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Policy Drafting on Darwish Police

Mogadishu: Following the action points of the CAS 2B Sub-Working Group on Police in July to develop a policy on Darwish Police, on 20 August the Director General of the FGS Ministry of Internal Security (MoIS) chaired a meeting to develop such a policy distinguishing the role of the Darwish from other branches of the police. The policy will be based on the National Security Architecture and will then serve as foundation for donor’s decisions on support as well as organizational guidance for Darwish. The agreement on the **New Policing Model** is elaborating about Darwish in its Article 8 which is assigning Darwish units to Federal Police and to State Police services. Following the article, Darwish units of the Federal Police will be *inter alia* responsible for border policing, protecting government infrastructures and personnel and providing assistance and relief in case of disasters. State Police Darwish units are to fight terrorism and armed insurgency within the FMS. Participants in the August meeting included the FGS MoIS, Somali Police Force (SPF), UN and AMISOM. It was agreed that the FGS MoIS, SPF, AMISOM and UNSOM will form an ad-hoc committee to commence drafting the policy for consideration by the ministry focussing at this stage on Federal Darwish Police. It is intended to broaden the policy then by taking Federal Member States’ Ministries of Security and police services on board as well as engaging international experts to start the process of establishing units in the field. FGS MoIS and SPF are planning to intergate respective activities into the comprehensive



work request on priority projects that will be presented at the Joint Police Programme Executive Board. The further handling of the broader concept on State Police Darwish must be decided yet. As the Italian Carabinieri has trained many SPF officers already, these will be provided with a refresher-training to establish first units at short notice to support ongoing operations. The respective curriculum and manuals will be elaborated by the Police Professional Development Board (PPDB) based on the Italian Training Concept.

Weapons and Ammunition Management



Effective Weapons and Ammunition Management

in a Changing Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Context

HANDBOOK
for United Nations
DDR practitioners

Mogadishu: At the beginning of August, JPP donors facilitated a meeting on Weapons and Ammunition Management (WAM) in Mogadishu to align international support to the Somali Federal and State Police services in developing a basic WAM system as part of the broader support to police development and reform in Somalia. Despite the donor representatives from UK's Department for International Development (DfID), the German Embassy and EUDEL, participants included experts from the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), the Mines Advisory Group (MAG) and HALO Trust. During the meeting, UNSOM and DfID briefed on the JPP, the approach towards basic assets management and how this links to WAM. The discussion focused on the delivery of support especially to the emerging State Police services to develop from the beginning systems that address WAM accountability and sustainability including marking, registration and safe storage of weapons. Brief summaries were provided on each agency's offers to Federal and State Police services in terms of WAM. It was agreed that UNSOM Police will offer support to the FGS Ministry of Interior to set up a workshop of the Somalia Technical Working Group tasked to develop an operational WAM strategy for Somali Police services which could be then transferred by the Police Professional Development Board into Standard Operational Procedures (SOPs). Participants made clear that this bottom-up approach is just focusing on operational matters and is not related in any way to political policy decisions.

HirShabelle State Police officer's graduation ceremony

Jowhar: On 29 August, the second batch of 197 police officers from HirShabelle State graduated from Jowhar Police Training Centre after completing three months of intensive training programme which was developed by the Police Professional Development Board and conducted by AMISOM Police. The graduation has been hailed as a vital step in visible policing which again is crucial for maintaining law and order and the protection of life and property in the region. The graduation was observed by the HirShabelle State President, H.E. Mohamed Abdi Ware, the Acting AMISOM Police Commissioner, the HirShabelle State Police Commissioner, officials from the Federal Government of Somalia, AMISOM and UNSOM Police. Speaking at the ceremony, the Acting AMISOM Police Commissioner stressed that it is important to build the capacity of the Somali Police and to enable officers to carry out patrols as effective policing is also crucial for executing the Somalia Transition Plan. The Somalia Transition Plan is aiming at the transfer of security responsibility from AMISOM to well trained and capable Somali National Security Forces ahead of AMISOM's anticipated exit in 2021. The HirShabelle Police Commissioner emphasized that the new police recruits would soon carry out operations to re-open and secure main supply routes in the region. The training was funded by the Joint Police Programme with contributions from the EU, Germany and UK. Altogether, 395 Hirshabelle State police were graduated so far, with two more courses to be conducted to reach the intended number of 800 trained officers through this project.



