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Capacity building continues

Police Professional Development Board initiates numerous activities to intensify capacity building for the Somali Police



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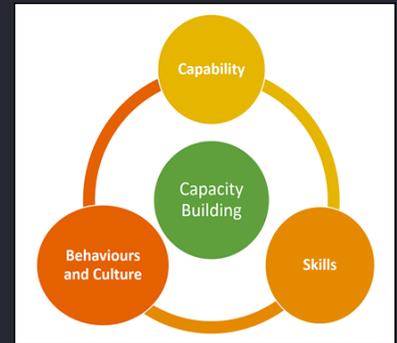
Somalia – The Police Professional Development Board (PPDB), one of the core fora for the establishment of a federated Somali Police following Somalia’s **NEW POLICING MODEL**, is increasing efforts to meet the training needs of the Federal and State Police services. On 12 July, the Director of the SPF Training Department and UNSOM Police co-chaired the monthly meeting of the PPDB at Mogadishu’s Airport Police Station. For the first time the meeting was attended as well by representatives from the FMS in addition to participants from AMISOM, UNDP, UNODC and EUCAP. The group discussed on-going

assignments of the PPDB including the review of the Cadet Program, the development of a sample Police Code of Conduct and the request from the SPF Commissioner for a proficiency course for cadets trained in other countries. The meeting was preceded by a workshop at the General Kahiye Police Academy evaluating the “Station Commanders’ Course”. Recommendation was made to broaden the scope of the program so that more commanders from sections of the police other than the stations could also benefit from this sort of course. The workshop also came up with a training plan describing how to

continue with the program focussing mainly on the FMS. On 17 July, the PPDB facilitated a meeting to start the review of the Somali Police Cadet Program. During the process the content of the respective curricula from Uganda, Ethiopia, Sudan and Egypt will be analysed and aligned. In future, the establishment of working groups of subject matter experts will become a standard method of the PPDB. The respective meetings as well as the monthly PPDB session with FMS participation will be funded by the Joint Police Program (JPP), the relevant work request will be decided on in the next JPP Executive Board meeting.

Puntland State Police strives for further trainings on specialized functions in the service

Garowe – The Puntland State Police Commissioner together with the PSP Director of Training initiated discussions with international partners on needed trainings on specialized functions. In July, the training of 24 State Police investigators organized by the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) will come to an end, further lessons on crime scene management were discussed. EUCAP Somali was involved by a request for training on traffic management. The Director of Training is currently developing a concept note on an in-service course for officers in all nine regions on the content of the **NEW POLICING MODEL**.



Activities of the ORA II ongoing

Somalia - The month of July saw many activities regarding the Operational Readiness Assessment of Regional Forces (ORA II). While the registration activities in Galmudug were already finalized on 8th July, the ORA II in Jubaland was coming to an end only by 28th July. Due to flooding, the registration of some few units in Jubaland had to be postponed which prolonged the originally planned timeline. In parallel, the planning for the field visits of the registration teams in South West State continued. On 10th July, one of several planning meetings was conducted in Baidoa chaired by the SWS MoIS and attended by the SWS Police Commissioner, the Commander of SWS Special Police, the AMISOM Police Commissioner and representatives from the FGS MoIS, UNDP and UNSOM. The SWS authorities expressed their strong appreciation for the exercise and ensured their full support. In addition to technical agreements, it was unanimous that decentralized planning visits are particularly valuable. The results of the ORA II will enable the elaboration of an integration strategy in line with the **NEW POLICING MODEL**.

High-ranking officials praising joint patrols of Galmudug and Puntland

Galkaacyo - On 22nd July, SPF Commissioner General Bashir Abdi Mohamed together with UNSOM SRSR Michael Keating and UNSOM Police Commissioner Lucien Vermeir visited Galkaacyo to exchange views with local interlocutors on the progress and challenges to achieve a long-lasting peace. At the Shabel Joint Police Station, the SRSR appreciated the Galkaacyo Joint Police Patrols as a symbol of unity and encouraged them to continue to work closely with the communities. Civil society representatives appreciated the SRSR’s support to the peace process and requested him to solicit development projects in the

city and employment opportunities for youths. Peace Committee members also requested the SRSR to mobilise support for them. Lastly, the SRSR opened a Community Policing Workshop organized by the UN Joint Rule of Law Program. About 40 participants from the police, community leaders, youths and women discussed the establishment of a community policing forum and the development of an action plan. The UNSOM Commissioner provided clarification on how the Joint Police Program (JPP) will support the Joint Police Patrol Unit as soon funds will be released.



Exchange with Federal Police Commissioner on projects

Mogadishu – On 3rd July, SPF Commissioner Bashir discussed with the UNSOM Commissioner, AMISOM Commissioner and the

project managers of UNDP and INL the delivery of equipment projects and training support such as cadet, refresher and language courses. While the PPDB should continue the elaboration of training curricula, the recruitment of new personnel must be aligned with the currently ongoing development of regulations on retirement, stated the SPF Commissioner. To strengthen the SPF capabilities regarding public relations,

the Commissioner is planning to establish a Press- and Media Office and asked for support of the international community. He is rating a continuous information of the population about police efforts as essential. The FMS are sharing this view and are delivering since 2017 already annual outreach activities to inform citizens about the **NEW POLICING MODEL** and the establishment of State Police services.



