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Hargeisa Urban Visioning Initiative

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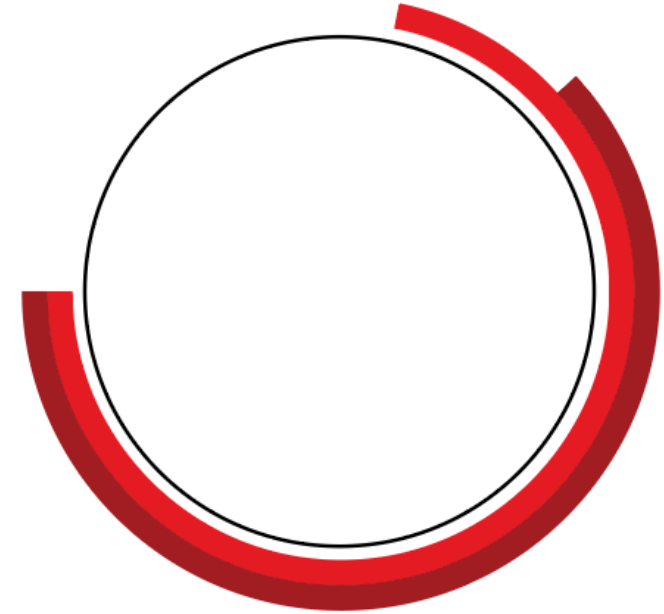


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Urbanization across **Somalia** continues at a high rate, driven by high natural growth, migration, conflict and impact of climate change.

Somalia is also a **young country**.

Engaging children and youth is crucial to develop a Shared Vision for the **future cities** they will have to manage.



72% younger than 30

62% younger than 24

UNICEF and UN-Habitat,
under the Joint Programme
for Local Governance and
Decentralised Service Delivery
(**JPLG**) are working to build
local government capacity in
integrated urban planning
processes and strengthen
inclusive **citizen engagement**

JPLG Outcome and Output:

Outcome 2 Local governments have the capacity to deliver equitable and sustainable services, promote economic development and peace

Output 2.4 Target districts have well defined development strategies, plans and systems to accommodate rapid urban growth

UNICEF contribution

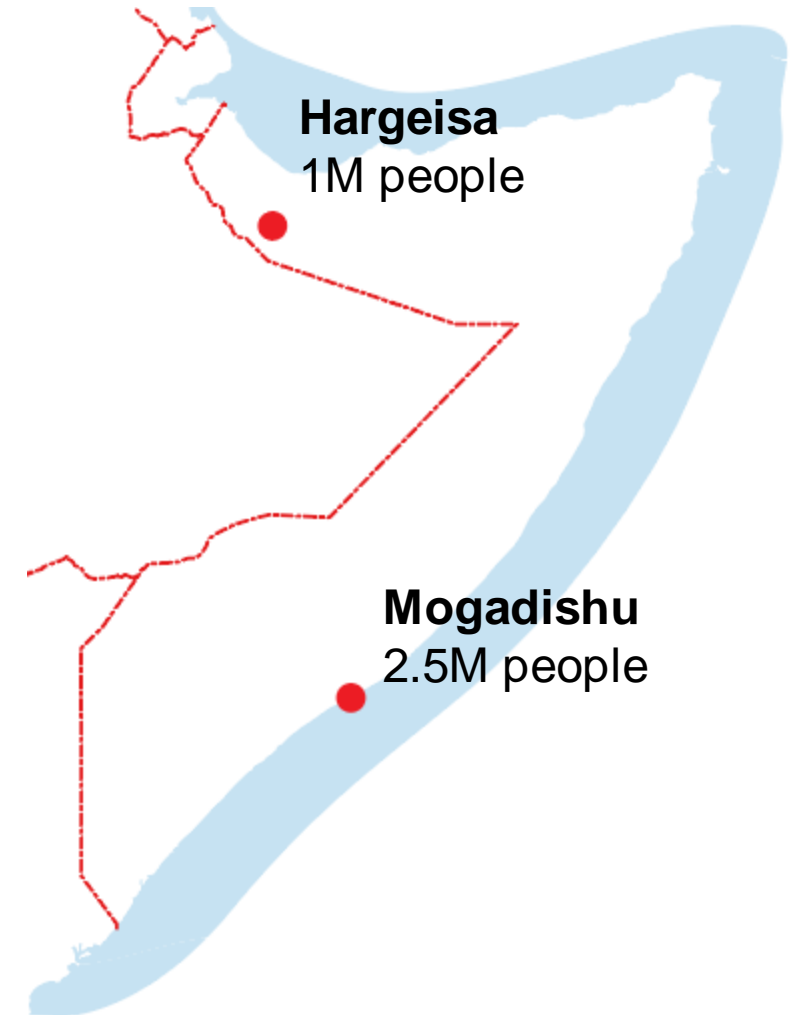
Citizen engagement in urban planning/visioning - introduction to children 's participation

