Fisheries & Sea Minerals	-	-
WASAARADDA DEKEDAHA & GAADIIIDKA BADDA KGS	440	50
SWSS Education Support for WFP	27	65
SOUTH WEST TEACHERS TRAINING INSTITUTE SWTTI	1	19,300
SDM- Baidoa Local Government	6,900	6,000
Ministry of Health Salam Bank	13	87,813
WASAARADDA BATROOLKA IYO MACDANTA	22 125	-
BARWAAQO PROJECT Ministry of Planning, GIZ Project	22,135 30,993	-
Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (SESEY)	11,962	_
DAMAL CAAFIMAAD KGS	12,482	_
Wasaradda Maaliyadda KGS( IBS)	2,271	_
GROUNDWATER FOR RESILIENCE PROJECT (GW4R) SWSS	44,826	_
AREA-BASED PROGRAMME FOR THE SWS OF SOMALIAWITH THE CODE OF 0100606	-	_
SOMALIA EDUCATION FOR HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (SWHCD) SWSS	134,426	_
Wasaradda Maaliyadda KGS( Preimer Bank)	3,531	_
Somali Project Recilience Project (SURP II-BAUDIA)	478,530	_
Ministry of Youth and Sports SWSS	17,750	_
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE SWS	-	_
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES	-	_
	1,346,187	1,225,942

#### Cash & Cash Equivalents

Cash and Cash Equivalents means notes held and any deposits held at call with a bank or financial institution. Cash is recognized at its nominal amount.

#### Reporting Currency

The financial statements are presented in United States Dollar (USD), which is the reporting currency of the State, rounded to the nearest dollar (\$).

#### Original and Final Approved Budget and Comparison of Actual and Budget Amount

The approved budget is developed on the same accounting basis (Cash basis) and same classification basis as the financial statements. It encompasses the same entities as the consolidated financial statement (These are identified in Note 1.2)

The original budget was approved by Parliaments on the 27 Dec 2022.

#### **Authorization Date**

The financial statements were authorized for issue on 30 April 2024 by H.E; Ahmed Mohamed Hussein, Minister for Finance.

#### **Note 2 Taxes**

A total of taxes for year amounted \$4,532,828 to which represents an increase of 41% from \$3,235,688. for 2022. It was collected under the category of taxes on income, taxes on payroll, taxes on goods and service and taxes on international trade and transactions. The increase on taxes for this financial year was attributed due to an increase in collection from taxes on payroll and workforce.

During the 2023 financial year, SWSS collected taxes on income, profits, and capital gains of \$104,002 (\$63,849 in the 2022) at a standard rate of 5%.

In 2023 financial year, taxes on payroll and workforce was amounted to \$2,847,798 (\$1,623,384 in 2022) paid by the employers based on the total remuneration (salary/wage bill) at a standard rate of 9%...

Taxes on goods and services, are combined taxes charged for the use of services offered by South West State of Somalia. The applicable rates on services vary and mostly depend on the business sector and service type and are authorized in accordance with the Revenue Act 2018.

A total of Taxes on International Trade and Transactions for year amounted to \$532,228 increase of 51% from 2022 (\$260,636).

	2023	2022
Describtion	USD	USD
Personal income tax on Public employee	104,002	63,849
<b>Taxes on Income, Profit and Capital Gain</b>	104,002	63,849
Private Payroll taxes on non-civil servants	2,847,798	1,693,384
Taxes on Payroll and workforce	2,847,798	1,693,384
Building	59,457	-
Taxes on property	59,457	-
Turnover tax	352,560	296,458
Property Tax	-	8,000
Business & Professional Licenses	-	31,850
Landing Fees	-	138,600
Fuel	15,539	-
Local passenger charge	98,203	206,093
Urban road users taxes (tremistrale)	150,426	37,200
Road user taxes	333,217	342,208
International NGOs registration	-	21,000
Local NGO's Registration	-	12,300
Work Permit Licenses	-	5,348
Livestock Fees	-	31,000
Passport fees	-	18,445
Roll Number Fees-Schools	-	69,317
Taxes on goods and service	949,945	1,217,820
Khat	523,030	247,046
Cigarate and tobacco product	9,198	13,590
Taxes on international trade and transactions	532,228	260,636
Stamp duties on invoices and contracts	39,397	-
Other Taxes	39,397	-
Total _	4,532,828	3,235,688

The following represents variance Taxes received into the TSA from the relevant Ministries.

			2023	2022
			Controlled by TSA	Controlled by TSA
		Ministry of Finance	Ministry of Interior and Local Government	
	Total	USD	USD	USD
Personal Income tax	104,002	104,002		63,849
Payroll Tax - Non-Government	-	-		1,693,384
Private Payroll taxes on non-civil servants	2,847,798	2,847,798		
Building	59,457	59,457		
Turnover Tax	352,560	352,560		296,458
Fuel Tax	15,539	15,539		-
Property Tax	-	-		8,000
Business & Professional Licenses	-	-		31,850
Landing Fees	-	-		138,600
Local Passenger Fees	98,203	98,203		206,093
Road User Tax	333,217	300,217	33,000	342,208
Urban Road User Tax	150,426	150,426		37,200
International NGOs registration	-	-		21,000
Local NGO's Registration	-	-		12,300
Work Permit Licenses	-	-		5,348
Livestock Fees	-	-		31,000
Passport Service	-	-		18,445
Roll Number Fees-Schools	-	-		69,317
Customs duties - KHAT	523,030	523,030		247,046
Customs duties - Cigarettes	9,198	9,198		13,590
Stamp duties on invoices and contracts	39,397	39,397		
	4,532,828	4,460,430	33,000	3,235,688

#### Note 3 Grants

Grants from International Organizations and the Federal Government of Somalia amounted to \$15,887,951 and decrease of approximately 19% compared with 2022 (\$19,542,910).

	2023	2022
	USD	USD
Current grants in cash	5,090,425	5,805,326
Current grants in cash - From FGS	10,797,526	13,727,827
Grants from South West State	-	9,757
	15,887,951	19,542,910

## **Grants from International Organizations**

During the 2023 financial year, grants were received from international organizations of \$5,090,425 (\$5,805,326 in 2022). The amount received from international organizations is detailed in the breakdown below.

	2023	2022
_	USD	USD
Danish Refugee Council	19,405	19,276
GIZ	180,889	87,813
Islamic Relief	-	6,000
COOPERAZIONE INTERNATIONAL	2,900	-
Care International	80,801	86,880
Population Service International	6,000	1,000
Mercy Corps	=	300
Save the Children International In Somal	73,360	35,533
World Vision International	44,089	114,698
ADRA	800	4,092
IOM	-	11,000
Diakonia	19,345	17,220
Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)	=	19,220
GREDO	6,380	=
FAO	164,890	109,916
International Labour Organization	132,726	159,303
UNDP	46,800	18,840
UNICEF	3,097,486	4,715,040
UN HABITAT	179,617	99,068
WFP	222,833	=
United Natation Population Fund UNFP.	5,000	56,670
United Natation Population Fund UNFP.	-	18,000
UNCDF	749,943	179,288
UNSOM	57,160	46,170
Total	5,090,425	5,805,326

#### **Grants from Federal Government of Somali**

	2023	2022
	USD	USD
Current grants in cash - From FGS	10,797,526	13,727,827
Grants from South west State	-	9,757
	10,797,526	13,737,584

#### **Note 4** Other Revenue

Other Revenues for FY 2023 amounted to \$426,366 and increased approximately 121% from \$193,323 for 2022. It was collected under the category of sales of goods and services and fines, penalties, and Vehicle Hire/Rent. The increase is due to Landing fees.

