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In February, UNSOM Police Commissioner Meinolf Schlotmann (front, 2nd left) took office in Somalia. The picture shows the Commissioner with the Jubaland Technical Committee NPM.

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Jubaland State Technical Committee Workshop concludes in Kismayo

Kismayo: The Jubaland State Technical Committee on implementation of the **New Policing Model** with support of UNSOM Police held its two-day workshop from 26 to 27 February 2019 at the UN Compound, Kismayo. The Workshop was attended by the Ministries of Security, Finance, Justice, Planning as well as Gender and Human Rights of the Jubaland State Government. Other attendees were representatives from the Federal Government/MoIS, AMISOM Police, UNSOM Police UNMAS and members of the other substantive sections of the UNSOM Field Office in Kismayo. The objective of the workshop was to review the JLS Police Plan and to update policing priorities that would form part of the comprehensive work request 2019-2022. These updated priorities will be submitted for consideration of possible funding under the Joint Police Programme (JPP). During the workshop, UNSOM Police updated the TC members on **New Policing Model**, Transition Plan and the Joint Police Programme. UNSOM Police also emphasised upon the local owner-



Photo: During JLS TC Workshop Police Commissioner, Meinolf Schlotmann

ship and the need to include the Human Rights perspective when addressing the plan and the expansion of the Technical Committee to work simultaneously with different projects. Following discussions among TC members, priorities were identified and included in the JLS Work Request. JLS TC in close collaboration with UNSOM Police Field Team in Kismayo will continue to amend the JLS State Police Plan based on the new realities. The recently arrived UNSOM Police Commissioner Meinolf Schlotmann emphasized that UNSOM side by side with AMISOM Police stands ready to continue supporting the TC.

Passing out Parade of HirShabelle State Police Officers

Jowhar: On 14 February, 198 HirShabelle Police Officers underwent a colorful passing out parade upon the completion of three-month intensive police course which was delivered by AMISOM Police and Somali Police trainers. The Officers are the first batch of 800 new police recruits in HirShabelle using the unified basic recruit training curriculum developed by the Police Professional Development Board (PPDB). The training programme is funded by the Joint Police Programme (JPP), which is a 50M USD-program of the EU, UK and Germany designed to roll-out police development projects in a coordinated manner. The three-month comprehensive training focused on different aspects of policing, including crime prevention and public order management. The police recruits were also taught International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law, which are critical in their day-to-day duties.

Apart from representatives of the HirShabelle State Government and State Police leadership, the closing ceremony was attended inter alia by the Federal Minister of Security, the Deputy SRCC AMISOM as well as the Police Commissioners from SPF, AMISOM and UNSOM. The Federal Minister of Internal Security emphasized the readiness of his ministry to continue the support to the HirShabelle State authorities in their efforts to establish a state-wide police coverage. The shared event proofed once again that the collaboration of the FGS with FMS and vice versa in the field of policing is continuing. Also, the connection between UNSOM and AMISOM Police, the FGS MoIS, SPF and state authorities is very much intact.



Newly trained Somali Police officers, serving in the Hirshabelle State, march during a passing out parade to mark the completion of their training in Jowhar.



Opening ceremony of Via Afmadow Police Station in Kismayo



Kismayo: On 26 February, the ground-breaking ceremony of Via Afmadow Police Station construction project in Kismayo took place. The function was presided over by the Second Vice President of Jubaland and in attendance were representatives of the Jubaland Technical Committee, various stakeholders, AMISOM Police, UNSOM Police and the media. The Police Station is strategically situated as it provides policing services to communities along Afmadow road and the nearby IDP Camp. This project is part of the priorities in the Jubaland State Police Plan and will be funded by the Multi Partner Trust Fund. The Director General of the Jubaland MoS welcomed the project and stated clearly, that when completed it will enhance police service delivery in Jubaland.

