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Challenges Faced in Governance Practice in Somali Government Public Sector Institutions

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Abstract

This study examined the challenges encountered in governance practice in Somali government public institutions, especially the deeply looked at the relationship between governance and debt relieving, and the role of governance in the performance of improving public institutions that enables successful administration should reward debt for governance. The study explores a mixed-methods approach involving both quantitative and qualitative research approaches. The population for this study was 300 from 8 public institutions in the federal government of Somalia, with the sample size of 171. The primary data was gathered through a questionnaire distributed to 171 participants using a face-to-face data collection tool, where 171 questionnaires were returned successfully, as well as a key informant interview with 15 top and senior managers. The data was analyzed with descriptive statistics using SPSS packages for social science, whereas qualitative data gathered through interview content was analyzed. The findings show that weak governance practices exist in Somali government public institution sectors; they have clear, consistent visions of governance through different levels of public institutions. The major challenges encountered in public sector institutions in governance practice were a lack of comprehensive engagement with different stakeholders, insufficient awareness, no patriotic politicians, poor social cohesion, a lack of adequate training of civil servants, inept visionary leadership, and an inflexible and top-down approach as major challenges in successful governance practices. The research highlighted that resource constraints, politician self-interest, and limited stakeholder involvement are other significant barriers to good governance planning in public institutions, mirroring our findings that deficiencies in stakeholder engagement and resource allocation are other major challenges in Somali government public institutions. The study recommends enhancing the involvement of different level stakeholders in setting governing politics, matching budget and strategic objectives, improving communication and trainings supporting adaptable leadership, finally implementing effective monitoring and evaluation mechanism to make ensure that governance objectives achieved to enhance good governance strategic management in Somali government public institution sectors.

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Introduction

The history of Somalia as a nation is characterized by conflict, a poor governing system, ignorance, and malpractice (Adan, 2022). Somebody may even assert that the major current situation that exist in the context of Somalia since, in the 1960s, a series of civil wars, bad administration, inept leaders, cruel and ruthless politicians plagued the nation. From 1960 to 1991, Somalia's governance transitioned from a civilian, parliamentary republic to a military dictatorship under General Siad Barre, ultimately leading to a state collapse and civil war. The first stage: The civil governments, during the era of His Excellency the President (Adam Abdali Osman 1960-1967) and the era (Abdul Rashid Ali Sharmarki from 1967 until he was assassinated in 1969). The second stage: the military government (1969-1991) under the reign of President Mohamed Siad Barre. Little is known this issues.

Here's are some brief detailed breakdown:
Early Years (1960-1969):

Independence

Somalia achieved independence on July 1, 1960, through the merger of British Somaliland and Italian Somaliland, forming the Somali Republic.

Civilian Government

Aden Abdullah Osman Daar became the first president, and Abdirashid Ali Shermarke served as prime minister, later becoming president himself in 1967.

Constitutional Referendum

A new constitution was approved in a referendum on June 20, 1961, establishing a unitary state and a parliamentary system.

Political Parties

The Somali Youth League (SYL) and the Socialist National Congress (SNC) were the main political parties during this period.

Military Coup and Dictatorship (1969-1991):

Coup d'état

On October 15, 1969, President Abdirashid Ali Shermarke was assassinated, and six days later, General Mohamed Siad Barre seized power in a military coup.

Military Rule

Barre established a military regime, suspending the constitution, dissolving parliament, and banning political parties.

Supreme Revolutionary Council (SRC)

Barre formed the Supreme Revolutionary Council (SRC), which ruled as the supreme authority.

Totalitarian Regime

The SRC became increasingly totalitarian and arbitrary, leading to widespread civil resistance and eventually a civil war.

Nationalization and Foreign Policy

The new regime nationalized industries and land, and shifted foreign policy towards the Arab world, joining the Arab League in 1974.

Ogaden War

In 1977, Somalia invaded the Ogaden region of Ethiopia, leading to a conflict that resulted in the expulsion of Somali forces with the help of Soviet advisors and Cuban troops.

Suppression of Opposition

Barre's regime cracked down on opposition, arresting and executing officials suspected of involvement in coup attempts.

Clan Divisions

Barre's regime exploited historical clan divisions, further fueling unrest and resistance movements.