	2023	2022
	USD	USD
Rental income from Organizational Offices	-	1,586
Vehicle Hire/car rental Tax	-	47,020
Rent of land and buildings	-	119,400
<b>Property Income</b>	-	168,006
Building rental income	3,910	-
Vehicle rental income	38,302	-
Marriage Certificate Fee	-	50
Passport fees	24,410	-
Work permit taxes	16,609	-
Business and profession licenses	18,484	-
Landing fees	201,950	-
International NGO's registrations	8,000	-
Local NGO's registrations.	500	-
Livestock fees	22,000	-
Boats registration fees	390	1,150
Examination fees	63,188	-
Clearance Letter Fee	-	15,093
Clearances letter fees	17,102	-
Court filing fees	521	-
Sales of goods and services	415,366	16,293
Court filing fees	-	2,347
Fines	6,000	-
Fines, Penalties and forfeits	6,000	2,347
Individual Donations	-	500
Institutional Donations	5,000	6,177
Transfers not elsewhere classified	5,000	6,677
_	426,366	193,323

## **Note 5** Compensation of Employees

Wages and salaries are a combination of all salaries, allowances and in-kind payments to staff which includes both the civil servants and political positions. In addition to salaries for permanent employees, compensation of employees includes wageworkers whereby wages were paid, as for 2023 financial year are as follows:

	2023	2022
	USD	USD
Permanent employees/Regular staff	-	1,345,659
Contract employees	-	912,995
Wage workers	-	518,050
Security Forces (Police, Intel Forces and Prison)	-	4,591,170
Remuneration to Ministers and Statutory	-	416,600
Remuneration to Politicians	-	111,200
Basic salaries for general Civil Service	1,406,265	-
Teachers salary	563,500	795,800
Transportation allowance	-	357,245
Other allowances	-	906,924
Security Operational Allowances	-	25,400
Per diem and DSA	-	813,898
Health workers salary	237,120	-
Temporary staff salary	1,261,060	-
Legislature salary	308,400	-
Political appointees salary	54,250	-
Contract Employees	1,292,141	-
Daily meals	2,130,390	1,607,190
Temporary staff allowances	3,200	-
Security sector allowances	2,254,247	-
Incentive allowances	2,206,709	-
	11,717,282	12,402,131

## Note 6 Use of Goods and Services

Use of goods and services spending for the year amounted to \$8,015,381 in comparison to \$5,457,650 for 2022.

	2023	2022
	USD	USD
Internal Travel	1,046,307	585,452
External Travel	96,958	104,433
Local conference	682,751	217,413
Electricity	29,364	29,457
Water	118,325	653,617
Telephone fees	7,570	12,137
Internet fees	101,993	78,898
Satellite fees	55,900	77,000
G-suite fees	12,826	4,234
Gasoline	-	96,534
Diesel and oil	296,580	-
Stationary	205,483	187,439
Publications fees	93,212	900
Meeting Supplies	-	3,000
Publications	-	84,822
Refreshment	475,355	169,796
Office Refreshment	-	14,500
School Supervision	-	342,412
Supervision	-	5,640
Cleaning supplies	20,377	13,460
Material Transportation	-	42,698
Medical supplies	987,395	-
Maintenance and repair of equipment and heavy machineries	10,500	300
Maintenance and repairs of furniture and fittings	2,000	-
Maintenance and repairs of vehicles, boats and vessels	164,382	41,501
Maintenance and repairs of building	500,215	-
Wales, canals and dwellings maintenance	137,767	-
Office rent	46,600	65,900
Vehicle rent	490,349	323,670
Staff Training and Development	-	1,217,399
Technical Assistance	-	9,400
Preparation of Manuals/Guidelines	-	159,683
Contingency	-	500
Venue rent	35,638	31,600
Consulting and professional fees	1,108,347	823,295
Fees for service provided (non-consultant service)	1,211,174	-
Bank charges	251	11,810
TV and Newspaper advertisement	77,764	48,753
	8,015,381	5,457,650

#### Note 7 Subsidies

As the 2023 financial year, there was no subsidies support. In 2022, under the Biyooley Project the SWS government gave a subsidies to the farmers for better distribution of seeds.

	2023	2022
	USD	<b>USD</b>
Procurement of Seeds and Tools	-	28,000
	-	28,000

#### **Note 8** Social Benefits

In 2023 financial year, there was no social benefit support, however, in 2022, The government provided social benefit support in 2022 to improve the health of the SWS, particularly the IDPs and the host community in Baidoa. The most disadvantaged community benefited from this support, as members of the medical community provided health kits to Wadajir, Hanaano IDPs, and the Towfiq Area of Baidoa.

	2023	2022
	USD	USD
Medical Treatment	-	637,325
	-	637,325

## **Note 9** Other Expenses

As of the financial year of 2023, SWS government had contributed the development of health sector in the state, and contributed insurance support.

2022

2022

	2023	2022
	USD	USD
Health & Hygiene Kits	-	111,205
Health & Hygiene Material	-	150,742
Other insurances	5,500.00	-
	5,500.00	261,947

#### Note 10 Non-Financial Assets

Non-Financial Asset of 988,737 acquired consisting of cars, ICT equipment, machinery & equipment, and office furniture.

Comprehensive breakdown of non-financial asset acquisitions is detailed as follows:

	2023	2022
	USD	USD
Road Construction	-	106,432
Construction	-	1,910,353
Rehabilitation	-	790,784
Site Selection	-	73,263
Cars	-	86,700
Furniture	-	1,400
Land Improvement	-	91,990
Tree,crop,&plant resources yielding repeat product	-	49,960
Surveys	-	51,300
Rehabilitation	-	200,000
Buildings other than dwellings	676,485	-
Wells and water holes	128,548	-
Information, computer, and telecommunication (CIT) equipment	7,348	1,500
Machinery and equipment not elsewhere classified	174,436	172,773
Material and supplies	1,920	-
_	988,737	3,536,455

## Note 11 Taxes compared with budget.

A total of \$4,512,579 tax collections was estimated to be raised in the 2023 financial year; however, an actual collection of \$4,532,828 was achieved. The amount collected represents almost 100% of the total tax revenue estimate for the year.

	20	2022	
	<b>Estimate Actual</b>		Actual
Description	USD	USD	USD
Personal income tax on Public employee	135,988	104,002	63,849
Taxes on Income, Profit and Capital Gain	135,988	104,002	63,849
Private Payroll taxes on non-civil servants	3,084,971	2,847,798	1,693,384
Taxes on Payroll and workforce	3,084,971	2,847,798	1,693,384
Building	140,000	59,457	-
Taxes on property	140,000	59,457	-
Turnover tax	344,352	352,560	296,458
Property Tax	-	-	8,000
Business & Professional Licenses	-	-	31,850
Landing Fees	-	-	138,600
Fuel	20,000	15,539	-
Local passenger charge	123,851	98,203	206,093
Urban road users taxes (tremistrale)	188,000	150,426	37,200
Road user taxes	440,960	333,217	342,208
International NGOs registration	-	-	21,000
Local NGO's Registration	-	-	12,300
Work Permit Licenses	-	-	5,348
Livestock Fees	-	-	31,000
Passport fees	-	-	18,445
Roll Number Fees-Schools	-	-	69,317
Taxes on goods and service	1,117,162	949,945	1,217,820
Khat	564,332	523,030	247,046
Cigarate and tobacco product	10,785	9,198	13,590
Taxes on international trade and transactions	575,117	532,228	260,636
Stamp duties on invoices and contracts	34,458	39,397	-
Other Taxes	34,458	39,397	-
Total	4,512,579	4,532,828	3,235,688

#### Note 12 Grants compared with budget.

Total grants of \$15,887,951 was received against an estimate of \$26,825,730 Grants from International organizations and other general government units were not received as per estimated in the budget with the SUIP project carrying over to 2023 financial year and with elections having a greater impact on the donors themselves. The following table presents a detailed breakdown of the grant.

	20	2022	
	Estimate Actual		Actual
	USD	USD	USD
Current grants in cash	8,889,578	5,090,425	5,805,326
Current grants in cash - From FGS	17,936,153	10,797,526	13,727,827
Grants from South West State			9,757
	26,825,730	15,887,951	19,542,910

#### Note 13 Other Revenue compared with budget.

Other revenue collections consist of revenue streams other than grants and sale of goods and services, which includes fees, fines and penalties. A total of \$426,366 of other revenue collections was collected during the reporting period against an estimate of \$630,159 a shortfall of \$230,793 (32%).

