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ADVANCING JPP II: APPROVAL OF THE JPP PROJECT DOCUMENT



Somalia's police service received a significant boost with the approval of the Joint Police Programme Phase II (JPP II) in May 2024. Following extensive consultations led by the Ministry of Internal Security (February-April 2024), JPP II marks a strategic shift towards long-term institutional capacity building, building upon the successes of the previous phase.



Funded by the EU and implemented by UNDP with UNSOM Police support, JPP II reflects a commitment to Somali ownership of the reform process. The \$14 million USD program (currently funded primarily by the EU at \$9 million USD) will begin implementing tailored work plans at both Federal and State levels starting in July 2024 and run until December 2026.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY POLICING IN PUNTLAND

UNSOM Police in Puntland collaborated with Puntland police leadership through meetings in May and June. Discussions focused on strengthening community policing and exploring collaboration on initiatives countering gender-based violence. This culminated in a successful community policing workshop in Garowe on 30 June, equipping regional police leaders with skills in intelligence gathering, human rights protection, and community engagement.



EMPOWERING WOMEN: A THREE-DAY WORKSHOP IN BAIDOA



UNSOM Police collaborated with justice partners in Baidoa to empower six women from SWS's security and justice sectors. Through a three-day workshop, participants addressed challenges and devised solutions for promoting gender equality in their fields. Supported by HRPG, Gender Section, and ATMIS Police, this initiative strengthens SWS's security and justice system and aligns with UNSCR 1325's goals for women's participation in peacebuilding.



COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO CRIME PREVENTION: UNSOM POLICE CONDUCTS WORKSHOPS IN SOMALILAND



UNSOM Police, with UNDP's support, delivered successful National Crime Prevention workshops across four Somaliland regions in May and June. Over 100 participants, including women from various sectors, actively collaborated to enhance community safety. The workshops provided in-depth knowledge of crime prevention fundamentals, including designing effective strategies emphasizing human rights and community policing.



These crime prevention workshops are part of the ongoing commitment of UNSOM Police and UNDP within the Joint Rule of Law Programme (JRoLP). This multi-year program (2023-2026) is led by a consortium of UN agencies in partnership with Somaliland officials and donors. JRoLP aims to strengthen the rule of law institutions, ensuring accessibility and justice for all.



BASIS THREAT ASSESSMENTS WORKSHOPS



In June, UNSOM Police partnered with the Security Sector Reform Section to deliver workshops on community threat assessments in Kismayo and Baidoa. These workshops equipped government staff from Jubaland and Southwest with skills to analyze community risks and develop comprehensive security plans.



Representatives from various backgrounds actively participated, learning data collection techniques crucial for effective assessments. This initiative aligns with the UNDP-funded BASIS program, which supports state-level security planning across Somalia. Similar workshops are planned for other regions, strengthening security planning nationwide.

UNSOM POLICE PARTICIPATES IN TRAINING IN ITALY

UNSOM Police capacity-building expert Chetana Pokhrel participated in a Curriculum Development Group (CDG) workshop in Italy. The workshop focused on designing the UNPOL Middle Management Course curriculum. Chetana's involvement ensures the course aligns with best practices, benefiting both her work and UNSOM Police's broader contribution to Somali police capacity building. This strengthens UNSOM Police's ability to support the development of effective strategies and training programs for the Somali police, ultimately enhancing their professionalism and improving policing services across Somalia.



JOINT EFFORTS TO COUNTER GBV AND PROTECTING CHILDREN

UNSOM Police actively collaborates with Somali government and police institutions, national and international stakeholders, to address Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Child Protection (CP). Their efforts focus on coordination, advocacy, workshops, and public awareness campaigns.



Combatting Child Soldierhood

This dedication to protecting children is exemplified by a recent radio program launched across Somalia in May. Featuring Somali Police Force representatives and a child rights NGO, the program discussed the critical issue of child soldierhood and the importance of creating safe environments for all children. It aimed to raise public awareness and encourage action to prevent this harmful practice.



Listen Here:

[Path to Peace \(Episode 395\): Protection of Children in Somalia](#)

JUBALAND POLICE WORKSHOP PROMOTES ACCOUNTABILITY

UNSOM Police led a two-day workshop in Kismayo (23-24 June) to strengthen ethical conduct within the Jubaland State Police. This workshop focused on the Code of Conduct and police ethics, equipping officers with practical knowledge for daily application. Interactive sessions, group discussions, and real-world case studies brought ethical dilemmas to life, encouraging participants to share experiences and brainstorm solutions for upholding the Code.



SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICE ESCORTS UNITS



UNSOM Police provides advice and strategic coordination for establishing Police Escort Units in Jubaland and Hirshabelle States. This initiative strengthens federal and state police services as they prepare to assume security responsibilities after the ATMIS mission concludes. The new Police Escort Units will enhance the protection of foreign entities, including vital humanitarian assistance, while adhering to human rights principles. UNSOM Police works closely with local police counterparts, UNDSS, and the Human Rights Section to ensure compliance with UN policies throughout the process.

UNSOM HOSTS WORKSHOP ON HIRSHABELLE POLICE ACT



In May, UNSOM Police led a crucial workshop in Hirshabelle to strengthen the State's police framework by effectively implementing the new Hirshabelle Police Act. The workshop brought together high-level participants from Hirshabelle's government, including the Vice President, Justice Minister, Attorney General, and Chief Justice. Focusing on human rights, child protection, and key provisions of the Act, the workshop equipped participants with the knowledge to ensure its successful implementation. This initiative exemplifies the strong collaboration between political and police leaders to advance the New Policing Model in the State.

ENHANCING GENDER EQUALITY IN GALMUDUG



UNSOM Police conducted a workshop on gender-sensitive policing in Dhusamareb for Galmudug's female police officers. The workshop focused on tailoring police work to better serve the needs of women and girls in the community. Through this initiative, female officers enhanced their skills in community partnerships and gender-sensitive approaches, promoting gender equality within the police.

SUPPORT OF CID IN SOMALIA



In June, UNSOM Police met with the Somali Police Force (SPF) CID Director at their headquarters in Mogadishu. The meeting focused on knowledge sharing, comparing CID structures and best practices from various countries. This collaboration aims to develop effective strategies and policies to strengthen the CID's work at both the federal and member state levels.

UNSOM POLICE JOIN FORCES WITH WOMEN PROTECTION UNIT IN BAIDOA



Also in June, UNSOM Police joined a Women Protection Unit's visit to Baidoa. The visit focused on strengthening local capacity to address Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (CRSV). Key activities included visiting a one-stop center for GBV survivors and a female Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR) center. Additionally, capacity-building sessions equipped female police officers and civil society representatives with enhanced skills to respond to CRSV using a holistic, integrated approach.