Exchange between UNSOM and EUCAP

Mogadishu – On the occasion of a strategic review of EUCAP conducted by the operational planning section of the “Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability” of the EU, representatives of both multi-national organizations met to discuss possible ways to increase cooperation and complementarity of EUCAP activities with the UN. EUCAP’s flagship project in support of the Mogadishu based

Maritime Police Unit will continue and will represent a visible contribution to transition planning. Both delegations reaffirmed the commitment to well-coordinated support for the Somali Police services and the respective ministries during the implementation of the **NEW POLICING MODEL**. The results of the strategic review will feed into the next mandate of EUCAP Somalia.

South West State is preparing for elections

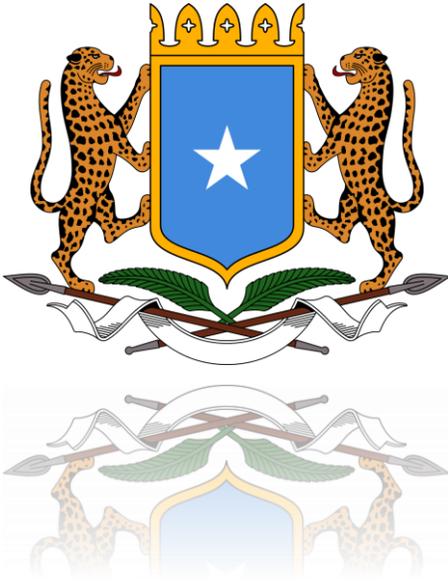
Baidoa – Early July in Mogadishu, the National Independent Electoral Commission (NIEC) met with more than 70 participants from different federal ministries, FMS ministries and the international community to discuss ways how to operationalize the decisions taken by the National Security Council in Baidoa in June. In parallel, the UNSOM

Integrated Electoral Support team visited Baidoa to collect information, share insight in the electoral process with the staff and to discuss conceivable security challenges. To start a thorough operational planning process, the list of potential electoral registration sites has to be set first. The provision of election security is mentioned in State Police plans as one of many tasks of the newly emerging services. Due to the nature of the security operations, Somali police will have to take over the leading role but will need assistance from other forces and services including AMISOM at locations in its area of operations.

STWG and CAS 2B - SWGP Police Meetings

Mogadishu – In July, the Somalia Technical Working Group on the implementation of the **NEW POLICING MODEL** (STWG) and the CAS 2B Sub-Working Group on Police (SWGP) met to discuss policing priorities. The STWG was attended by representatives from the FGS and FMS ministries responsible for policing, while the SWGP saw the participation of representatives from the FGS, FMS and Banadiir Regional Administration, as well as donors and implementing partners. The 2018 policing priorities to be funded under the Joint Police Program (JPP) were presented to both meetings. UN is assisting the Somali counterparts in developing work requests to assess funding under the JPP to implement the identified policing priorities.

Somali authorities and UNSOM advocating for programs



Mogadishu/Nairobi – In July, the Somali government as well as UNSOM promoted Rule of Law projects and programs - including the Joint Police Program - during various visits to Embassies and meetings with Ambassadors. On 3rd July, UNSOM's Director ROLSIG gave a concise briefing to the First Secretary and Somalia Team Leader of the Embassy of Finland and to the Finnish Team Leader for Horn of Africa related issues from the Finnish Foreign Affairs Office. The participants were briefed on the Joint Police Program, Joint Justice Program, Joint Corrections Program and on the Integrated Security Sector Governance Program. On 5th and 6th July, same briefings were delivered to the Embassies of Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark and France. On 10th July, UNSOM Police met the Turkish Ambassador in Mogadishu. Turkey, in addition to the significant support of the Somali National Army, is planning also to support the establishment of specialized policing functions. On 16th July, the Counsellor at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China was also informed about ongoing and recently started projects and programs while the Counsellor informed the visitors about the ongoing Chinese support for Somali security institutions. In parallel, the FGS Ministry of Interior conducted also visits to advocate for donor support. As co-chair of the CAS 2B-Sub Working Group on Police, the MoIS is planning to extend invitations to those Embassies signalling support to the implementation process of the **NEW POLICING MODEL**.

SDRF approves JPP and four other pipeline programs

Mogadishu – On 3 July, the Somalia Development and Reconstruction Facility (SDRF) approved five UN pipeline programs (Joint Police Program, Joint Corrections Program, Security Sector Governance Program, P/CVE and a construction project targeting justice institutions). The adoption of the police and corrections programs, alongside the previously adopted justice program, will ensure a comprehensive approach to strengthening the justice chain in Somalia. The Joint Police Program has secured \$42 million to support the Federal and State Police implementing the **NEW POLICING MODEL** through construction, equipment, stipends, training, developing a police legal framework and accountability projects. The SDRF serves as centrepiece for the partnership between Somali government and international community and functions as both a coordination framework and a financing architecture for implementing the Somalia National Development Plan. Future SDRF meetings will focus on monitoring the implementation of the approved projects and programs.

