SWS hosted Transition Meeting

South West State Government hosted a meeting of all stakeholders to plan the security transfer at the road from Baidoa to Mogadishu.

**Baidoa** – On 17th and 18th April, South West State hosted the FGS, AMISOM, UN and International Partners to a planning event looking at the combined operation of securing the road from Baidoa to Mogadishu including the town of Leego. The main axis and Leego are two of three locations picked for detailed transition implementation planning. Plans will be presented as samples at the upcoming two conferences in Brussels. The meeting was chaired by the Acting President and Minister of DDR and Security, HE Hassan Elay. All participants agreed that securing Leego would not only be a question of clearing the village from insurgents but more of successfully holding, governing and building the wider area in a sustained manner based on the principles of the Rule of Law. Delivering governance, policing, justice and corrections and other public services will therefore require strengthening of state institutions in the key district centres of Buur Hakaba and Wanlaweyn rather than in Leego alone and security operations will need to be planned in support of this broader activities. South West State Police Commissioner, General Mahad, supported by UNSOM Police participated at the meeting as the SWS Police in close cooperation with units of the Special Police will play a crucial role regarding the stabilization of the four districts along the road. All planned police activities emerging from the Transition Plan are in line with the concept laid down in the SWS Police Plan which was endorsed by the National Security Council on 3rd December 2017. This concept is based on the operationalization of District Police Stations throughout the state, the erection of Police Posts wherever necessary and mobile concepts to cover the remaining parts of the district.
Police Weapon and Ammunition Management is on the agenda

**Somalia** – With the establishment of State Police services and the upcoming transformation of the Somali Police Force to a Somali Federal Police, the handling of duty arms and ammunition as well as dealing with seized weapons has to be discussed in the various Technical Committees. On the side of the UN, UNMAS has the expertise and is ready to support the development of procedures and practical concepts. In a first brainstorming session, UNMAS briefed on how duty weapons can be procured under the partially lifted embargo, marked and registered. Best practices in storing and managing of weapons in armories were also discussed. UNMAS provided UNSOM Police with drafts of SOPs, LOG Books, Storage Account Sheets and Stock Cards for further use. These products were developed in close cooperation with the “Halane Center”, the central official weapons registration office. In addition, the MoIS has got own registration capacities. UNMAS cooperates as well with the Somali Police Force on WAM while the contact to the State Police services will be established during the upcoming round of workshops for the Technical Committees NPM.

Drafting Team of “Federal Police Plan” met

**Mogadishu** - The Somali Police Force and UNSOM Police Joint Drafting Team for the “Federal Police Plan” met several times in April to discuss the first chapters of the plan and to identify prioritized activities for the rest of the year 2018 which would need funding support. The first draft of the plan identifies those projects as the refurbishment of five police stations in Mogadishu, the erection of barracks for one Federal “Darwish” Company in Mogadishu, a variety of trainings for the police and support while purchasing equipment. The team agreed to advice the responsible leadership commencing after Ramadan with a meeting of representatives from MoIS, BRA and SPF, to ensure political buy-in for the planning process. Then, sub-working groups of experts should develop i. a. chapters on CID, border policing, diplomatic police and Birmadka as well as elaborating on an integrated Banadiir Security Plan.

FGS, FMS AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS BRINGING MARITIME POLICING FORWARD

**Somalia** – On 29 April, the inaugural meeting of the CAS 2b Sub-strand Maritime Security was held in Mogadishu. The meeting was co-chaired by the FGS Deputy Minister of Internal Security and the Head of EUCAP. Besides their delegations, representatives from all FMS, UNSOM, the EU and Turkey attended. The Police Professional Development Board (PPDB) will inform the sub-strand in the next meeting about the intended elaboration of a unified Maritime Police Curriculum. While the strategic bodies have met, UNODC completed a training for 15 Galmudug State Police Maritime officers.

Visiting Kismayo
Kismayo – In April, the Jubaland Ministry of Security together with the State Police and UNSOM Police reviewed the work of the Technical Committee NPM as well as the progress of work on the NPM for adoption and implementation by stakeholders. It was discussed to increase the number of participants to about 15 with representatives from various ministries and the police.

