

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: STATE OF TRANSPARENCY SOMALIA 2025

A Report by the Transparency Somalia Initiative (TSI)

The Year in Review

The year 2025 marked a definitive turning point for governance in Somalia. Following the completion of the debt relief process and the adoption of the **National Transformation Plan (2025–2029)**, the country entered a new phase of state-building. This report, produced by the **Transparency Somalia Initiative (TSI)**, evaluates whether the rhetoric of "Transformation" has been matched by the reality of "Accountability."

Key Findings & Diagnostics

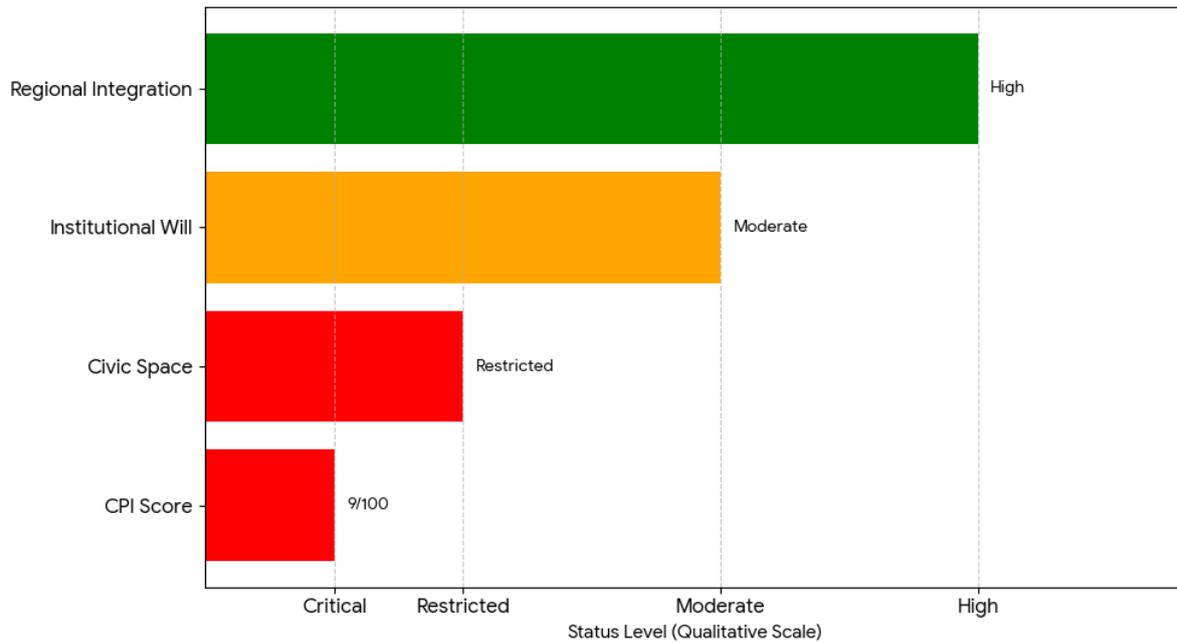
- **The Audit Paradox:** 2025 saw the highest level of audit visibility in Somali history. The Office of the Auditor General (OAGS) published 38 specialized reports. However, TSI observes that detection is not yet accountability; less than 5% of flagged irregularities led to formal legal proceedings.

- **The IACC Vacuum:** Despite legislative requirements, the Independent Anti-Corruption Commission (IACC) remained inactive throughout 2025. This oversight gap leaves the "watchdog" function solely in the hands of the executive branch, creating inherent conflicts of interest.
- **International Discrepancies:** A landmark 2025 audit of the \$153M Baxnaano program exposed a critical "Humanitarian Transparency" gap, where aid delivery data between international agencies and the State could not be reconciled.
- **Digital Integrity:** The rollout of the National ID system in November 2025 has begun to expose "hidden ownership" in public contracts, but a public Beneficial Ownership Registry is still absent.

Strategic Indicators 2025

Indicator	Status	TSI Assessment
CPI Score	9/100	Critical: Somalia remains in the bottom tier of global rankings.
Institutional Will	Moderate	Policy alignment exists (NTP), but enforcement is selective.
Civic Space	Restricted	Journalists face risks when reporting on high-level financial crime.
Regional Integration	High	Membership in ACINET signals a desire for regional standards.

State of Transparency Indicators - Somalia 2025



TSI Priority Recommendations

1. **Constitutional Oversight:** Immediately re-appoint the 9 members of the IACC to provide an independent channel for investigations.
2. **Access to Information:** Enact the Right to Information (RTI) Act to empower civil society and media as independent monitors.
3. **Judicial Reform:** Create specialized Anti-Corruption Chambers within the court system to fast-track cases identified by the Auditor General.
4. **Beneficial Ownership:** Mandate that all winners of government concessions (ports, energy, and security) publicly disclose their true shareholders.

Conclusion

Somalia ends 2025 with strong technical tools but a weak "accountability engine." The Transparency Somalia Initiative stands as an independent partner to both the Somali people and the international community to ensure that 2026 is the year of enforcement.

"Transparency without consequence is just documentation. Our mission is to ensure that the light shed on corruption leads to the justice it deserves."



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