	202	2022	
	Estimate	Actual	Actual
	USD	USD	USD
Rental income from Organizational Offices	-	-	1,586
Vehicle Hire/car rental Tax	-	-	47,020
Rent of land and buildings	-	-	119,400
<b>Property Income</b>	-	-	168,006
Building rental income	4,135	3,910	-
Vehicle rental income	39,534	38,302	-
Marriage Certificate Fee	-	-	50
Passport fees	24,470	24,410	-
Work permit taxes	14,627	16,609	-
Business and profession licenses	16,776	18,484	-
Landing fees	251,600	201,950	-
International NGO's registrations	3,000	8,000	-
Local NGO's registrations.	-	500	-
Livestock fees	22,500	22,000	-
Number plate registration fees	36,126	-	-
Land certificate fees	125,198		
Boats registration fees	-	390	1,150
Examination fees	63,188	63,188	-
Clearance Letter Fee	-	-	15,093
Clearances letter fees	17,262	17,102	-
Court filing fees	744	521	-
Sales of goods and services	619,159	415,366	16,293
Court filing fees	-	-	2,347
Fines	6,000	6,000	-
Fines, Penalties and forfeits	6,000	6,000	2,347
Individual Donations	-	-	500
Institutional Donations	5,000	5,000	6,177
Transfers not elsewhere classified	5,000	5,000	6,677
	<u>630,159</u>	426,366	193,323

#### Note 14 Employee Compensation compared with budget.

A total of \$11,717,282 was spent on employee compensation against a final budget of \$14,009,237 the under spend of \$2,291,955 was due to inability of the State to fund compensation expenses from domestic revenue.

			2022	
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
	USD	USD	USD	USD
Permanent employees/Regular staff	-	-	_	1,345,659
Contract employees	-	-	-	912,995
Wage workers	-	-	-	518,050
Security Forces (Police, Intel Forces and Prison)	-	-	-	4,591,170
Remuneration to Ministers and Statutory	-	-	-	416,600
Remuneration to Politicians	-	-	-	111,200
Basic salaries for general Civil Service	1,470,288	1,406,265	(64,023)	-
Teachers salary	582,600	563,500	(19,100)	795,800
Transportation allowance	-	-	-	357,245
Other allowances	-	-	-	906,924
Security Operational Allowances	-	-	-	25,400
Per diem and DSA	-	-	-	813,898
Health workers salary	416,640	237,120	(179,520)	-
Temporary staff salary	1,321,370	1,261,060	(60,310)	-
Legislature salary	694,000	308,400	(385,600)	-
Political appointees salary	141,550	54,250	(87,300)	-
Contract Employees	1,944,343	1,292,141	(652,202)	-
Daily meals	2,330,579	2,130,390	(200,189)	1,607,190
Temporary staff allowances	26,800	3,200	(23,600)	-
Security sector allowances	2,259,647	2,254,247	(5,400)	-
Incentive allowances	2,821,420	2,206,709	(614,711)	-
	14,009,237	11,717,282	(2,291,955)	12,402,131

#### Note 15 Use of Good and Services compared with budget.

The ability to incur expenditure is limited to funds available from revenue collection and grants from donors. In the case of goods and services, SWSS spent a total of \$8,015,381, which represents 53 percent of the final budget. The variance distributed across the entities is mainly attributed to constraints in the actual available income.

	2023			2022
	<b>Final Budget</b>	Actual	Variance	Actua
	USD	USD	USD	USD
Internal Travel	1,595,986	1,046,307	(549,679)	585,452
External Travel	254,763	96,958	(157,805)	104,433
Local conference	910,265	682,751	(227,514)	217,413
Electricity	67,523	29,364	(38,159)	29,457
Water	532,852	118,325	(414,527)	653,617
Telephone fees	34,350	7,570	(26,780)	12,137
Internet fees	158,863	101,993	(56,870)	78,898
Satellite fees	62,900	55,900	(7,000)	77,000
G-suite fees	17,778	12,826	(4,952)	4,234
Gasoline	-	-	-	96,534
Diesel and oil	333,160	296,580	(36,580)	-
Stationary	578,959	205,483	(373,476)	187,439
Publications fees	176,674	93,212	(83,462)	900
Meeting Supplies	-	-	-	3,000
Publications	-	-	-	84,822
Refreshment	828,039	475,355	-	169,796
Office Refreshment	-	-	-	14,500
School Supervision	-	-	-	342,412
Supervision	-	-	-	5,640
Cleaning supplies	27,011	20,377	(6,634)	13,460
Material Transportation	-	-	-	42,698
Medical supplies	992,104	987,395	(4,709)	-
Maintenance and repair of equipment and heavy machineries	14,706	10,500	(4,206)	300
Maintenance and repairs of furniture and fittings	5,600	2,000	(3,600)	-
Maintenance and repairs of vehicles, boats and vessels	185,019	164,382	(20,637)	41,501
Maintenance and repairs of building	755,726	500,215	(255,511)	-
Wales, canals and dwellings maintenance	390,819	137,767	(253,053)	-
Office rent	77,591	46,600	(30,991)	65,900
Vehicle rent	853,187	490,349	(362,838)	323,670
Education Tuition Fee	12,500.000	-	-	-
Study tour	13,770.000	-	-	-
Staff Training and Development	-	=	-	1,217,399
Technical Assistance	-	=	-	9,400
Preparation of Manuals/Guidelines	-	=	-	159,683
Contingency	=	-	-	500
Venue rent	124,406	35,638	(88,768)	31,600
Consulting and professional fees	1,300,288	1,108,347	(191,941)	823,295
Fees for service provided (non-consultant service)	1,477,673	1,211,174	(266,498)	-
Audit fees	62,546	=	-	
Bank charges	35,542	251	(35,292)	11,810
TV and Newspaper advertisement	123,967	77,764	(46,204)	48,753
Holding account	2,668,324		(2,668,324)	
Contingency	393,000			
	15,065,892	8,015,381	(7,050,511)	<u>5,457,650</u>

#### Note 17 Subsidies

A total of \$12,000 was budgeted for procurement of seeds, and no spent during the reporting period.

		2022		
	Final Budget Actual Variance			Actual
	USD	USD	USD	USD
Procurement of Seeds and Tools	-	-	-	28,000
Benefits to vulnerable household/facilities - in cash	12,000	-	-	-
	12,000	-	(12,000)	28,000

#### **Note 18 Social Benefits**

There was no budget for social benefits in 2023 budget.

	,	2022		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
	USD	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
Medical Treatment	-	-	-	637,325
	-	-	-	637,325

# **Note 19** Other Expense

A total of \$5,500 was budgeted for other insurances, however, \$5,500 (100%) was spent.

	20	2022		
	Final Budget Actua Varia		Variance	Actual
	USD	USD	USD	USD
Health & Hygiene Kits	-	-	-	111,205
Health & Hygiene Material	-	-	-	150,742
Other insurances	5,500	5,500.00	-	-
	5,500	5,500.00	-	261,947

## Note 20 Non-Financial Assets

Non-financial assets amounting to \$3,451,756 was budgeted for and acquired amount was \$988,737. This related to the purchase of office equipment and furniture, ICT equipment and non-residential buildings.

		2023		
	<b>Final Budge</b>	t Actual	Variance	Actua
	USD	USD	USD	USD
Road Construction	-	-	-	106,432
Construction	-	-	-	1,910,353
Rehabilitation	-	-	-	790,784
Site Selection	-	-	-	73,263
Cars	607,546	-	-	86,700
Furniture	-	-	-	1,400
Land Improvement	-	-	-	91,990
Tree,crop,&plant resources yielding repeat product	-	-	-	49,960
Surveys	-	-	-	51,300
Rehabilitation	-	-	-	200,000
Buildings other than dwellings	1,253,085	676,485	(576,600)	-
Wells and water holes	901,399	128,548	(772,851)	-
Information, computer, and telecommunication (CIT) equipment	143,171	7,348	(135,823)	1,500
Machinery and equipment not elsewhere classified	331,058	174,436	(156,622)	172,773
Tree, crop, and plant resources yielding repeat products	170,000	-	(170,000)	
Furniture and fixture	23,278	-	(23,278)	
Material and supplies	22,220	1,920	(20,300)	-
	3,451,756	988,737	(2,463,019)	3,536,455

#### 22 Statement of Operations

The Statement of Operations report is prepared in accordance with the Government Finance Statistics Manual 2014 (GFSM 2014). Government Finance Statistics (GFS) is an accounting framework developed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to provide guidelines for the compilation of fiscal accounts. The GFS framework is designed to provide statistics that enable policymakers and analysts to study developments in the financial operations and financial position of government. It is also used to analyze the operations of a specific level of government, transactions between levels of government, and the public sector

The Statement of Operations produces summary information on the overall performance and financial position of the general government. This Statement is divided into three sections that present: revenue and expense transactions; transactions in non-financial assets; and transactions in financial assets and liabilities. This Statement is a voluntary disclosure and not a reporting requirement under the International Public Sector Accounting Standards, Financial Reporting under the Cash Basis of Accounting (2017), which is the standard adopted in preparing these financial statements.