Resistance Movements

By the mid-1980s, various resistance movements, supported

by Ethiopia, emerged across the country.
State Collapse and Civil War (1991):

Ouster of Barre

In January 1991, Barre was ousted by combined northern and southern clan-based forces, leading to the collapse of the state and the outbreak of civil war.

Anarchy and Warlordism

The absence of a central government resulted in anarchy, with various warlords controlling different regions and engaging in inter-clan fighting.

For example, in 1991, after the central government had been defeated by some of the rural Hawiye militias, the country entered a longer period of darkness, which is seen to be very difficult to make a swift recovery after the Rwanda genocide in 1994. Between the fall of Siad Barre's government in January 1991 and the establishment of the Transitional National Government in 2006 (succeeded by the Transitional Federal Government), there was no central government in Somalia. Large areas of the country such as Puntland and Galmudug were internationally unrecognized and administered as autonomous regions of Somalia, while forces in the northwest declared the Republic of Somaliland. The remaining areas, including the capital Mogadishu, were divided into smaller territories ruled by competing faction leaders. During this period, Somalia has been cited as a real-world example of a stateless society and a country with no formal legal system (Source, 2024).

From 1991 to 2006, Somalia experienced a period of intense civil conflict following the overthrow of President Siad Barre, leading to the collapse of the central government and the rise of warlords and clan-based factions. The brief chronologic situation of Somalia between 1991 to 2006 could be:

1991: President Siad Barre is ousted, leading to a civil war and the collapse of the central government.

1992-1993: The UN intervenes with a humanitarian mission, but faces resistance and a battle in Mogadishu, leading to the withdrawal of the UN forces.

1995: UNOSOM leaves Somalia, and local political processes resume, with clans and factions consolidating their gains.

2000: A Transitional National Government (TNG) is established, but faces opposition and is unable to establish effective control.

2004: A new transitional government, the Transitional Federal Government (TFG), is formed, but remains based in Kenya due to insecurity in Somalia.

2006: The Islamic Courts Union (ICU) seizes control of Mogadishu and parts of southern Somalia, leading to an Ethiopian-backed intervention that topples the ICU.

However, in 2006 again Islamic Jihadist religious terrorist Malatias was established in the nation, namely Al-Shabaab and Hisbul-Islam; habitually, killing the people of Somalia turns into meaningless, and without knowing why somebody is killing and massacring the other entire civilians. Good governance requires consultation to understand the different interests of stakeholders to reach a broad consensus of what is in the best interest of the entire stakeholder group and how this can be achieved sustainably and prudently minorities and vulnerable people must be respected Since 2017 governance of Somalia was attained social participation. The Governance is attentive to the needs of all community

members and residents who are deeply engaged in collective decision making are hallmarks of a community that supports upward mobility. A responsive local government empowers the people it serves by ensuring their concerns are addressed (bank, Last Updated: Feb 26, 2024).

Meaning of Governance

Governance practice refers to the formal and informal arrangements that determine how public decisions are made and how public actions are carried out from the perspective of maintaining a country's constitutional values. Governance has been defined as a network of private nongovernmental bodies that have a role to play in the formulation and implementation of public policy and the delivery of public services. Governance is government plus the private and their (not-for-profit) sectors (Ali, 2017). Stoker (1998:17) asserts that good governance —is ultimately concerned with creating the conditions for ordered rule and collective action. In addition, Choudary and Stoker (2009:3) emphasize that governance is about the rules of collective decision-making in settings with a plurality of actors or organizations and where formal control system can dictate the terms of the relationship between these actors and organizations.

Good governance practice also establishes mechanisms for the inclusion of multiple social groups in decision-making processes, especially on a local level (Ali, 2017). According to (OECD, 2013), Good governance practice can be explained as participation, transparency, accountability, effectiveness, equity promoting rule of law. Regarding the (World Bank, 2003) institutions stressed that good governance practice is the key to successful and satisfactory efficiency that should thus be initiated and practiced within governmental institutions to achieve better performance (Ali, 2017). Good governance practice refers to the public administration process that maximizes the well-being of public interest.