Galmudug Technical Committee Workshop commences in March



Mogadishu: On 16 February, UNSOM Police in Mogadishu met Permanent Secretary Abdirahman Ahmed from the Galmudug Ministry of Security and discussed ongoing support to the development of the Galmudug State Police. The Permanent Secretary stated that the Ministry's priority is to develop a representative State Police that will advance human rights in the policing context. The Minister for Security recently appointed new members to the NPM Technical Committee which is expected to meet in Mogadishu as soon as possible. The Committee will revise the Galmudug State Police Plan and validate the policing priorities in order to access funding under the Joint Policing Programme.

Joint UNSOM/AMISOM CIMIC activity on GBV

Jubaland: On 12 Feb 2019, UNSOM Police together with AMISOM visited the "Via Afmadow IDP Camp" and conducted a gender sensitization and awareness campaign. UNSOM Police presented information on SGBV and its effects whilst AMISOM Military provided free medical screening, treatment and medical supplies to men, women and children in need. Accessible police services for everyone including IDP communities is in line with Jubaland State Police Plan.



Photo: Joint UNSOM/ AMISOM CIMIC activity on GBV

First PPDB Meeting for 2019 held in Mogadishu

Mogadishu: On 11 February, the first Police Professional Development Board (PPDB) meeting was held in Mogadishu. In attendances were representatives of the Federal Ministry of Internal Security (MoIS), SPF, FMS, UNSOM, UNDP, UNODC, UNMAS, AMISOM, EUCAP and Bancroft Global Development. The MoIS and UNSOM Police gave a brief update of the progress on the implementation of the work requests and the Joint Police Programme as such. Both explained the process of decision making and the interrelatedness of the different coordination bodies like PPDB, Technical Committees NPM, the Somali Technical Working Group (former Joint Technical Committee) and the CAS2b Sub Working Group on Police (SWGPs). Participants discussed various capacity-building activities and acknowledged the need to set clear priorities for training through the development of a harmonized Police Training Plan for potential funding through the JPP, bilateral arrangements or other sources. The PPDB meeting was followed by a Workshop where the Somali Police Training Plan 2019 – 2021 was discussed by the MoIS, SPF and the FMSs, UNDP, AMISOM and UNSOM. Earlier in the month, the co-chairs of PPDB from SPF and AMISOM briefed the SPF Deputy Police Commissioner, General Zakiya, on the progress made and plans and priorities for the PPDB in the year 2019.



PPDB



Meeting at SPF Headquarters

UNSOM DSRG meets EEAS Operations Commander

Mogadishu: On 10 February, DSRG Rai Zenenga met with the Civilian Operations Commander for European External Action Service (EEAS), General Vincenzo Coppola. During the meeting the DSRG gave an overview of Political and Security Situation for Somalia, UNSOM operations especially in the areas of policing, justice and corrections. The DSRG highlighted the good progress that has been made in the implementation of the and the Joint Police Programme. On his part General Coppola expressed the intention of EUCAP to continue supporting the Somali Police. Both officials indicated the need for a close coordination of all stakeholders in the field of Rule of Law and to avoid duplications while implementation respective mandates. Participants agreed that the necessary coordination of activities in support of the **New Policing Model** has to be done through the Somali coordination mechanisms and the Joint Police Programme.



Germany announces the contribution 9 Million to the JPP



Mogadishu: The Executive Board Meeting of the Joint Police Programme was held on 7 February in Mogadishu. The meeting was co-chaired by the Minister of Internal Security and the UNSOM Director ROLSIG. In attendance were representatives of all three donors to the JPP (EU, UK, Germany), of the FMS, of the Embassies of Turkey and Italy, the Deputy SPF Commissioner, AMISOM, UNDP, UNSOM Police and other international partners. During the meeting, Germany officially announced the contribution of 9 Million USD to the programme. UNOPS, in its secretariat function for the programme, presented a detailed progress report on various work requests that were already approved by the JPP Executive Board. Issues of police accountability were discussed and MoIS expressed the FGS' and FMS' commitment in improving police professionalism and accountability across Somalia.

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