UNHABITAT contribution

Technical support to develop and implement a strategy to improve land management and administrative systems to guide and regulate urban development including visioning exercise

Urban Visioning Initiative in Hargeisa (and Mogadishu)

- To **inspire**, focus the attention and mobilize all residents, communities, stakeholders, politicians in **creating the desired future** for their city;
- To **build up consensus** and provide a **solid foundation** for the approval and elaboration of formal **spatial plans**;
- To **mobilize investors** to invest in the desired future developments.



Urban Visioning Initiative in Hargeisa

- **Urban Analyses and Report:** urban development challenges, status of basic urban service delivery and opportunities for future development.
- **Community Consultations:** broad consultation of all relevant stakeholders in five districts , with a special focus on women youth and children
- **Urban Shared Visioning Workshop:** community based envisioning of Hargeisa city-region for the next up to 20, years. For the first time, this involve Somaliland children to envision their future

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URBAN **VISIONING** WEEK
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Planning for and with Children

Pre-Visioning

26 June

Ga'an Libaah

Mohamoud Haybe

Hamed Dhegeh

Kood-Buur

COMMUNITY
CONSULTATIONS

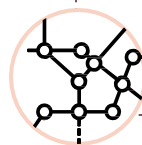
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CONSULTATION

Visioning Week

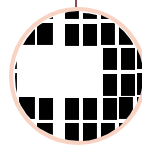


CITY VISIONS
2,5 days
50 p

metro-VISIONS
2,5 days
10 p



district-VISIONS
1 day



Memory Mapping



Tea Session



Hargeisa World Cafe



**SHARED
VISIONS**



**CLOSING
CEREMONY**

PLACEMAKING
3 days
15 children



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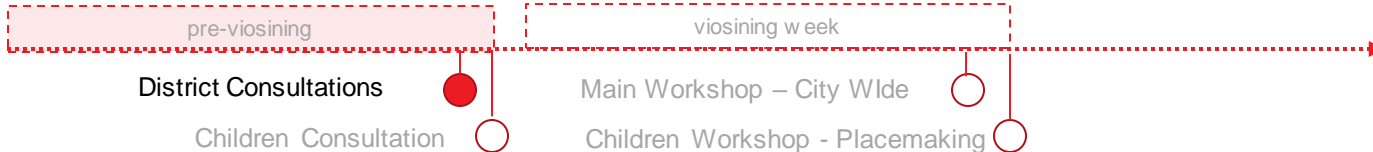


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Pre-Visioning Activity: District Consultations