Conflict

The conflict has been defined variously by scholars. To Holsti (1983:350) conflict is a particular relationship between states or rival factions within a state which implies subjective hostilities or tension manifested in subjective economic or military hostilities. Coser (1998) on his part views conflict as a struggle over values and claims to scarce status, power, and resources in which the aims of the conflicting parties are to injure or eliminate their rivals. Conflicts could, however, be violent or uncontrollable, dominant or recessive, resolvable or insolvable. This presupposes that violence is not an inherent aspect of conflict but rather a potential form that conflict may take (Omotosho, 2004:4). However, the causes of the Somali conflict have their roots both in local factors, including social, cultural, economic, and political traits of the Somalis, and external factors, including the geopolitical and strategic desire of Powers from inside and outside the Region. Since its beginning, however, the causes of the internal war in Somalia have remained a mystery for both Somalis and non-Somalis. The central question is, as Professor Ahmed Samatar (1993:69), stress one of the leading scholars in Somali studies, brilliantly puts it: why and how could this society, one of the few nations in the continent with one ethnic group, one culture, one language, and one religion, find itself in such parlous circumstances – verging on self-destruction (Adan, 2022)‘.

Elements of Governance Practice

Governance practice refers to the formal and informal arrangements that determine how public decisions are made and how public actions are carried out from the perspective of maintaining a country's constitutional values. Governance has been defined as a network of private non-governmental bodies that have a role to play in the formulation and implementation of public policy and the delivery of public services. Governance is government plus the private and third (not-for-profit) sectors (Ali, 2017). Stoker (1998:17) asserts that good governance —is ultimately concerned with creating the conditions for ordered rule and collective action. In addition, Choudary and Stoker (2009:3) emphasize that governance is about the rules of collective decision-making in settings with a plurality of actors or organizations and where no formal control system can dictate the terms of the relationship between these actors and organizations, thus the element of governance practice include participation and consensus oriented, accountability, transparency, effectiveness, efficiency, equity, equality, and promoting rule of law regarding the (World Bank, 2003).

a) Accountability & Transparency

Governance is accountable if the tenure in office depends on the actions of the executives. Accountability can be enforced through two distinct mechanisms. Governance is politically accountable when the subject to sanctions by citizens, that is if voters can remove incumbents from office when they extract rents over the amount voters see as justified. Since people do not observe most actions of governance directly, they make inferences about actions by observing their outcomes (Arroyo, C & Sirker, G, 2005). Accountability ensures actions and decisions taken by public officials are subject to oversight to guarantee that government initiatives meet their stated objectives and respond to the needs of the community they are meant to be benefiting, thereby contributing to better governance and poverty reduction (Sci., 14 September 2017). Evaluating the effectiveness of public officials or public bodies ensures that they are performing to their full potential, providing value for money in the provision of public services, instilling confidence in the governance, and being responsive to the community they are meant to be serving (Bovens, 2005).

In other words, According to the World Bank Report 2023, Somalia will promote good governance, accelerate the economic recovery and create jobs. In December 2023, Somalia reached the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative Completion Point, marking a significant milestone in its development. With it, Somalia achieved debt service savings of \$4.5 billion and got access to critical additional financial resources that will help Somalia strengthen its economy, reduce poverty, and promote job creation. Thus, the Accountability and Transparency of Somalia have increased from 2012 to present.

b) Effectiveness and Efficiency

Good governance practice means that the processes implemented by the organization to produce favorable results meet the needs of its stakeholders while making the best use of resources – human, technological, financial, natural, and environmental – at its disposal (Adan, 2022).

c) Responsive

Responsive public governance requires responding effectively and efficiently to people's real needs and desires.