Photos: HirShabelle State Police personnel and guests of honor during the pass-out ceremony marking the completion of training in Jowhar, HirShabelle, on 29 August 2019



INL's Criminal Investigation Programme

Jowhar: On 22 August, UNODC as implementing partner of the US funded Criminal Investigation Programme (CIP) travelled to Jowhar, HirShabelle State. The purpose of the visit was to select possible candidates for the programme from recruits who were recently graduated in Jowhar Training Centre (see page 2). In total, 33 recruits listed by the trainers from Somali and AMISOM Police were identified to be trained as nucleus of the HirShabelle State Police Criminal Investigation Unit. The respective course is expected to start in November aiming to deliver comprehensive training in criminal investigation and management. The CIP is funded by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) of the US State Department and is an integral part within the overall sequence of projects implementing the **New Policing Model**.



JPP Donors agree to support Mogadishu Security Plan

Mogadishu: During the month of August, the FGS Ministry of Internal Security (MoIS) and JPP Donors called for a number of meetings to discuss the Mogadishu Security Plan (MSP). Participants included representatives from the UK, US, German, EUDEL and Italian Embassy, UNOPS, AMISOM and UNSOM Police. The MoIS had requested support for the construction of six checkpoints in Somalia's capital. After intensive discussions, JPP Donors agreed to release funding from the envelope of the Somali Federal Police to construct the requested checkpoints under the MSP. As parallel activities it was agreed that the Somali Police Force (SPF) - the future Federal Police - will establish an assets management system to be presented to the donors and to develop a deployment plan that includes command and control structures; same goes for a sustainability plan. In the next meetings, the SPF will also update donors on how donor-provided vehicles are being utilized and on lessons learned on the Joint Operations Control Center (JOCC) as a basis for the establishment of a National Threat Assessment Center. On a more strategic level, the MoIS as line ministry together with the SPF are committed to develop a strategic Banadiir Regional Police Plan as part of the overall action plan transferring the SPF into the Somali Federal Police. SPF will continue to establish its comprehensive work request. As a follow up, UNOPS met with all involved parties and has presented concept design for Maslax VCP. Ministry of Internal Security has endorsed the concept design, UNOPS is moving forward with detail design of the Maslax VCP's and the site assessment of other five location, identified by MoIS.

Engineering course for the Mogadishu Maritime Police Unit

Mogadishu: In August, the UNODC – Global Maritime Crime Programme through its mentoring and training support for the Mogadishu Maritime Police Unit (MPU), resumed the four-months Advanced Engineering Course as well as the Coxswain Course. More than 15 officers will benefit from these trainings which are aimed at strengthening the skills of the MPU in order to conduct operations at sea, whilst also providing the necessary skills to repair and maintain their boats for sustained operations. UNODC is embedded within the UNSOM-UNDP Integrated SSR Section and is coordinating police activities not only directly with the Somali Police Force in regard to the MPU but also through the existing police coordination mechanisms.



Strengthening Somali Police EOD capacity

Mogadishu: Explosive hazards continue to have an impact on security and humanitarian access in Somalia. To reduce to the threat of explosive hazards in Somalia, the UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS) provides training, mentorship and equipment to Somali Police. Four specialized teams from the Somali Police Force received technical training on Improvised Explosive Device Disposal (IEDD) techniques. Twenty-one officers from the capital Mogadishu and federal member states in South West and HirShabelle received training to respond to the threat of IEDs and other explosive hazards. The training is designed to improve the capability of the Somali Police in addressing the threat of IEDs. UNMAS is an integrated component of UNSOM, provides advice, training and equipment to the Somali Police to develop their IED disposal capabilities in Mogadishu and in the Federal Member States. UNMAS with the support of the government of Japan is working to strengthen national capacity to independently coordinate, manage and regulate the clearance of landmines, ERW and IEDs.



Photo: Somali Police EOD Officer training in Improvised Explosive Device Disposal (IEDD)

New Somali Police Force Commissioner



Photo: SPF Commissioner, General Abdi Hassan Mohamed 'Hajar', giving his speech at the handover ceremony at the Police Academy in Mogadishu.

Mogadishu: The newly appointed SPF Commissioner, General Abdi Hassan 'Hajar', took his office after having a hand-over ceremony at the Police Academy in Mogadishu on 31 August. Senior representatives from the Federal Government of Somalia, UNSOM and the international community were in attendance. In his inaugural speech as the SPF Commissioner, General "Hajar" stated that he aims to have gender parity in the SPF during his tenure. The ROLSIG Director and the UNSOM Police Commissioner also addressed the audience acknowledging the commitment of the outgoing Commissioner and pledged to continue UN support to police development and reform in Somalia.

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