#### 22 Undrawn External Assistance

During the 2015 financial year, a new project called the Recurrent Cost and Reform Financing (RCRF II later changed to RCRFIII) was introduced. The project will run up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026 and is reviewable on a yearly basis. The RCRF III project is a multi-partner fund administered by the International Development Association (IDA). The objective of the project is to support the recipient to provide a credible and sustainable payroll, and to establish the foundation for efficient budget execution and payment systems for the non-security sectors in the Federal Government, eligible Federal Member states and Interim and Emerging Administration.

As specified in a binding agreement Number TFA0534 Dated 07 November 2016 between the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS), acting on behalf of all other existing & emerging states, and the International Development Association (IDA), the South West State of Somalia by virtue of a sub-agreement with FGS has a running project with IDA which will last to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026. Undrawn External assistance in respect to the RCRF III project is contingent upon SWSS meeting the threshold conditional requirements of the project

The grant amount is subject to annual review and approval by the IDA. For the fiscal year ending 31 December 2023, SWSS had received funds from the RCRFIII Project totaling \$3,353,214.

	2023
	USD
Beginning Balance	70,146
RCRFIII In Follow	3,353,214
RCRFIII Out Follow	3,365,452
Fends Held in the Project Account @31 December 2023	82,384



# South West state of Somalia

# Management letter for the year ended. 31 December 2023





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REF: SWSS/AG/35/2024
Mr. Ahmed Mohamed Hussein
Minister of Finance
Ministry of Finance of South West State of Somalia
Baidoa, Somalia

10 October 2024

Dear Sir.

# Report to the Minister for the year ended 31 December 2023

We have recently completed our audit of the Consolidated & Ministerial Financial Statements of the southwest State of Somalia for the year ended 31 December 2023 which we conducted in accordance with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions ("ISSAI"). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that the annual financial statements are free of material misstatements but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit is conducted to enable us to form and express an opinion on the financial statements that have been prepared by Treasury, the Ministry of Finance with the oversight of the southwest state Federal Member State Cabinet. The audit of the financial statements does not relieve the Ministry of its responsibilities. However, in accordance with our normal practice, we write to draw your attention to certain matters which we identified during our audit. Those issues are set out in the attached report.

Management responses provided through the co-ordination of the Ministry of Finance will be incorporated in the final report. We would like to thank the management and staff for their assistance and co-operation during the audit.

We would be pleased to provide any clarification that you may require on the issues raised in this report.

The matters raised in this report are only those which came to our attention during the course of our audit and are not necessarily a comprehensive statement of all the weaknesses that exist or all improvements that might be made weaknesses that

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Mohamed Omar Mohamed

Auditor General

Office of the Auditor General of South West State

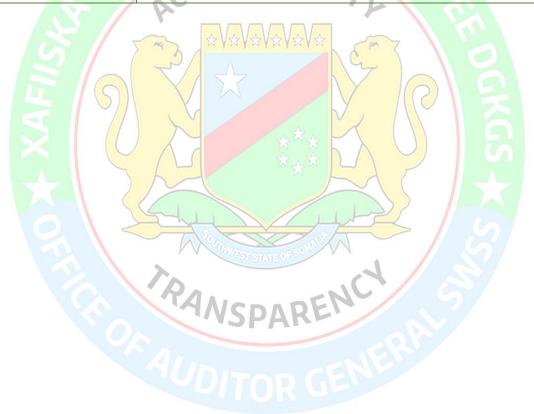
**Abbreviations** 



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## **Abbreviations**

Abbreviation	Full description		
FMIS	Financial Management Information System		
RMS	Revenue Management System		
ISSAI	International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions		
ISAI	International supreme audit institution		
SWSS	South West State of Somalia		
OAG	Office of Auditor General		
PFM	Public Finance Management		
PV	Payment Voucher		
TSA	Treasury Single Account		
USD	United States Dollar		
FGS	Federal Government of Somalia		
CSC	Civil Service Commission		





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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Office of the Auditor General of the South West state of Somalia has the mandate to audit all activities related to expenditure, revenue, assets, etc. in accordance with the Law of Office of the Auditor General of the South West State of Somalia, Law No. 47 of 30<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and Public Financial Management (PFM) Act, Law No. 08/2018 of January 2018.

#### 1.1 Background

The South West State of Somalia (SWSS) receives funds from internally generated revenue, grants from the Federal Government of Somalia, and donors This amounted to USD 20,847,144.10 in 2023. The major expenditure costs for SWSS are security force costs, permanent staff salaries, regular food provision for security forces, and goods and Services. Maintenance of effective control measures and compliance with laws and regulations is the responsibility of the Ministry of Finance (MOF) to allow for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standard (2017), Financial Reporting under the Cash Basis of Accounting and Section 30 of the Public Financial Management (PFM) Act 2018. Under Section 32(1) of the PFM Act 2018, the MOF is required to prepare financial statements and submit them to the Auditor General for audit no later than four months after the end of the period to which they relate. Within four months from this date, the Auditor General should audit these financial statements and submit an audit report to Parliament as stated in Section 32(3) of the PFM Act 2018. The 2023 draft financial statements were submitted to the OAG on 30th April 2024.

The table below shows the 2023 revenue income:

Local Fund	External Fund				
4,959,193.43	<b>Grants From FGS</b>	10,797,526.08			
	<b>Grants from</b> 5,090,424.59				
	international				
	organizations				
Total income	\$ 20,847,144.10				

### 1.2 Audit Scope and Limitations.

#### Scope

The audit scope required us to carry out sufficient audit steps and procedures covering the financial activities of southwest state of Somalia for the period from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023.

#### **Limitations:**

The following were identified as possible limitations of the annual financial audit:

- a) Use of sampling means that we will not test every transaction.
- b) Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, there is an unavoidable risk that some material non-compliance may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs).

#### 1.3 Audit objectives

The overall objective of the audit is to ascertain whether the financial statements of South West State of Somalia are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have been prepared in accordance with IPSAS – Financial Reporting under the Cash Basis of Accounting.

The audit will ascertain whether:

- The accounting records have been faithfully and properly maintained;
- The rules, procedures and internal controls are sufficient to secure effective control of the assessment, collection and proper allocation of revenues;



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- All money expended and charged to an appropriation account has been applied to the purpose or purposes for which the State Parliament intended and with due regard to ensuring effective internal control; and
- Internal controls, rules and procedures established and applied are sufficient to safeguard the assets of South West State of Somalia.

## 1.4 Audit Approach

This audit was conducted in accordance with the Fundamental Auditing Principles of the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs 100-999). These standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and also perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. During this engagement we:

- ✓ Held discussions with key members of SWSS staff;
- ✓ Reviewed key documents;✓ Tested key controls;
- ✓ Performed testing of financial transactions on a sample basis; and
- ✓ Evaluated the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Detailed audit findings are presented in the following sections of the report. These findings have been prioritised as high, medium or low according to the criteria shown in the table below.

Risk Rating	Description
High	<ul> <li>Matters which may pose a significant business or financial risk to the entity; and / or</li> <li>Matters that have resulted or could potentially result in a modified or qualified audit opinion if not addressed as a matter of urgency by the entity.</li> </ul>
Medium	<ul> <li>Matters of a systemic nature that pose a moderate business or financial risk to the entity if not addressed as high priority within the current financial year; and / or</li> <li>Matters that may escalate to high risk if not addressed promptly.</li> </ul>
Low	<ul> <li>Matters that are isolated, non-systemic or procedural in nature; and / or</li> <li>Matters that reflect relatively minor administrative shortcomings and require action in order to improve the entity's overall control environment.</li> </ul>

# 1.5 Appreciation

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff at SWSS, particularly within MOF, for their assistance and cooperation during this audit assignment.