This entails a responsibility to anchor policies, strategies, programs, activities, and resources, taking into account people's expectations, with particular attention paid to local variations and ambitions. As a result, Somalia's external debt fell from 64 % of GDP in 2018 to less than 6 % of GDP by the end of 2023, improving debt sustainability (bank, Last Updated: Feb 26, 2024).

d) **Participation Consensus Oriented**

Participation by both men and women, either directly or through legitimate representatives, is a key cornerstone of good governance. Participation needs to be informed and organized, including freedom of expression and assiduous concern for the best interests of the organization and society in general. Since 2017 the governance of Somalia has attained social participation. The Governance is attentive to the needs of all community members and residents who are deeply engaged in collective decision making are hallmarks of a community that supports upward mobility. A responsive local government empowers the people it serves by ensuring their concerns are addressed.

e) **The rule OF law**

According to (Antony 2012), the rule of law is a concept that describes the supreme authority of the law over governmental action and individual behavior. It corresponds to a situation where both the government and individuals are bound by the law and comply with it. It is the antithesis of tyrannical or arbitrary rule. The rule of law is defined in the Oxford English Dictionary as — the authority and influence of law in society, especially as a constraint on individual and institutional behavior hence the principle whereby all members of the society (including those in government) are considered equally subject to publicly disclosed legal codes and process (Leal-Arcas, 2014). However, we are a nation that has more than three decades of civil war, and before that, we had twenty-one years of dictatorship. Formally, the Somali justice system remains very fragile. Therefore, many people in Somalia continue to rely on traditional dispute-resolution mechanisms thus, clearly, there are so many challenges to overcome, and deepening the rule of law takes time (Organization, 2023).

Democracy

Democracy is a classic example of an 'essentially contested' concept (Gallie 1956) since there is not now, nor will there likely be, a final consensus on its definition or full content. Democracy is a system of government in which state power is vested in the people or the general population of a state. Nevertheless, there are certain features of democracy about which there is significant consensus and the world has countless examples of democratic practices that have existed over long periods of time and have now advanced across vast geographical spaces. However, Democracy is the only tool to facilitate Good Governance for spreading in all sections.

$$n = \frac{N}{1 + N(0.05)^2}$$

$$\text{Example: } n = \frac{300}{1 + 3000(0.05)^2} = \frac{300}{1 + 3000(0.0025)} = \frac{300}{1 + 0.75} = \frac{300}{1.75} = 171$$

Thus, the calculation sample size was **171** respondents. This sample was deemed sufficient to achieve statistical significance by ensuring the management of data collection

The idea that democracy is a form of governance based on some degree of popular sovereignty and collective decision-making remains largely uncontested. According to the United Nations, democracy "provides an environment that respects human rights and fundamental freedoms, and in which the freely expressed will of people is exercised. However, it is the concern over the additional features to this basic formulation that has produced significant and serious debate about the different definitions of democracy. For the purposes of this chapter, these definitions of democracy include procedural democracy, liberal democracy, and social democracy, which are now considered in turn (Landman, 2007).

2. Material and Methodology

A) Research approach

In this research the research used in both qualitative and quantitative research methods. Qualitative methods like key informants interview questions senior management, lower staff or civil servants those provided a nuanced understanding intricate involvement of governance strategies management within Somali public government institutions. Moreover, the quantitative approach enabled broader generalization of research findings through SPSS statistical analysis. The dual approach used in this study ensured vigorous obstacles faced in strategic management practice in Somali public sector institutions, due poor leadership system. The study adopted a correlation design which involved the collection of data from selected respondents at a single point in time in a given target population. The quantitative and qualitative approaches were used to describe and draw inferences and conclusions of the findings. Furthermore, the correlation was used to measure the relationships between the variables. This study soaked and critically analyses whether the significance of debt relief has been based on good governance practice performances.

B) Target population, sample size and Sampling techniques

The target population for this study consisted of nine (9) public sector institutions in the Somali federal government in Mogadishu, with a total of 300 employees. These institutions represent a broad section of public sector institutions in Mogadishu, the capital city, and the majority of the government employees' work in these institutions. The sample size for this study was calculated by using the SPSS formula, taking 5% of margin of errors and 95% confidence level, though the population number was available. Solving formula:

$$n = N / 1 + N (\alpha)^2$$

Where

n = sample size,

N = the sample framework /Total population (300)

α = the marginal of errors (0.05).

and analysis. The researcher employed a probability sampling technique. For the probability sampling technique, the study used stratified sampling, making stratum on each

and every institution, then employed simple random sampling, giving all employees at each specific institution an equal chance to contribute to the research. On the other hand, the study used non-probability sampling, specifically purposive sampling, to select individuals for key informant interviews based on their management level by focusing on top senior managers, as well as lower staff employees, to know their perspectives.

