



ASPIRE in Puntland

# Inclusive and Resilient Economic Development

by strengthening the Association of Local Government  
Authorities of Puntland (ALGAPL)



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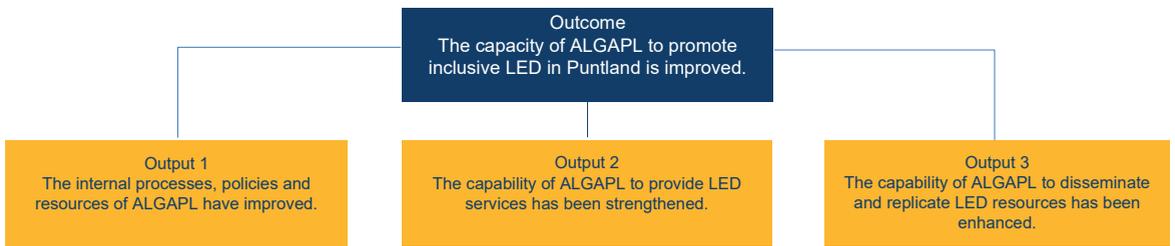
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Puntland has been effectively self-governing since 1998, though it strives to remain part of Somalia under a federal system. Despite the years of destruction brought on by the civil war, Puntland has made a progress in peace, security, state building and in economic recovery and development during the last decade. Local authorities in Puntland have the general mandate to provide services, but with decentralisation in the early stage and limited capacity, they still struggle to play a role in promoting local development.

VNG International is working with the Association of Local Government Authorities of Puntland (ALGAPL) to address this gap. The Advancing Strong Partnerships for Inclusive and Resilient Economic Development (ASPIRE) project focuses on capacity building of ALGAPL in order to promote inclusive Local Economic Development (LED).

ALGAPL - is the umbrella organisation for all Puntland districts and is supported to disseminate and replicate LED successes and lessons learned across Puntland. By improving the overall ability of the local government association ASPIRE aims to create value for its members. Capacity covers awareness and attitude, knowledge and experience, including technical, administrative, managerial and communication skills.





# ASPIRE

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