# 2. CASH AND BANK

Ref	Finding	Risk	Priority	Recommendation	Management Response & Proposed Action
2.1 W	A review of the state's cash and bank management process revealed the following gaps;  The state's bank register is not maintained against the requirements of the banking regulations.  Annual review of the register is not undertaken.  authorization limits for the signing of cheques are not implemented  Bank confirmations were not received therefore we were unable to confirm bank balances, bank accounts opened or closed during the period under audit.  Criteria:  Section 3.1.7 of the banking regulation requires the establishment of a bank register to record details of all bank accounts operated by the state to be maintained by the Treasury Department. This register records the details in regard to all bank accounts established and operated by the government. Further Section 8 of The Bank Account Procedure Manual states that in December of each year, the Cash Management Unit should conduct a review of the bank register and all government bank accounts registered in the name of the SWSS.	Possible operation of bank accounts outside the TSA.  Risk of processing unauthorized cheques Possible incorrect closing bank balances	Medium	The provisions of the banking regulations should be implemented;  • The state bank register should be established and operationalized and reviews undertaken  • Cheque signing limits to be established in line with requirements of the banking regulation  • Year-end bank certificates should be obtained for all bank accounts	Responsible Officer:  • The 4 noted weaknesses you mentioned are all available at the treasury office. It may happen that you did not meet the responsible departments during the audit process.  • For the case of the annual review of the registered Banks the management noted and will take action for it.  Implementation Date:



## 3. REVENUE

Recorded under note 2 and 4 of the financial statements is an amount of \$4,959,194 relating to local revenue collections for the period under audit. We have sampled \$1,933,096.22 of these local revenue representing 39% of the aggregate local revenue. from the review of the revenue process and the supporting documents, we noted the following gaps affecting accuracy, completeness and classification of the revenue collected from different tax sources:

Ref	Finding	Risk	Priority	Recommendation	Management Response & Proposed Action
3.1	Unsupported Local Revenues  Income from local revenue streams such as Landing Fees, Road user tax, Customs Duty on Khat, livestock fees, Buildings, Examination fees, Fuel, Fines, institutional donations and Work permit taxes amounting to \$407,528.65 could not be traced to collection receipts and to the bank. The lack of original collection receipt means that we could not confirm the base of the tax, type of tax, tax rate and amount payable.  Details are found in Appendix 1.1.  Further private payroll taxes amounting to \$772,254.38 thlacked supporting documents. Amounts remitted by organizations and firms were not accompanied by any source of infirmation e.g. payroll listings to give an indication of the basis of the payments and how amounts been paid was determined.  Criteria:	Inaccurate revenue transactions may be recorded     All chargeable revenues may be collected and or recorded     Revenues may be recorded in unrelated chart of account	High	Revenue collections should begin with the issue of receipts that should form the basis of recording.	Responsible Officer:  • The management noted your findings related to all unsupported local collected revenues in the near future the original receipts and recorded will be reading one another.  • Regarding the issues of payroll tax, the revenue department has all related deposit slips, and receipts from this office are available at the revenue department.  Implementation Date: Next
	Section 30(7) of the PFM Act 2018 makes it mandatory for the filing, maintenance and safe keeping of all				year 2025.



Ref	Finding	Risk	Priority	Recommendation	Management Response & Proposed Action
	documents related to public finance transactions, in a manner and for the length of time prescribed in accounting regulations under the Act.				
3.2	Other weakness of local revenue collections				
	Other weaknesses noted in the management and recording of local revenues include and not limited to;  • Different agencies and ministries other than the ministry of finance collecting taxes such as Livestock fees, Landing fees, Work permit tax etc. with no proper trail and control maintained by the ministry of finance.  • no reconciliations between receipt books, daily collection registers, deposit slips, FMIS and RMS etc.  • Insufficient details on the Revenue Vouchers Details such as the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), type of tax, purpose of tax, rate of tax etc are not captured making it impossible to know who paid the taxes and for what purpose.	Inaccurate revenue transactions may be recorded  All chargeable revenues may be collected and or recorded  Revenues may be recorded in unrelated chart of account	Medium	Revenue collection should be closely tracked and controlled by the ministry of finance, proper revenue reconciliations should be carried so as to seal all possible loopholes and the revenue vouchers should capture essential details of the tax payers.	The management noted the lack of proper maintenance and control of revenue collected by other state MDAS.     Regarding the reconciliation between FMIS and RMS is done monthly basis and for your information, you can follow up with the respective departments in charge of these issues.     Every Revenue Agency, MDAS, and individuals have their own TIN number, within TIN there is a tax type and the date of payment must be recorded.



Ref	Finding	Risk	Priority	Recommendation	Management Response & Proposed Action
					Implementation Date: findings 1 will be implemented in December 2024.
3.3	Weakness in Grants from Donors and FG Gaps identified during the review of grants from both	• Grant revenue may be	Medium	Donor agreements,	Responsible Officer:
	FGS and other international organizations include and are not limited to;  • Lack of donor agreements making it difficult to ascertain budget, work plan, terms and conditions, and milestones.  • lack of proper communication channels leading to pending donor confirmations which limits our ability to conclude on the completeness of amounts received from the donor.  Criteria:  Provisions of section 33 (2) of the Public Financial Management Act of 2018 which requires, all spending entities which are beneficiary to donor funding that is not channeled through the budget to within seven (7) working days of signing the agreements, submit copies of the relevant cooperation agreements and memoranda of understanding to the Minister for	misstated. • noncompliance to contractual terms.		MOUs needs to be maintained within the ministry of finance and all spending entities for ease of coordination.  Donor agreements, MOUs and other donor related documents should reflect all necessary information such as budgets, objectives, deliverables, conditions etc  A list of donor contacts should be maintained. And Monthly donor reconciliations should be performed.	<ul> <li>for your information all donor agreements are available at the Ministry of Finance, particularly the Budget Department office. We request the OAG should do its auditing properly and execute its mandate with the help of the relevant offices in charge.</li> <li>In terms limit of communication from donors we request all donors to work closely with the AOG for them to produce a credible and reliable audit reports.</li> </ul>



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Ref	Finding	Risk	Priority	Recommendation	Management Response & Proposed Action
	finance have not been complied with. Further provisions of Instruction I of PFM act that requires the implementing agents to provide Copies of the agreement and / or, memorandum of understanding, and details of the funding to the minster has not also been complied with.			All provisions of the PFM act as well as other regulations should be adhered to in managing donor funds.	



### 4. Non payroll costs

The total amount spent on non-payroll costs as disclosed in the financial statement is \$9,004,118 relating to the use of goods and services and the purchase of non-financial assets for the period under audit. We have sampled \$4,588,401.02 of expenses representing 50.96% of the non payroll costs. Areview of the expenses revealed several gaps affecting the accuracy, completeness and classification of the expenditures.

total non-payroll costs	9,004,118
Unsupported	1,191,393.39
percentage of unsupported	13%
partially supported	1,691,883.6
percentage of partially supported	19%
total non-payroll costs with deficiencies	32%

Ref	Finding Risk Priority		Recommendation	Management Response & Proposed Action	
4.1	Unsupported and partially supported non partial supported non	10/	High	To enhance compliance with	
	13% of the expenses amounting to \$1,191,393.39 were found to be supported only with internally generated documents. Such as commitment payment order, payment request form and the paying cheques (Bisan and bank cheque) which are all print outs of FMIS These expenses lacked any evidence of occurrence and were hence deemed unsupported. <b>Details are found in appendix 1.2</b>	expenditure control cycle can undermine the integrity and credibility of the system as a whole e.g. where payments are		PFM and treasury regulations, appropriate support documents be maintained for all payments. No payment should be made by Treasury without adequate	Responsible officer:  • The non-payroll tax cost amounts \$1,191,393.39 documents are



Ref	Finding	Risk	Priority	Recommendation	Management Response & Proposed Action
	Further 19% of the non payroll costs amounting to \$1,691,883.6 were partially supported with third party documentations but lacked evidence of delivery or work done. These expenses lacked evidence that goods were delivered or services were rendered. There were no goods received note or delivery notes neither were certificates of work done or certifications by professional such as engineers provided. In addition, for travel expenses there were no quotation, invitation letter, boarding bass, travel authorization forms etc In the circumstances, the expenses were deemed partially supported. <b>Details are found in appendix 1.3</b>	not have supporting documentation; can be termed ineligible by the Parliament or the donors.		supporting documents being presented.	available in both offices Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Finance and if you wish we can again a vail for your reference.  Implementation Date:
	Criteria:				
	Section 30 (7) of the Public Financial Management Act of 2018 requires maintenance and safekeeping of all documents relating to public finance transactions in a manner and for the length of time prescribed in accounting regulations under this Act. Section 4.1.2.10 of the budget execution regulation issued on 1 January 2018 requires that all transaction documents relating to the purchase of goods and services will be presented to the certifying officer prior to payment processing.				



