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$42M program guarantees coordinated support to Somali police services across the country

Somalia – On 11 June, the FGS MoIS supported by UN invited for the first meeting of the Executive Board of the so called “Joint Police Program (JPP)”.

This program is a coordinated funding mechanism of donors, at present the EU, UK and Germany, for projects prioritized by the Somali Police management bodies aiming at the implementation of the NEW POLICING MODEL. The JPP might be used as well for the implementation of projects emerging from the Transition Plan if those have gone through the decision-making process described in the project document. The meeting was chaired by the FGS Minister of Internal Security and both D/SRSG of UNSOM. Representatives from the Ministries of Security of the five FMS participated, as well as representatives of the EU and the embassies of UK and Germany. In addition, high level representatives of UNOPS and UNDP, the SPF Commissioner, UNSOM Police Commissioner and representatives from AMISOM Police attended.

Speakers emphasized that international funding is crucial in sustaining the Somali Federal and State Police services in returning a degree of security and rule of law to the country. The continuation and expansion of these efforts will be crucial over the coming years so the JPP was highly welcomed supporting the police services while implementing the NEW POLICING MODEL. At the end of the ceremony the chairs signed the project document which describes the outputs of the program as (1)

Increase of policing presence and visibility increased in targeted locations including procurement of non-lethal support equipment, infrastructure support through rehabilitation and construction of police facilities ...

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AMISOM and UNSOM Police ready to support Somali Police in addressing the JPP

AMISOM and UNSOM Police, participating at the signing ceremony of the Joint Police Program’s project, underlined their readiness to support the Somali Police in addressing the JPP. Donors explained that the funds are allocated to implement priorities from each of the State Police and Federal Police plans on implementation of the NEW POLICING MODEL. UNSOM and AMISOM Police, UNOPS, UNDP and UNODC will conduct a workshop on 8th July to develop processes to support their Somali counterparts in developing work requests.

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... and provision of electronic stipend payments, (2) Provision of training (basic and specialized) and development support, including assistance and advice, to Somali Police services, (3) Provision of support to legal framework and policy development for Somali Police Services, (4) Support to effective oversight and governance of policing and (5) Institutional coordination addresses police development and reform in Somalia. The Joint Police Program will be presented to the “Somalia Development and Reconstruction Facility (SDRF)” on 3rd July. The SDRF serves as a centrepiece for the partnership between the government and international community. It functions as both a coordination framework and a financing architecture for implementing the Somalia National Development Plan in line with the “New Partnership for Somalia”. At present, $42M are allocated to the JPP by the EU and the UK to be scaled-up by the German contribution.
Security from various state security services, from the local community, the chairman of the Technical Committee NPM and members of the Jubaland State Police. The feedback from the community was very positive and a request was made to the international community to assist the rehabilitation and construction of more police stations fit for modern policing standards.

DRAFTING OF FEDERAL POLICE PLAN IS UNDERWAY

Mogadishu – To share the efforts in developing a Federal Police Plan, the Drafting Team is supported now by one of the advisors in the MoIS. A questionnaire about tasks, manning and processes was delivered to all current directorates of the Somali Police Force and will function as a baseline assessment. The Federal Police Plan will describe the transformation from the Somali Police Force to a modern Federal Police service fulfilling specialized functions. For all branches, a three-step approach will be described in the plan: (1) Current Situation – (2) Desired Layout/End state in 10 years – (3) Prioritized activities in the next 4 years.
The NPM agreement, the CAS and the JPP

Somalia – The NEW POLICING MODEL, the Comprehensive Approach to Security (CAS) and the Joint Police Program: How does it fit together? This question was raised in the days when the JPP was signed. Article 13 of the agreement on the NPM, signed in 2016, is already elaborating on cooperation and coordination between the Federal Police and State Police services. There, the Conference of Ministers of Internal Security, the Council of Police Commissioners and the Somali Police Technical Working Group, in the meaning of a joint technical committee, are already foreseen to function as a joint coordination structure. Already last year all these bodies became fully operational. Through the CAS-2b Sub-Working Group Police (SWGP) the Somali management structure of the NPM is linked with the set-up of the CAS. The SWGP is co-chaired by the MoIS, the German Embassy and the SPF and gives the Somali authorities responsible for policing on federal and state level the opportunity to share options, ideas and decisions regarding the implementation of the NEW POLICING MODEL and to introduce support requests emerging from the police plans to the international community. If those support requests are requiring funding, they will be presented through so called “Work Requests” to the Executive Board of the JPP, which will consider the implementation due to available donor support. Any of the linkages between the NPM, CAS and JPP described above were established in close cooperation between the responsible Somali authorities and the international community.

HirShabelle State Police is preparing the training of recruits

Jowhar – On 4th June, a meeting was conducted of UNOPS, AMISOM Police, UNSOM Police and international partners to prepare and discuss the UK- and EU-funded training project in support of the HirShabelle State Police. The group agreed on the location and a tentative timeline for the start of the basic training of 800 police officers and decided on a set of flanking activities. The findings were discussed the day after with the HirShabelle State Deputy Minister of Security, the Regional Security Office and the Police Desk Officer of the FGS MoIS. It was agreed that the training of the first 200 police officers should begin on 1st August in Jowhar. Vetting, screening and training will be organized by AMISOM Police with the support of UNOPS. The training itself will be provided by trainers from the Somali Police Force who followed a ‘train the trainer’ course mentored by AMISOM Police trainers. UNSOM Police will support the development of a leadership training package as well as an operational plan to gradually establish policing services in Beletweyne and Jowhar in line with the HirShabelle State Police Plan.