c). Data collection instrument

The primary data were employed to acquire details on the subject matter. The primary sources used to collect data were a questionnaire and then key informant interviews. The research distributed 171 questionnaires to civil servants, middle-level employees, and senior managers, and 10 key informant interviews were conducted with the lower civil servant staff and 15 key informants with senior managers. Moreover, the pilot testing was conducted to ensure that the questionnaires were clearly distributed. The approach was employed in this study to get rich and varied data, considering both quantitative and qualitative insights.

d). Ethical consideration

The study adhered to and observed all relevant ethical guidelines, ensuring confidentiality, informed consent of the respondents, and the right to withdraw from the study at any stage. Ethical considerations were paramount in safeguarding the rights and well-being of all participants by configuring the integrity of the research findings.

3. Results and Discussions

A) Introduction

In this unit, the researcher presented findings and analysis of the research. Data analysis is a very crucial part of conducting research. The chapter began with an overview of respondents demographic information, including sex, age, work grade level, education level, and work experience. The study was

conducted using a structured questionnaire to collect data, followed by an interview to verify the validity of the results and findings. Secondly, the chapter focuses on the presentation, deep interpretation, and analysis of the research questions, objectives, and findings, providing a strong analysis of strategic management challenges faced by public sector institutions.

b) Respondent Rate

The total population considered for the study was 300, from which a sample size of 171 was well utilized. The primary data of this study was gathered through a questionnaire and distributed to 171 civil servant employees, of which 100% (171) valid responses were returned to the researcher, and key informant interviews were conducted with 10 key informants with the lower civil servant staff and middle-level employees, while 15 key informants were interviewed with senior managers.

Table 1: Respondent Rate

Item	Description
Population	300
Sample size	171
Questionnaire distributed	171
Percentage of feedback	100%

- a. The percentage of respondents’ feedback was calculated by the total number of returned questionnaires divided by the number of distributed multiplied by a hundred.

c) Reliability Analysis

Cronbach’s alpha (α) is the most commonly used measurement for data reliability analysis. In this research, reliability analysis is used to determine the internal consistency with which the same data can be obtained in the same results.

Table 2: Reliability for Study Results

Research objective	Cronbach’s Alpha	N-Item	Interpretation
Strategic good governance practice in the public sector institutions	0.76	7	Good
Analyze causes of high debt burden of Somali federal government public institutions	0.81	7	Good
Assess the relationship between good governance practice and debt relieving	0.75	7	Good

- b. Reliability measured by Cronbach’s Alpha, values above 0.7, indicating “good” reliability.

Table 3: Framework of governance practices

S/N	Questions	N	Mean	Stand. deviation
1	There are participatory meetings when making political decisions.	171	2.8012	.84450
2	The government enacts accountability to control corruption.	171	2.7544	.83202
3	There is strong injustice in judicial procedures.	171	2.5906	.99216
4	There is transparency monitoring systems to limit fraud.	171	2.7427	.93519
5	There is improper responsiveness when natural disasters occur.	171	2.7719	.94591
6	There is effective and efficiency of utilizing natural resources.	171	2.5205	.04228
7	Public institutions of the government, there are equal Opportunities offering public service.	171	2.4503	.99507
	Valid N (list wise)	171		

The above (table 3) shows the analysis of strategic formulation in Somali governments’ public sector institutions, with a mean score of 2.8012 and a standard deviation of .84450, indicating moderate effectiveness in

participatory meetings when making political decisions. In terms of clarity, 138 out of 171 respondents were males, representing 80.7%, and 32 were females, in percentage 19.3%.

Table 4: Analyzing the causes of high debt burden

S/N	Questions	N	Mean	Stand. deviation
1	Imports are much more than domestic exports.	171	3.0292	1.00251
2	Corruption is a factor distorting economic performance.	171	3.0175	.87093
3	Higher inflation rates causes high debt burden.	171	2.8304	.83343
4	Long-term poor governance practices and leadership.	171	2.8889	.89077
5	Deficit mismanagement is basic reason caused debt burden.	171	2.9474	.86271
6	Less foreign debt repayment schedule.	171	2.8129	.90752
7	Huge inept political practices brought debt burden.	171	2.9298	.86486
8	Valid N (list wise)	171		

The table (4) above outlines the primary obstacles of high debt burden in public sector institutions of the Somali federal government, with a mean score of 3.0292 and a standard deviation of 1.00251. Resource constraints emerge as a major challenge, while the absence of adequate basic knowledge of governance practice evolution mechanisms was another significant factor contributing to the Somali government's

fragility, reflecting poor inclusive strategic development and inept leadership and ineffective leadership. Corruption was another factor distorting economic activities by reducing private and foreign direct investment, and how leadership gaps undermine governance strategic practice was a key issue considered.