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#### 5. COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES

Recorded under note 10 of the financial statements is an amount of \$ 11,717,282 relating to compensation of employees for the period under audit. In addition, details of these amount is as for 2023 financial year are as follows:

Description	Amount
Basic salaries for general Civil Service	1,406,264.99
Teachers salary	563,500.00
Health workers salary	237,120.00
Temporary staff salary	1,261,060.00
Legislature salary	308,400.00
Political appointees salary	54,250.00
Contract Employees	1,292,140.67
Daily meals	2,130,390.00
Temporary staff allowances	3,200.00
Security sector allowances	2,254,246.96
Incentive allowances	2,206,709.17
Total	11,717,282

During our review of these payments process of compensations of employees we noted the following gaps affecting accuracy, completeness and classification of the expenditure on payroll:



Ref	Findings	Risk	Priority	Recommendation	Management Responses &Proposed Actions
5.1	Gaps on Compensation to employees				
	<ol> <li>Security payments amounting to \$2,254,246.96 was spent with no proper supporting documents. We could not ascertain the number of security personnel paid per month neither were we able to determine whethe payments reached the intended final beneficiaries since payments were made in bulk in the name of the interior ministry. An amount of \$839,496.96 was paid to Salaama Logistic Services and recorded as part of security payments. The nature of the payment could not be ascertained.</li> <li>contract employees and Incentive allowances payments lacked any documented evidence of competitive recruitment at the initial stages of engagement of the individuals. Payments lacked major supporting documents such as job descriptions and attendance sheets. Basic documents or information on contract employees in the Ministry of Women and Human Rights were not received due to a lack of cooperation from concerned officials</li> <li>Further we were unable to verify the personal files of health workers in the ministry of Health due to lack of cooperation from those responsible officers.</li> <li>We noted payments amounting to \$663,400(31% of total daily meals) were not supported with required documents and the only documents availed for audit</li> </ol>	non-deserving persons and funds may not reach intended beneficiaries	High	Automate and base the security's payroll expenses on biometric identity of recipients. The government to obtain monthly security officers head count and status prior to release of lump sum required amounts.  Payment of officers through Bank Accounts.	Generally, the issue of the security sector in Somalia is a challenging matter and the management noted and will act on it.     Non-civil servant contract, JD of employees' information is all available at the Ministry of Finance, particularly Treasury.     For issues of the Ministry of Health Workers, all documents are available at the Ministry of of the Ministry of the Ministry of Health Workers, all documents are available at the Ministry of of the Ministry of the Mi



Ref	Findings	Risk	Priority	Recommendation	Management Responses &Proposed Actions
	were internally generated documents such as commitment payment orders, payment request forms, and the paying cheques (Bisan and bank cheque). Details are found in Appendix 1.4  Criteria:  a) Payroll processing- section 5.1.3.2 of Instruction D- Budget Execution regulations, payroll and salary payment should be support by detailed documentation.  b) Best practice requires that salaries and wages should be paid through minimal risk – avoid cash payments where there are alternative less risky methods.				Finance and OAG should work with the relevant departments closely regarding Contracts and staff.  • We noted that the issue you raised on point 4 amounting \$663,400(31% of total daily meals all audit-supported documents are available at the MOF and were presented during the Audit process.  Implementation Date:  Auditor Comment:



### 6. Procurement

Ref	Findings	Risk	Priority	Recommendation	Management Responses &Proposed Actions
6.1	Weaknesses in procurement process				
	During our audit we noted Various gaps in the procure to pay process which include and not limted to the following;  • procurement policy does not have stipulated guidelines on the composition and number of the procurement committee  • procurement committee  • procurement plan.  • Prequalification of suppliers for goods and services is not done  • Requirements for competitive procurement process has not been complied and several instances of unjustified single sourcing have been noted. Details provided under Appendix 1.5  Criteria:  Article 4 of SWSS procurement policy provides the guidelines for the procurement of goods and services as follows;  a) Sole and Single-Sourcing; this is to be undertaken in the following circumstances; When there is an existing contract for goods, works or non-consultant services, awarded as per the procedure acceptable to SWSS, Standardization of equipment or spare parts to	Lack of application of competitive procurement procedures poses the risk of SWSS not benefitting from the best value for money for the taxpayers and donor's money. In addition, lack of adherence to set procurement procedures may lead to malpractice in the procurement process.  Risk of lack of fairness in awarding government contracts.	High	Competitive procurement procedures should be adhered to as per the guidelines.  The Ministry should ensure procurement for goods and services carried out in accordance with the procurement policy. Where single sourcing is done, a justification should be documented.  We also recommend that policy reviewed updated with guidelines stipulating the composition and number of members that should form the procurement committee.  MOF Procurement department should take measures to strengthen control by ensuring that annual procurement plan is prepared and regularly pre-qualify its suppliers.	Procurement policy identified the composition and the number of committee.      Its true that, there is no procurement committee in placed so far.      All companies who doe business with the Ministry of finance are advertised and prequalification of supplies were always done in accordance with the PFM Act.      The management has noted and will act on it, For the issues of not complying in



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Ref	Findings	Risk	Priority	Recommendation	Management Responses &Proposed Actions
	be compatible with existing equipment, when the required equipment is proprietary and is obtainable only from one source, in exceptional cases, such as in response to natural disasters and when the value of the contract is one thousand United States Dollars				terms of the competitive process and the use of unjustified single sourcing.
	<ul> <li>(USD1,000) or less.</li> <li>b) Shopping method– purchases less than USD 10,000; require a minimum of three quotes and price analysis done.</li> </ul>				Implementation Date: January 2025.
	<ul> <li>c) The competitive procurement process involving public tendering will be undertaken for purchases above USD 10,000.</li> </ul>				



## 7. Fixed assets

Ref	Findings	Risk	Priority	Recommendation	Management Responses & Actions						
7.1	1 Weaknesses identified in the management of fixed assets										
	During our audit we noted a number of weaknesses were identified which may not be limited to the following;  ✓ Lack of centralized fixed asset register  ✓ Fixed assets are not tagged.  ✓ And no evidence for periodic assets verification procedures.  Criteria:  Fixed assets are critical wealth of the government. Fixed assets should be controlled through tracking and maintaining an organization's physical assets and equipment. Asset types include vehicles, computers, furniture and machinery	Lack of a comprehensive fixed assets register could lead to the difficulty in accounting of the assets as well as the susceptibility of the assets to theft or misplacement	Medium	Centralised assets register should be established and updated. This should include all government property both movable and immovable.  The SWSS should ensure that all assets are tagged with a unique identification code.  An asset maintenance schedule be maintained and followed, and all broken but useful pieces of assets be regularly repaired and put into good use.  There should be regular physical verification exercise on the assets, the results of which should be updated in the Centralized assets register.	Responsible Officer:  • Currently, the asset management system is not properly functional and the Ministry of Finance is looking for an alternative option to manage government assets.  Implementation Date: Next year 2025.						



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### 8. FOLLOW UP OF PRIOR YEAR RECOMMENDATIONS

Reference No. on the external audit Report	Issue / Observations from Auditor	Management comments	Focal Point person to resolve the issue	Status:	Timeframe:



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## 9. Appendixes

	Voucher	Funder/Clie	Currency	Fund	Ministry/Age	Location	Project	Funder/Client	Cr. Amount	Descrition
	23/00000448 RV		USD	1100000	040000	1101	000000	Ministry of Interior and Local Goverment		Road user tax
	23/00002057 RV	030000	USD	1100000	030000	1101	000000	Ministry of Finance	15,503.65	
	23/00000448 RV		USD	1100000	040000	1101	000000	Ministry of Interior and Local Government		livestock fees
	23/00002876 RV		USD	1100000	030000	1101	000000	Ministry of Finance	15,000.00	
	23/00001996 RV		USD	1100000	120000	1101	000000	Ministry of Education		Examination fees
	23/00003249 RV		USD	1100000	040000	1101	000000	Ministry of Interior and Local Government		Road user tax
/08/2023	23/00002783 RV 23/00000882 RV	030000	USD	1100000 1100000	030000 270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Finance Ministry of Transport and Airport	10,000.00	Landing fees
	23/000003903 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000		7,000.00	
	23/00003903 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport Ministry of Transport and Airport	7,000.00	
	23/00002333 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport	7,000.00	
	23/000004341 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport	7,000.00	
	23/000003249 RV		USD	1100000	040000	1101	000000	Ministry of Interior and Local Government		livestock fees
	23/00003243 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport		Landing fees
	23/00004332 RV		USD	1100000	030000	1101	000000	Ministry of Finance	6,250.00	
	23/00002192 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport		Landing fees
	23/00001815 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport		Landing fees
	23/00002861 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport		Landing fees
	23/00002696 RV		USD	1100000	020000	1101	000000	Ministry of Juctice	6,000.00	
	23/00001713 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport	6,000.00	
	23/00002078 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport	6,000.00	
	23/00001073 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport	6,000.00	
	23/00002971 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport	5,100.00	Landing fees
	23/00002389 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport		Landing fees
	23/00002439 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport		Landing fees
	23/00001396 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport		Landing fees
	23/00004379 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport	5,000.00	Landing fees
	23/00000917 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport	5,000.00	Landing fees
/10/2023	23/00003693 RV	270000	USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport	5,000.00	Landing fees
/09/2023	23/00003265 RV	270000	USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport	5,000.00	Landing fees
/01/2023	23/00000207 RV	270000	USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport	5,000.00	Landing fees
/04/2023	23/00001316 RV	270000	USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport	5,000.00	Landing fees
/07/2023	23/00002498 RV	270000	USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport	5,000.00	Landing fees
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/08/2023	23/00002781 RV	270000	USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport	5,000.00	Landing fees
	23/00002051 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport		Landing fees
	23/00000323 RV		USD	1100000	080000	1101	080201	Patrolim & Miniral Resource- Staff		institutional donations
	23/00000722 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport		Landing fees
	23/00001771 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport		Landing fees
	23/00000244 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport		Landing fees
	23/00002017 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport	5,000.00	Landing fees
	23/00000170 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport		Landing fees
	23/00000764 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport		Landing fees
	23/00002074 RV		USD	1100000	250000	1101	000000	Ministry of Labour & Employment	4,600.00	Work permit taxes
	23/00003470 RV		USD	1100000	030000	1301	000000	Ministry of Finance		Road user tax
	23/00003343 RV		USD	1100000	030000	1301	000000	Ministry of Finance		Road user tax
	23/00003275 RV		USD	1100000	030000	1301	000000	Ministry of Finance	4,022.00	
	23/00003061 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport	4,000.00	
	23/00004189 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport	4,000.00	
	23/00002407 RV		USD	1100000	030000	.00.	000000	Ministry of Finance		Road user tax
	23/00003198 RV 23/00002952 RV		USD	1100000	030000	1301 1301	000000	Ministry of Finance		Road user tax
				1100000	030000			Ministry of Finance		Road user tax
	23/00002187 RV		USD	1100000	030000	1301	000000	Ministry of Finance	3,523.00	
	23/00002520 RV 23/00003396 RV		USD	1100000 1100000	030000	1301 1301	000000	Ministry of Finance		Road user tax Road user tax
	23/00003396 RV 23/00003666 RV		USD	1100000	030000	1301	000000	Ministry of Finance		Road user tax
	23/00003666 RV 23/00002857 RV	030000	USD	1100000	030000	1301	000000	Ministry of Finance		
			USD	1100000	250000	1101	000000		3,352.00 3,146.00	
	23/00002775 RV 23/00003648 RV		USD	1100000	030000	1301	000000	Ministry of Labour & Employment Ministry of Finance	3,003.00	
	23/00003648 RV 23/00003922 RV		USD	1100000	250000	1301	000000	Ministry of Finance Ministry of Labour & Employment		Work permit taxes
	23/00003922 RV 23/00002632 RV		USD	1100000	030000	1301	000000	Ministry of Eabour & Employment  Ministry of Finance		Road user tax
	23/00002632 RV 23/00003281 RV		USD	1100000	250000	1101	000000	Ministry of Finance Ministry of Labour & Employment		Work permit taxes
	23/00003281 RV 23/00003680 RV		USD	1100000	030000	1101	000000	Ministry of Finance	2,825.00	
	23/00003614 RV		USD	1100000	030000	1101	000000	Ministry of Finance		Buildings
/01/2023	23/00003614 RV 23/00000134 RV	030000	USD	1100000	030000	1301	000000	Ministry of Finance	2,795.00	
	23/00000134 RV		USD	1100000	030000	1101	000000	Ministry of Finance	2,533.00	
	23/000002047 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Transport and Airport	2,500.00	Landing fees
	23/00000381 RV 23/00003365 RV		USD	1100000	030000	1101	000000	Ministry of Finance	2,388.00	Buildings
			USD	1100000	120000	1000	000000			
	23/00001625 RV 23/00004772 RV		USD	1100000	270000	1101	000000	Ministry of Education Ministry of Transport and Airport	2,280.00	Examination fees Landing fees
	23/00004772 RV 23/00003142 RV		USD	1100000	030000	1301	000000	Ministry of Finance		Road user tax
	23/00003142 RV		USD	1100000	030000	1301	000000	Ministry of Finance		Road user tax
	23/00003263 RV 23/00003668 RV		USD	1100000	030000	1307	000000	Ministry of Finance		Road user tax
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Date	Voucher No.	Decription	Amount US \$
20/02/2023	23/00000256 PV	VEHICLE RENT	4,140
30/12/2023	23/00002491 PV	Buildings other than dwellings	6,937
27/02/2023	23/0000341 PV	VEHICLE RENT	9,360
27/02/2023	23/00000347 PV	diasel oil	4,000
20/05/2023	22 /00000812 BV	Buildings other than dwellings	1 800
02/09/2023	23/0000813 PV 23/00001574 PV	LOCAL CONFIRENCE	1,800 2,640
21/06/2023	23/00001036 PV	Office rent	3,000
17/06/2023	23/00001017 PV	VEHICLE RENT	3,000
31/12/2023	23/00002516 PV	internet fees	6,600
25/10/2023	23/00001873 PV	VEHICLE RENT	3,000
04/05/2023 30/12/2023	23/0000696 PV 23/00002493 PV	VEHICLE RENT internet fees	3,000 3,100
25/09/2023	23/00001677 PV	diasel oil	3,000
26/09/2023	23/00001682 PV	diasel oil	3,000
26/12/2023	23/00002424 PV	Fees for service provided	41,417
01/06/2023	23/00000957 PV	Fees for service provided	17,550
12/07/2023 26/07/2023	23/00001165 PV 23/00001240 PV	Fees for service provided  M and Reapers for Building	15,600 21,394
29/10/2023	23/00001240 PV 23/00001947 PV	Internal Trave	3,360
16/08/2023	23/00001445 PV	Internal Trave	13,385
17/12/2023	23/00002334 PV	INTERNAL TRAVEL	12,590
17/12/2023	23/00002335 PV	INTERNAL TRAVEL	8,268
17/12/2023	23/00002333 PV	INTERNAL TRAVEL	8,768
30/11/2023 30/11/2023	23/00002168 PV 23/00002171 PV	INTERNAL TRAVEL INTERNAL TRAVEL	2,896 5,148
23/07/2023	23/000021/1 PV 23/00001219 PV	INTERNAL TRAVEL	13,230
27/02/2023	23/00000342 PV	Internal Travel	4,000
31/05/2023	23/00000918 PV	Internal Travel	4,000
08/11/2023	23/00002011 PV	Internal Travel	7,600
28/12/2023 13/08/2023	23/00002480 PV 23/00001430 PV	Internal Travel Internal Travel	6,350
31/08/2023	23/00001570 PV	EXTERNAL travel	10,640 2,520
30/11/2023	23/00002173 PV	internal travel	2,896
10/05/2023	23/00000757 PV	Internal Travel	2,400
04/03/2023	23/00000367 PV	Internal Travel	13,728
20/05/2023 07/08/2023	23/00000825 PV 23/00001384 PV	INTERNAL TRAVEL G-suite	72,050 4,800
08/11/2023	23/00002000 PV	office rent	3,000
13/11/2023	23/00002036 PV	REFESHMENT	2,700
10/06/2023	23/00000985 PV	TV AND NEWSPAPERS	12,000
05/02/2023	23/00000155 PV	statellite	7,000
12/07/2023	23/00001159 PV	VEHICLE RENT	11,505
21/06/2023 26/07/2023	23/00001038 PV 23/00001239 PV	Fees for service provided  M and Reapers for Building	2,600 19.971
25/06/2023	23/00001067 PV	G-suite	3,200
17/12/2023	23/00002336 PV	VEHICLE RENT	3,000
28/12/2023	23/00002481 PV	REFESHMENT	3,967
01/10/2023	23/00001726 PV	diasel and oil	24,000
05/09/2023 24/09/2023	23/00001589 PV 23/00001675 PV	diasel and oil diasel and oil	5,000 2,700
22/10/2023	23/00001851 PV	REFESHMENT	2,250
09/09/2023	23/00001607 PV	REFESHMENT	2,100
30/01/2023	23/00000117 PV	Publication	3,300
02/03/2023	23/00000162 JOURNAL	REFESHMENT	2,165
12/07/2023	23/00001160 PV 23/00000703 PV	REFESHMENT	26,905
05/04/2023 08/05/2023	23/0000703 PV 23/0000737 PV	Publication  Desiel and Oil	50,000 7,000
08/04/2023	23/00000550 PV	VEHICLE RENT	6,500
27/07/2023	23/00001291 PV	MEDICIAL SUPPELIES	35,000
01/11/2023	23/00001980 PV	IOCAL CONFIRENCE	2,880
17/09/2023	23/00001645 PV 23/00001030 PV	VEHICLE RENT	2,250
20/06/2023 25/10/2023	23/00001030 PV 23/00001862 PV	REFESHMENT REFESHMENT	33,144 37,897
08/02/2023	23/0000166 PV	REFESHMENT	10,600
04/01/2023	23/00000010 PV	REFESHMENT	25,640
03/01/2023	23/00000004 PV	REFESHMENT	10,520
04/02/2023	23/00000143 PV	VEHICLE RENT	3,060
08/02/2023	23/00000165 PV	REFESHMENT	8,500
25/10/2023 02/11/2023	23/00001863 PV 23/00001987 PV	Material and supplies  Extention of Barwaqo market	10,197 55,900
28/12/2023	23/00001987 PV 23/00002484 PV	Extention of Barwaqo market Buildings other than dwellings	62,829
11/07/2023	23/00001157 PV	3rd Installment 10%	5,810
19/09/2023	23/00001658 PV	Machinery and equipment not elsewhere	cl 17,394
27/11/2023	23/00002120 PV	Machinery and equipment not elsewhere	
28/12/2023 03/05/2023	23/00002485 PV 23/0000693 PV	Buildings other than dwellings Buildings other than dwellings	176,310 9,050
17/09/2023	23/00001644 PV	Machinery and equipment not elsewhere	
13/07/2023	23/00001170 PV	Machinery and equipment not elsewhere	
25/12/2023	23/00002374 PV	Machinery and equipment not elsewhere	
20/06/2023	23/00001032 PV	Machinery and equipment not elsewhere	el 15,430
08/04/2023	23/00000551 PV	Machinery and equipment not elsewhere	
10/08/2023	23/00001409 PV	Machinery and equipment not elsewhere	
19/07/2023 05/07/2023	23/00001183 PV 23/00001135 PV	AFRICAN CHILD  Information, computer, and telecommunications	50 nie 700
05/07/2023	23/00001135 PV 23/00000372 PV	Information, computer, and telecommur  Machinery and equipment not elsewhere	
,,	23/00001869 PV	Machinery and equipment not elsewhere	
25/10/2023	23/00001869 PV		2,800