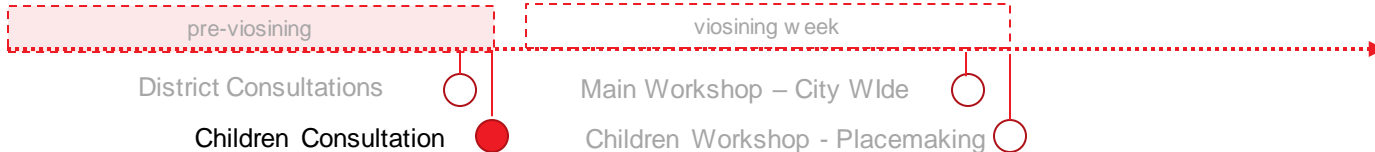
One workshop for each of the **5 district of Hargeisa** mapping:

- **Strengths**
- **Weaknesses**
- **Opportunities**
- **Threats**
- **Child Friendly Prospective.**
- Discussion focused on:
 - **Urban serviced provision**
 - **Jobs and livelihood opportunities**
 - **Urban Environment**
 - **Mobility and transport**
 - **Urban Culture**



Pre-Visioning Activity: Children Consultations

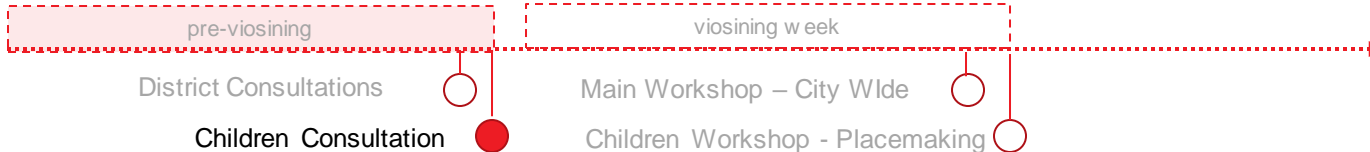
- 2-day workshop
- 47 Children from all five city districts
- discussing what they like and dislike about their city
- Children consulted for first time ever by local government/ municipality



Pre-Visioning Activity: Children Consultations : Tool – Likes

Likes:

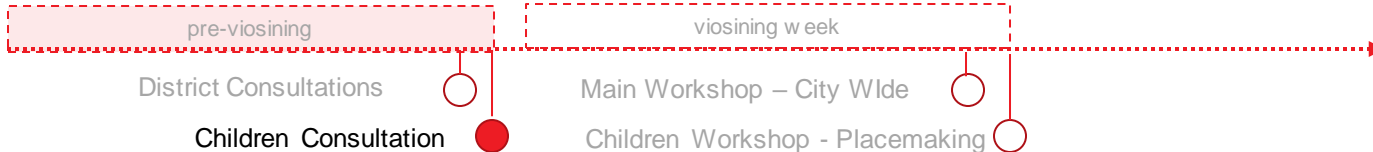
- Green and clean open space
- Safe and publicly accessible places
- Space to play



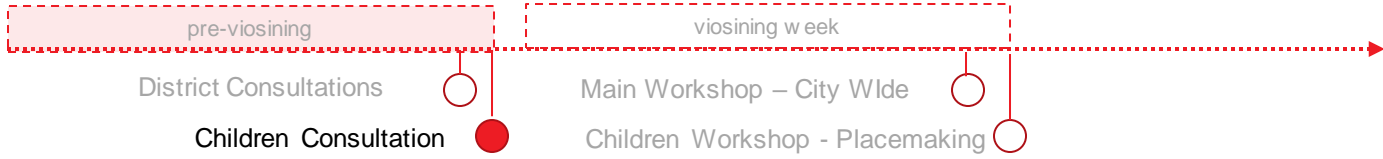
Pre-Visioning Activity: Children Consultations: Tool -Dislikes

Dislikes:

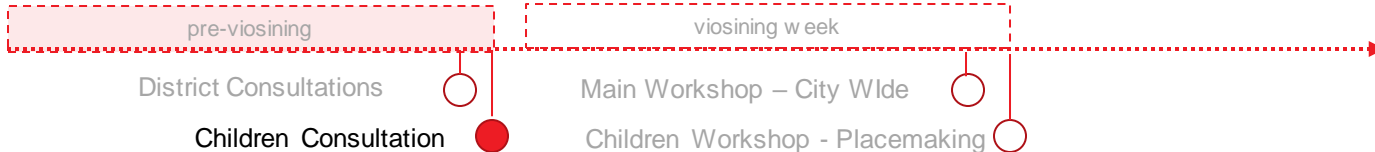
- Bad and unsafe roads
- Street robbery
- Harassment of girls in public spaces
- Lack of playgrounds and recreational spaces
- Garbage
- Open defecation



Pre-Visioning Activity: Children Consultations



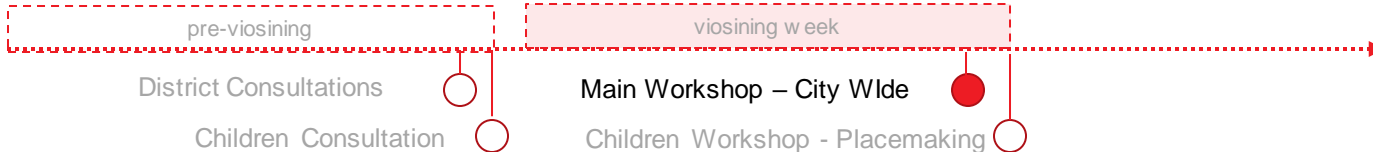
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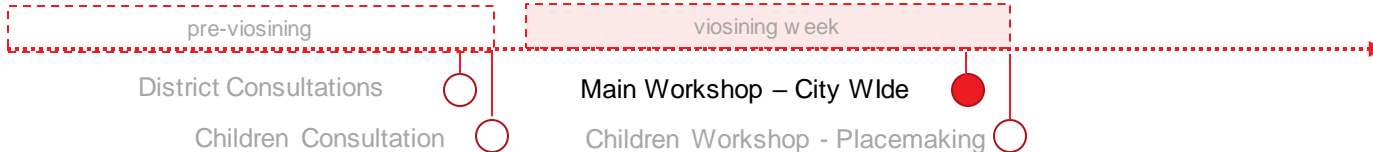
The recommendations from the community and children consultations provided an important contribution to the Urban Visioning Week and are captured in the Shared Vision Declaration.



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During the Visioning week, citizens of Hargeisa and experts were engaged in multiple discussions to map out how the future of Hargeisa could look like.



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The discussions around five urban thematic topics (Urban Basic Services, Urban Economy, Urban Spaces, Urban Cultural and Social Issues, Urban Transport and Mobility) ensured that both child friendly and inclusive elements were incorporated.

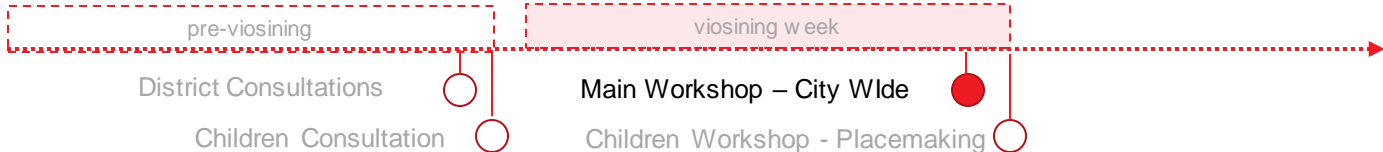
URBAN SERVICES & HOUSING

Services:-

- Underground water reservoirs increase.
- To get benefit from dams.
- To make a sewage system to recycle & benefit.
- Electricity → Law enforcement of electricity.
- To make a law to be under-grounded.
- To make a law to prevent pollution from people which make extensions in the roads.
- To develop construction quality of the roads and bridges.
- Health care → every district must develop its own MCH in terms of hygiene, sanitation, to make a law to prevent pollution from people which make extensions in the roads.
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Housing:-

- To design Master Plan of the city by design zones.
- To make a pavement "G+10" for slum people.
- To correct town plan.
- To make law that facilitate emergency like ambulance, fire, etc.
- To make open space for parks.
- To make public toilets.