Table 5: Relationship between governance practice and debt relieving

S/N	Questions	N	Mean	Stand. deviation
1	There is a linear pattern between public debt relieving and economic growth via governance practice.	171	2.7895	.86915
2	Debt forgiveness grants are conditioned upon the implementation of certain pre-determined reformations.	171	2.8896	.87746
3	Debt relief is associated with governance practices.	171	2.9532	.82471
4	Governance practice is related with debt relief.	171	2.9883	.95171
5	Higher levels of governance practices enable more effect of public debt relief.	171	3.0819	.80020
6	Debt relief programs increase economic growth and investment directly.	171	3.0175	.87093
7	All indicators of governance practices have significant effect on debt relief.	171	2.8480	.86108
8	Valid N (list wise)	171		

This table 6 analyzes the role and relationship of governance practice and debt relief in Somali public sector institutional performance, with a mean score of 2.7895 and a standard deviation of 0.8691. Regular evaluation of governance practice in the context of Somalis public institutional performance improvements and systematic approach to evaluate were rated moderately. As a later interviewee mentioned, there was a strong relationship between governance practice and debt relief. Debt relieve is multipurpose, not merely economic accumulation but also political progress, cultivating potential institutions or political conditionality.

4. Discussion

In this section, the discussion focuses on the findings of the study on governance practice, debt relief, and factors impeding these processes in Somali governments' public institutions. The findings of the research are compared with insights from literature to provide a comprehensive understanding of strategic management in governance practice in the context of federal government public sector institutions.

The first objective of the study was to examine governance practice. The findings revealed that the clarity of governance practice within Somali government public sector institutions is inconsistent. This indicates that Somali society understands the significance of good governance, but politicians do not, leading to unpredictable strategy, political interest, tribal promotion, and ineffective leadership. This result aligns with the argument that major challenges in public institutions of poor governing practice are a lack of comprehensive engagement with different stakeholders, which is essential for clarity and consistency. It has been highlighted that resource constraints, politician self-interest, and limited

stakeholder involvement are other significant barriers to good governance planning in public institutions, mirroring our findings that deficiencies in stakeholder engagement and resource allocation are major challenges in Somali government public institutions.

The second objective of the study focused on analyzing the causes of the high debt burden for Somali public institutions. The findings indicate that causes of high debt burden in Somali public sector institutions show negative impacts on institutional performance, remaining significantly impeding in areas such as monitoring and evaluation, resource allocation, role clarity, and leadership challenges and highlighting the need for strong, comprehensive improvements.

Finally, the third objective of the study explored and concentrated on the correlation between governance improvement and debt relief. The findings revealed that key factors hindering Somali public sector institutions were borrowing abroad amounts of money for the warlord area, first civil war start in 1991, then turn into clan proliferation since now. Another significant obstacle is viewed as poor domestic production, which is a very important aspect. Another of the major impeding features that may cause the Somali government to borrow money was consecutive droughts, which still underlie the people of Somalia. The least challenge causes Somalia to be badly indented is overspending, much of Somali civilians are not saving. Rostow's theory of economic implied, "People are poor because they don't save." However, the findings align with the identification of similar barriers in public institutions, including corrupted leadership. It has been underscored that the alignment and impact of effective leadership and governance constraints are crucial in reinforcing our findings in public sector institutions.