Proposals were made to include personnel from the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Planning, President’s Office, Parliamentary Security Committee and Jubaland State/Regional Security Office and from the police to have at least one expert each for patrolling, training, investigations, Darwish and any other specialized expertise (Traffic, Maritime etc.). To guarantee consistency, nominated police experts should represent Jubaland State Police as well in other subject related technical bodies, for example the training expert should be Jubaland’s representative in the Police Professional Development Board (PPDB).

Jubaland/ Mogadishu – Early April, representatives of the FGS MoIS, AMISOM Police, UNDP and UNSOM Police had to meet to solve practical difficulties starting with network and power problems up to transport difficulties during the field visits of the ORA-Team. In trustful cooperation, all problems were solved quickly, satisfactorily and in line with practical requirements, lessons for the next assessment of regional forces in Galmudug were drawn and recorded. The so called “ORA II” acquires importance for the NPM implementation through the planned integration of regional forces into the police.

Somalia – Under the guidance and leadership of the FGS MoIS, the planning of the necessary police activities at the selected locations for the security transfer from AMISOM to Somali security institutions continued. Operational concepts for the takeover of security responsibilities at the Mogadishu Stadium by the SPF and on the road from Mogadishu to Baidoa mainly by SWS Police and SWS Special Police were elaborated, discussed and agreed between all relevant ministries and police organizations. The concepts will be transferred into one activity matrix including a cost calculation for every activity. While the security provision at the Mogadishu Stadium will be carried out by already serving officers, the concept at the road from Mogadishu to Baidoa foresees a local recruitment campaign of 400 SWS Police and 600 SWS Special Police officers.

Mogadishu – The United Nations Human Rights Due Diligence Policy (HRDDP) obliges all UN entities providing support to non-UN security forces to ensure that this support provision is in full compliance with international human rights, humanitarian and refugee laws. To inform potential donors as well as the Somali Police as beneficiary of the policy it was agreed that a representative of the UN Human Rights and Protection Group (HRPG) will give a presentation on the topic at the next PPDB meeting to raise awareness and to streamline future activities in this regard. A permanent representation of the HRPG in the PPDB was also discussed. In addition, the Somali Police Force’s Training & Planning Directorate is preparing a presentation at the CAS 2b Sub-Working Group Police on the PPDB Terms of Reference and the overall state of play especially in regard to a unified recruitment and vetting policy.
Beletweyne – On 10th April, the HirShabelle State President, HE Mohamed Ware, convened a meeting on the general security situation in the state and the way forward. The President expressed appreciation for the support from UNSOM and AMISOM and gratitude for the support to HirShabelle State in the recent operations done by AMISOM against AS in the Hiraan region. Nevertheless, he called for stronger support from UNSOM and AMISOM for the security forces and services within the state. The State Minister of Security informed the audience that it is planned to open a Joint Operations Center in Beletweyne and that his focus lays on the establishment of night patrols. The State Police Regional Commander of Hiraan Region briefed on the plans to increase police presence in areas of need taking into consideration the planned training of 800 recruits at the State Police Training Academy in Jowhar. In accordance with the State Police Plan selected police stations should be sponsored by international partners to get renovated while UNSOM Police providing technical support.

Conference of Ministers of Internal Security in Garowe

Garowe – On 25th and 26th April, a Conference of Ministers of Internal Security was held in Garowe. Representatives of all FMS MoS and from the FGS MoIS issued a 13-point communique which stressed the urgent need to improve the quality and re-construction of the security institutions according to their needs. The conference endorsed the Joint Police Program (JPP), a coordinated funding mechanism of police development projects supported by EU, Germany and UK. The participants agreed to organize a quarterly meeting of the internal security ministries to discuss the current security concerns in the country and the developments of the security institutions. In the communique delegates stressed the intention to strengthen the New Policing Model which was agreed and signed by the FGS and FMS leaders in 2016 and to harmonize the curricula of police trainings for the Federal Police and State Police services in accordance with the NPM agreement.