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The results of the Urban Visioning Week - **Urban Vision Declaration** - were presented to the Mayor on 5 September 2019:

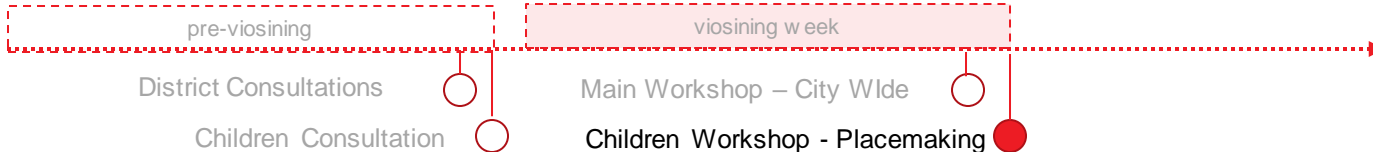
A CREATIVE, CARING, CHILD-FRIENDLY, CLEAN, CONNECTED, CLIMATE RESILIENT AND COOPERATIVE HARGEISA.



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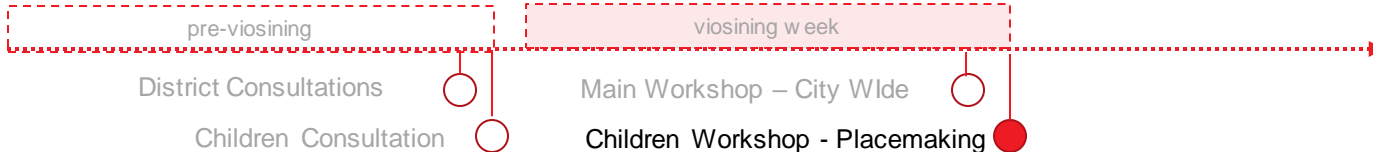
As a parallel session, 15 children from the city-wide children workshop were engaged in a **Block by Block** Workshop to “design” a public space of the city as agreed with the municipality.



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The issues that they raised during the two-day workshop along with what they witnessed during an exploratory walk fed into the different models developed by each group



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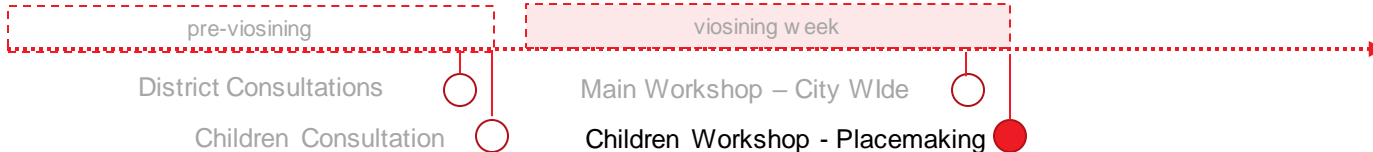
The innovative suggestions and inclusive design ideas provided by children and gathered with this tool were presented to the plenary and the municipal leadership.



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The final model will be the foundation of the first **Public Space Design** implemented by the Hargeisa Municipality taking into account children prospectives.



Next Steps:

- **Integrated Shared Vision for Hargeisa 2040 and Roadmap for Hargeisa Urban Plan**
- **Implementing the Placemaking Proposal for Hargeisa Stadium Park**
- **Child Friendly Principles in Planning Process and Monitoring**

- **Monitoring & Evaluation** of planning process and project implementation
- **Hargeisa Urban Forum** with **Children Board** as advisory to District Council and Action Plan
- Apply methodology to **new districts**
- **Somaliland Urban Policy** with a **Child Friendly Component**



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Thank you! Mahat Saneed!