5. Conclusion

In the conclusion, the study has highlighted several critical areas where Somali government public institutions can improve their governance practices. The findings revealed that there are some established processes of improving governance practice starting from 2012, but still significant gaps remain in stakeholder engagement, governance constraints, and monitoring and evaluation mechanisms because one of the tools used by developed nations is to monitor ongoing leadership and administration. The study underscores the importance of using governance elements such as inclusiveness, effectiveness, efficiency, transparency, accountability, and rule of law, to enhance clarity and consistency across strong governing administration. The research also emphasizes the need for a complete national constitution and its implementation. Moreover, the study indicates rampant desire for good governance practices, effective communication, and regular training to create national patriotism leaders, and bureaucrats. The challenges identified in undertaking the study were rampant corruption, lack of rule of law, and ineffective leadership, highlighting the need for inclusive governance practice and visionary leaders to ensure greater Somalis and fostering crucial improvements.

Recommendations

Based on the findings of the research, several recommendations have been proposed to improve governance practice in Somali government public sector institutions:

- Develop inclusive governance practices that actively encourage all stakeholders to play a great leadership role and practice a democratic system to ensure citizen ownership alignment.
- Implement regular forums and feedback sessions to incorporate diverse perspectives into national strategic planning.
- Enhance good governance practices to promote a democratic system, protection of human rights law, and effective social development to build coherent societies.
- Provide a transitional justice framework as a means of addressing social integration, national reconciliation, and political stability; reduce international debts to enable the country's future prosperity.
- Establish various stakeholders among society who play their roles, such as elders, Islamic scholars, educationists, intellectuals, youth, and female associations, to take part in peace-seeking operations and security and promote tolerance to end fragility.
- Cultivate methods of disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration for previous warlords and inept leaders to recognize effective, capable, legitimate regulatory functions in the country.
- Allocate adequate financial and human expertise to those come up with a strong future development plan.
- Provide constant training on governance practice to equip young people with necessary skills and knowledge in the fields of leadership and governance.

Limitations

As we all know, accountability and transparency are key principles to fight corruption and achieve good governance in any country, especially in democratic governments, because these elements bring legitimacy and popular support from the

people. For example, the economics of the country cannot develop when citizens lack a sense of duty and accountability. Likewise, in creating an administration that will be responsive to the yearning and aspiration of the people by the government, the role of accountability and transparency cannot be overstressed. Most key problems the researcher found are as this.

a) Entrenched Leaders and abuse of term limits

On 14 February 2017, Somalia's president, Mohamed Abdullahi Farmajo, was the first president to attempt to extend his tenure beyond the constitutionally mandated limit, setting off violent protests across the country. Within this context, in the coming year, there is fear that the state president will face similar unrest as entrenched leaders seek to circumvent term limits.

b) Weak State Human Rights Mechanisms

The country leaders weakened the human rights protections; thus, the nation needs amendments that have yet to go into effect and respect. For example, the African Court of Human and Peoples Rights is tasked with enforcing the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights that guarantees citizens throughout Africa a broad array of fundamental freedoms.

c) Economic competitiveness

Somalia remains the least economically competitive state on the continent. Moreover, Somalia's overall economic competitiveness has stagnated over the past decade due to structural factors such as poor infrastructure, socio-economic and political factors, longstanding violence, social aggressiveness, the highest level of corruption, ineffective functioning of government, low levels of education, lack of democracy, weak institutions, no access to strong rule of law, and others, making Somalia a risky place to do business growth.

The study encountered other several significant challenges that impacted the research process. The Somali government public institutions are responsible for providing public service delivery but marginalized access service to certain areas. Additionally, an analysis of conflict trends in the Somali government with terrorist militias highlighted an intimate good governance practice, development, and social justice. Other challenges also include the role of critical political and economic exclusion that shaped instability and vast structural violence. One of the major Somalia Governance Limitations regarding disagreements over the division of power and resources between federal, state, and local governments to create significantly more effective and stable governance in Somalia. The study found that Federal Government of Somalia experienced armed conflict, social and political instability; negative impacts of climate change and local administrations are not creating stable communities in liberated al-Shabaab areas, rebuilding trust and social cohesion, by establishing grievance healing to demonstrate unity and solidarity.

Further Research

To build on the findings of this study, further researchers could explore the following key areas:

- The impact of leadership style on the success of governance practice in Somali federal government public sector institutions.

- The role of good governance practice in the improvements of public sector institutions.
- The significance of good governance practice in protecting debt overhung and human rights.

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