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Date	Voucher No.	Decription	Amount US \$	
09/11/2023	23/00002025 PV	Fees for service provided	41,416.67	
06/04/2023	23/00000542 PV	REFESHMENT	2,700.00	
21/01/2023	23/00000067 PV	internet fees	8,000.00	
10/05/2023	23/00000760 PV	VEHICLE RENT	2,520.00	
04/05/2023	23/00000700 PV	VEHICLE RENT	6,960.00	
02/11/2023	23/00001986 PV	REFESHMENT	82,000.00	
27/07/2023	23/00001290 PV	LOCAL CONFIRENCE	70,748.00	
23/12/2023	23/00002361 PV	Fees for service provided	200,000.00	
03/10/2023	23/00001741 PV	Medical supply	195,000.00	
03/10/2023	23/00001741 PV	Local Confirence	200,000.00	
27/07/2023	23/00001291 PV	Ministry of Health	168,748.00	
02/10/2023	23/00001736 PV	Local Confirence	210,000.00	
03/10/2023	23/00001743 PV	Internal Travel	165,000.00	
03/10/2023	23/00001741 PV	Internal Travel	180,000.00	
11/09/2023	23/00001612 PV	EXTERNAL travel	4,376.80	
02/05/2023	23/00000690 PV	EXTERNAL travel	2,626.00	
20/05/2023	23/00000812 PV	Second Installment for 40%	23,240.00	
20/02/2023	23/00000266 PV	Wells & water holes (construction) for BIYOO	28,968.28	
13/02/2023	23/00000180 PV	Wells and Water holes (Construction) MoEWF	79,579.85	
13/02/2023	23/00000181 PV	Fees for service provided, Blot demonstration	20,000.00	
			1,691,883.60	



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Date	Voucher No.	Decription	Amount US \$	Findings
09/05/2023	23/00000751 PV	Daily meals	10,000.00	
14/05/2023	23/00000794 PV	Daily meals	7,000.00	Voucher  No procurement process, no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept
				Voucher
14/11/2023	23/00002044 PV	Daily meals	2,300.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
21/11/2023	23/00002086 PV	Daily meals	4,900.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
13/11/2023	23/00002032 PV	Daily meals	2,700.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
04/11/2023	23/00001994 PV	Daily meals	68,900.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept
04/11/2023	23/00001995 PV	Daily meals	48,000.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
21/01/2023	23/00000064 PV	Daily meals	5,000.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
09/01/2023	23/00000033 PV	Daily meals	9,600.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
19/01/2023	23/00000063 PV	Daily meals	14,400.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
15/01/2023	23/00000046 PV	Daily meals	9,400.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
	23/00001236 PV	Daily meals	2,800.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept
08/07/2023	23/00001148 PV	Daily meals	3,500.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
02/10/2023	23/00001734 PV	Daily meals	200,000.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
10/08/2023	23/00001405 PV	Daily meals	2,000.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
15/08/2023	23/00001441 PV	Daily meals	7,400.00	No procurement process, no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept
17/08/2023	23/00001447 PV	Daily meals	4,500.00	Voucher No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
12/08/2023	23/00001420 PV	Daily meals	8,200.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
04/03/2023	23/00000363 PV	Daily meals	91,400.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
19/08/2023	23/00001448 PV	Daily meals	3,000.00	No procurement process, no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept
06/12/2023	23/00002224 PV	Daily meals	800.00	Voucher No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
04/09/2023	23/00001587 PV	Daily meals	3,500.00	
04/06/2023	23/00000961 PV	Daily meals	70,700.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
06/09/2023	23/00001593 PV	Daily meals	23,300.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
26/06/2023	23/00001089 PV	Daily meals	9,900.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
07/06/2023	23/00000978 PV	Daily meals	10,300.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
13/06/2023	23/00001000 PV	Daily meals	9,000.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
09/12/2023	23/00002285 PV	Daily meals	500.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
04/12/2023	23/00002209 PV	Daily meals	6,800.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
12/12/2023	23/00002311 PV	Daily meals	4,000.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
	23/00002326 PV	Daily meals	1,500.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
23/12/2023	23/00002360 PV	Daily meals	3,200.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
23/03/2023	23/00000457 PV	Daily meals	6,200.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
12/11/2023	23/00002030 PV	Daily meals	4,000.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
28/10/2023	23/00001944 PV	Daily meals	4,700.00	No procurement process , no delivery note, No recived note, no Reciept Voucher
·			663,400.00	



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## Appendix 1.5

Supplier	Category of goods and services	Finding	Frequency of work with government	Contract value— USD
Sihaam General Trading Company	MEDICIAL SUPPELIES	Lack of procurement bid analysis and wrong Procurement procedures	High	477,497
ARAN GENERAL SERVICE & LOGISTICS COMPANY	Non	Lack of procurement bid analysis and wrong Procurement procedures	High	168,748
SAHRA GENERAL SERVICE COMPANY	Machinery and equipment not elsewhere classified	Lack of procurement bid analysis	High	69,875.34
MODOREN SUPPLY AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	Buildings other than dwellings	Lack of procurement bid analysis	High	176,310
Laamiya Logistics and Supply	Internal Travel	Lack of procurement bid analysis	High	180,000
Best Fly Travel Agency	Internal Travel	Lack of procurement	High	165,000
ALPHA GENERAL TRANDING & CONSTRUCTION COP	Buildings other than dwellings	Wrong Procurement procedures	High	134,733