JPP-Workshop for Technical Committees from HirShabelle, Galmudug, Puntland and SPF

**Mogadishu:** On 28-30 July, delegates from Technical Committees for the implementation of the NEW POLICING MODEL of Puntland, Galmudug, HirShabelle and the Somali Police Force conducted a three-day working session. The aim of the session was to upgrade pending work requests to meet conditions set by the Executive Board of the Joint Police Programme (JPP). Other attendees were representatives from MoIS, FMS, UNSOM, UNDP, UNOPS and AMISOM. SPF General Garar welcomed all participants and stated that the SPF and the State Police services need to prioritise activities related to establishment or reform of police. The General urged all participants to use their efforts, skills and expertise to make the workshop a success. The participants were split up into working groups on Puntland, Galmudug, HirShabelle and SPF with their respective Technical Committee members supported each by UNSOM, UNDP, UNOPS and AMISOM to develop comprehensive work requests to be presented at the next JPP Executive Board.

In their closing remarks the Deputy Minister of Internal Security, HE Abdinasir Saed Musa, and SPF Commissioner General Bashir expressed their gratefulness and thanked all for the arrangements and commitment by the participants during the workshop. It was emphasized that a close cooperation between Somalia and the international community is essential to fill the gaps in terms of police development.

The JPP is a funding mechanism of the European Union, Germany and the UK for the coordinated implementation of the NEW POLICING MODEL which is the result of a Somali owned and Somali led police reform initiative.
PPDB meets in New Airport Police Station

Mogadishu: On 2 July, a Police Professional Development Board (PPDB) meeting was held in Airport Police Station, co-chaired by the SPF Director of Training and Planning and UNSOM Police. In attendances were representatives of the Federal Ministry of Internal Security (MoIS), Somali Police Force (SPF), FMSs, UNDP, UNODC, Safer World, Danish Demining Group, Bancroft Global Development and EUCAP Somalia. The PPDB is one of the core coordination bodies where SPF, State Police services and international stakeholders are working closely together. The participants discussed various capacity-building activities and a newly developed unified Maritime Police Curriculum for Somalia was presented by UNSOM and unanimously endorsed for implementation by all members of the PPDB. In addition, the meeting discussed modalities on rolling out the US funded Criminal Investigation Programme in the FMS, the Somali Police Leadership Training Strategy and the role of community in implementing Community Policing programs. The next meeting of the PPDB will be in early-October.

Joint Visit to HirShabelle State Police Training Center

Jowhar: On 2 July, a joint team of the FGS Ministry of Internal Security, HirShabelle State authorities and SPF together with AMISOM, UNOPS and UNSOM Police visited the HirShabelle State Police Training Center in Jowhar. The team observed the parade of the second class of police trainees and assessed the current situation. The team was taken around the facilities and discussed further steps in terms of possible improvement of the Training Center’s infrastructure. UNOPS assured extensive support while the HirShabelle State will contribute to their part. The recruits (200) will be passed out in the last week of August after attending the three-months long, comprehensive training programme which was developed by the Police Professional Development Board and funded by the Joint Police Programme.

UNSAM Police Visit to Somali Police Force HQ

Mogadishu: On 24 July, UNSOM Police visited the SPF HQ and had a meeting with the Deputy Head of the Planning & Training Directorate where various training initiatives, roles and outcomes of the various coordination bodies were discussed. The meeting agreed to strengthen the cooperation between the SPF Planning, Training Directorate and UMSOM Police through the establishment of a permanent secretariat of the PPDB to be located in the SPF Headquarters. The meeting also decided to finalize a unified training plan for the Somali Police that will be used to source funds for training activities from the Joint Police Programme and other donors. In addition, UNSOM Police conducted an inspection for possible refurbishment of the offices of the SPF Training Directorate and discussed the possibilities of improving the working conditions. It was agreed that the Training Directorate would draw up a proposal for a possible project.
Police Station Management Training in Galkacyo

Galkacyo: An eight-days Police Station Management Training successfully ended on 23 July 2019 in Galkacyo. Main objective of this training was to improve the police stations’ service delivery through enhancing the management capacity, knowledge, skills and attitudes of the Police Station Commanders or deputies. Twenty Police Station Commanders and deputies, one of them a female commander, were selected in equal numbers from South and North Galkacyo. Participants were fully involved in the learning process through practical exercises, brainstorming sessions, discussion of case studies and working in smaller groups on specific tasks. The training was funded through Joint Police Programme, supported by UNSOM Police and implemented by UNDP.

Start of Training of SWS Police Recruits from Lower Shabelle

Mogadishu: On 24 July, after a successful vetting and recruiting exercise of potential Lower Shabelle recruits supported and assisted by AMISOM Police and UN, 400 police recruits (383 males and 17 females) commenced their training at the General Kaahiye Police Training Academy in Mogadishu. The President of South West State, HE Abdulaziz Hassan Mohamed Laftagreen, presided the opening ceremony joined by the FGS MoS State Minister, South West Minister of Internal Security, South West Police Commissioner, Members of Parliament at Federal and State level, the Governor of Lower Shabelle Region, FGS MoS DG Yussuf, Senior Advisor Mr. Kooshin, the Commander of the General Kaahiye Academy as well as mentors from AMISOM. The President of SWS expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the delegates and officials of the General Kaahiye Academy for the well-prepared event and the warm reception and equally extending his sincere gratitude and obligation to AMISOM and the donors of the Joint Police Programme that supports police projects as outlined in the Somalia’s Federal Police and State Police Plans in line with the New Policing Model. The President commended the recruits to maintain the highest levels of discipline and to ensure that they complete the training ahead of their deployment to the various Police Stations and Police Posts in Lower Shabelle. He also expressed optimism that the recruits will help secure and maintain the liberated areas once they have finalized the training, so that the SNA and Danab will be released to continue with their operations.

Handover of Vehicles to the SPF

Mogadishu: On 31 July, ten police vehicles procured through the Joint Police Programme were handed over to the Somali Police Force at the Airport Police Station. Attendees were representing the German Embassy to Somalia, UNOPS, EUCAP, UNSOM and AMISOM Police. The vehicles are designated to support the SPF implementing the Somalia Transition Plan as well as the Mogadishu Security Plan.
**CAS Strand 2B Sub-Working Group on Police**

**Mogadishu:** On 31 July, a meeting of the CAS2B Sub-Working Group on Police (SWGP) took place at EUDEL Compound in Mogadishu. As foreseen in the Terms of Reference, the meeting was co-chaired by the Ministry of Internal Security and the German Embassy. The co-chairs welcomed all participants with a special welcome to the Director-General of the FGS MoIS and to the Egyptian A/Ambassador as Egypt was participating for the first time. It was stressed that Egypt has a long historic relationship with Somalia including on support to the police. Participants included representatives from Somalia’s Federal Member States, the Embassies of the United Kingdom, Egypt, USA, Germany, Italy and EU, AMISOM and the United Nations. Somali authorities responsible for policing on federal and state level took the opportunity to share ideas, to suggest options and to trigger decisions regarding the implementation of the **NEW POLICING MODEL**. During the meeting, the participants discussed and updated various police reform activities in Somalia. The co-chairs commended representatives that took part in the JPP-related workshop from 28 to 30 July and reminded the meeting that Art. 5 of the **NEW POLICING MODEL** requires all international support to be shared in a fair and balanced manner. As an agreed action point, the FGS Ministry of Internal Security with support from the SWGP will develop a policy on Darwish Police. This concept note would assist the international community considering possible its support for this branch which is especially essential for holding newly liberated areas. As the SWGP meets every other month, the next meeting is scheduled for mid-September.