

# Institute for Strategic Insights and Research

## Quarterly Report

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Reporting period: October 2024-February 2025

### 1. Short Introduction

**Provide short description of the report, timing and purpose not more than one paragraph**

The report detailed the activities carried out this quarter in line with the work plan. This quarter included various initiatives such as the Xidhibaanka La Shaah, the second quarter coordination meeting for CSOs, the publication of quarterly articles, and regular postings on the Gole Watch platform regarding the activities of the House of Representatives.

### Project Updates

#### 2. Key Activities Completed/Achievements (bullet points)

- Activity 1 Xidhibaanka La Shaah Event
- Activity 2 Second Quarter for CSOs coordination meeting
- Activity 3 Quarterly Articles
- Activity 4 Gole Watch Posting Website, Twitter and Facebook
- Activity 5 Mzalendo Work Shop

#### 3. Stakeholder Engagement

- **Meetings/Events: List significant meetings, workshops, or events organized /attended with CSO, parliament or citizens**

### Xidhibaanka La Shaah Event

On November 27, an event called LA Shaah Xidhibaanka was organized to connect MPs with citizens to discuss current issues. Honorable Mohamed Kodbur was the guest speaker and provided a detailed explanation of the functions of the House of Representatives, as well as the challenges faced during their term. He emphasized the importance of every citizen understanding the role of the House of Representatives, as MPs are representatives of the people, advocating for their rights.

He also discussed the various acts passed by the House of Representatives during this term and highlighted the need for more legislation to effectively manage the country's administration.

Participants raised questions about current issues concerning the House of Representatives, emphasizing that MPs do not fully represent their constituents' needs. Instead, they often focus on political matters, leading to tensions between executive politics. Some MPs support the government, while others oppose it, resulting in political discord and undermining the essential functions of the House of Representatives.

## **Mzaledo Training**

ISIR institute staff underwent three days of training on parliamentary oversight, which aids in monitoring the functions of Parliament and understanding the tools and indicators used in this process. Mzalendo will provide a comprehensive manual to support parliamentary oversight efforts.

## **CSOs Quarterly Coordination Meetings**

During the second quarter, the CSOs network convened to review the action points from the previous meeting and discuss future directions.

### **Institute for Practical Research and Training (ISIR):**

ISIR led the coordination meeting and highlighted the activities undertaken during the quarter. They emphasized the importance of the CSOs network and the creation of this platform, which helps align CSOs in their activities.

### **Center for Democracy and Governance (CDG):**

CDG presented the activities carried out during this quarter, primarily focusing on organized debates addressing current issues. They hosted discussions on the Ethiopia-Somaliland MOU, political participation in Somaliland, the relationship between Turkey and Somaliland, and the Somaliland election debate. These debates aim to inform Somaliland citizens about relevant topics and encourage them to ask questions of the scholars involved.

### **Institute for Practical Research and Training (IPRT):**

IPRT plans to conduct debates this year and continue their activities, inviting MPs to engage with their constituents and connect citizens with their elected representatives. They also intend to maintain their collaboration with the House of Representatives.

### **SOYDAVO:**

SOYDAVO continues its work with the House of Representatives and is part of the CSOs advocating for the passage of the FGM Act. This year, they plan to conduct debates with MP participation, focusing on current issues that citizens need more information about.

- **Stakeholder Feedback: Summary feedback from stakeholders,**

The feedback from stakeholders was positive; they welcomed the Gole Watch platform. The website serves as a valuable source of information for stakeholders regarding Parliament and current issues arising in the House of Representatives.

Two secretaries of house of representative committees are participating in CSOs coordination meeting which demonstrates building relation to the CSOs and house of representatives committee.

- **Collaboration: state if there any collaboration efforts with other CSO**

Civil society organizations have agreed to establish Terms of Reference (TOR) to define how they can support one another. To prevent duplication of efforts and activities, CSOs are collaborating to create a TOR that clarifies their roles. The primary activity that CSOs are focusing on is organizing debates, and they are planning how to assist each other in choosing topics that are significant to the community.

#### 4. Communication & Visibility

- **Publications/Media: indicate if there are any articles published or media coverage (provide links here)**

- Two articles were published on the Gole Watch website, both focusing on the House of Representatives. One article highlights the functions and challenges of the House of Representatives, while the other discusses the new cabinet government nominees and the vetting process. This process involves the House of Representatives vetting and approving the ministries of the new government, voting on each nominee. According to the Constitution and the acts of Parliament, the House of Representatives has the authority to approve or dismiss the ministries appointed by the president.

<https://golewatch.com/en/functions-and-challenges-of-house-of-representatives/>

[Somaliland New Government Cabinet: Nomination and Vetting Process – Gole Watch](#)

- **Social Media Activity: Summary of social media activity related to the activity**

**Infographics** An infographic was published primarily focusing on the functions of the House of Representatives to help ordinary people understand its role. The infographic was shared online during the two days of vetting and approving the new government cabinet, during which the House of Representatives voted and heard the CVs and speeches of each cabinet member before the representatives.

**Disseminating Information:** Information was disseminated from the House of Representatives, including details about holidays, the approval of new cabinet appointments, and other announcements made by the House to keep citizens informed.

Branding/Visibility: describe if there are any visibilities being used, approved received from NIMD (provide photos of the visibilities printed)

**No visibilities**

## 5. Limitation/challenges

Getting MPs to participate in events is challenging. They often do not fully understand the primary issue, which is to engage with citizens and provide information about the House of Parliament; they seem to assume that citizens are interviewing and asking political questions.

## 6. Recommendations/next activities

- **Planned Activities: here provide the planned activities for the next reporting period**
  - Quarterly debates
  - Quarterly Article
  - CSOs coordination meeting
  - Xildhibaanka La shah
  - Posting Gole Watch platforms
- **Recommendations: provide any recommendations**

To strengthen the networking of civil society organizations (CSOs) and enhance the capacity of the established CSO network it is good to provide training about parliament oversights to enhance their capacity.

## Outcome Harvest

No outcome harvests

## 7. Annexes

- Annex. Success stories
- Annex. photos (provide high quality photos, printed visibility material)



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CSOs Coordination Meeting



Mzalendo Training



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La Shaah Xildhibanka Event



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# The House of Representatives approved 9 Ministers.



# The House of Representatives approved 17 Vice Ministers.



# The House of Representatives approved 3 ministers of state

