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## Somali Community Policing Policy

**Somalia** – In January, a working group under the Police Professional Development Board (PPDB) met to start elaborating a unified “Somali Community Policing Policy”. The Somali Police Force and UNSOM Police as co-chairs of the PPDB led the meeting of experts from police services at federal and state level and from various UN organizations, AMISOM Police and NGOs. The workshop was conducted on recommendation of the Executive Board of the Joint Police Programme which called for a consolidated approach to community policing when receiving various funding requests related to this core activity of community-oriented police services. To take stock of existing activities, participants gave an update on current projects and procedures including contextual challenges, opportunities and lessons learned. Furthermore the workshop concentrated on defining the role of police services in the concept. It is planned to elaborate on the role of the community and the civilian authorities in a follow-up meeting. The findings will be fed into a comprehensive policy which for approval will be forwarded to the PPDB and higher coordination bodies. Based on the approved policy, the working group will then develop detailed Standard Operating Procedures and respective training manuals.



# Somalia Technical Working Group on Asset Management



**Somalia** - On 22-23 January, the “Somali Technical Working Group (STWG) on the Implementation of the **New Policing Model**” approved a draft asset management policy. The STWG is an internal Somali Police coordination body, foreseen in Article 13 of the agreement on the **New Policing Model** and involving representatives from the Federal Government of Somalia, the Somali Police Force and from Technical Committees NPM of the five Federal Member States. The development of an asset management policy was a recommendation from the Executive Board of the Joint Police Programme. Participants included this time also representatives from UN, AMISOM and the Egyptian Embassy. The meeting was the final consultation on the draft “Somali Police Asset Management Policy” which was drafted by the STWG. The meeting also identified training and equipment requirements on federal and state level emerging from the implementation process of the policy. The requirements will be included in a funding request to be presented to the Joint Police Programme Executive Board. The policy will be transferred to the SPF Commissioner and State Police Commissioners for endorsement.

## Improving Police-Prosecutors Relationships

**Banadiir** - On 30 January, the “Banadiir Police and Prosecutors Task Force (PPTF)” meeting was held. The meeting was organized by the UNSOM Joint Justice and Corrections Section together with both entities. Issues discussed at the meeting include the question on how the Task Force can facilitate closer working relations between Police SPF investigators and prosecutors. Suggestions included to facilitate improvement through joint in-service training for investigators and prosecutors, continuous monthly consultation of PPTF, mirroring the PPTF to Federal Member States and collaboration in handling SGBV and juvenile cases. The participants also agreed to include Armed Forces Court Prosecutors in the PPTF. Members also suggested an upgrading of the case management system with UNODC support.



## Youth Advisory Board Partnership with UNSOM Police



**Mogadishu** - In January, the UN Somalia Youth Advisory Board conducted a two-day Peace Building Workshop in Mogadishu. UNSOM Police attended the workshop to start interaction with the Youth Advisory Board members. As the youth is the key community group providing future recruits for Somali Police services, UNSOM Police explained the unified recruitment and vetting procedures valid for all police services across the country. UNSOM Police also highlighted the important role that Youth Advisors can play in influencing positive behavior changes of individuals and consequently entire groups. The board members were also encouraged to partner with the police in the context of community policing on district and sub-district level. Board members welcomed the information given and expressed their motivation to partner with Somali Police.

## Children Affected by Armed Conflict

**Mogadishu** - The Director General of the Federal Ministry of Defense (MoD) chaired a technical working group meeting on children affected by armed conflict. In attendance were representatives from various FGS ministries including the Child Protection Unit (CPU) of the MoD as well as from UNICEF, UNSOM Child Protection Unit and members of different units in the UNSOM Rule of Law and Security Institutions Group. Issues discussed included the activities of the CPU in 2019 and the work plan for 2020. UNICEF gave a presentation on the 2019-trend on violations affecting children in Somalia including killing and maiming, recruiting, attacks against schools and hospitals, rape or other grave sexual violence, abduction and denial of humanitarian access for the benefit of children. All Somali Police services are using unified recruitment and vetting procedures which are ensuring that no underage members will be recruited. International child rights standards are part of lessons on Human Rights during the basic training of police recruits. The Director General thanked all members and urged them to play their respective roles as expected in order to protect children in Somalia.

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## Criminal Investigation Program's Train-of-Trainer Course



On 18 January, UNODC started the Train-of-Trainer Course for the Criminal Investigation Program (CIP). Twelve trainers from the Somali Police Force and State Police services started the 18days training program which will provide them with the necessary knowledge to conduct the Basic Investigator Course for investigators of the respective police service. The CIP is funded by the US Department of State's Bureau of Internal Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) with USD 11,4M supporting the establishment of investigation capacities in all Somali Police services. The program is based on the **New Policing Model** and consequently supports the distinction made in Article 9 of the respective agreement between responsibilities of the Federal Police Criminal Investigation Department and State Police Criminal Investigation Units. The CIP is fully aligned with other police development projects in Somalia, e.g. funded by the Joint Police Programme. INL and UNODC as implementing partner are considered as international cluster lead for "Criminal Investigation".



# National Electoral Security Task Force briefed key Embassies

**Mogadishu** – On 24 January, the SPF Police Commissioner in his function as chairperson of the National Electoral Security Task Force (NESTF), briefed representatives from key Embassies on the developments since the previous meeting held on the 9th December 2019 and gave an update of the planning status of the security for the upcoming national elections. The NESTF comprises members from the FGS MoIS, the Somali Police Force, the Somali National Army, Federal Members States, the National Integrated Election Commission, AMISOM Police and the UN. The NESTF has to develop plans for safeguarding candidates, polling centers, voter registration and securing electoral material and of course for security provision on the election day.



# Technical Committees updating State Police Plans



In 2017, state level “Technical Committees on the Implementation of the **New Policing Model**” developed strategic State Police Plans which were endorsed by the National Security Council on 3 December 2017 and which were laying the foundation for the Joint Police Programme, a mechanism providing coordinated funding from the EU, UK and Germany for institution building projects emerging from the police plans. As all State Police Plans we developed a year before the Somalia Transition Plan and as various projects were meanwhile implemented, the plans – while keeping the orientation on the **New Policing Model** agreement and the National Security Architecture – are to be updated and aligned with the actual developments. Technical Committees are accepting this task for 2020 to ensure plans are up to date.

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