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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPERS

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Galmudug State Technical Committee Workshop concludes in Mogadishu

Mogadishu: The Galmudug Technical Committee on implementation of the **New Policing Model (NPM)** met on 13 to 15 May 2019 in Mogadishu. Technical Committee members represented the entire state and support to the meeting was provided by UNSOM, UNDP, UNOPS and IOM. Attendees were the Minister for Security, H.E. Saadaq Sh. Yussuf Ibrahim, the Permanent Secretary of the MoS, MPs, the Director of Somali Youth Association as well as representatives from the Ministry of Planning, the civil society, UNSOM, UNOPS and UNDP. Speaking on behalf of the MoS, the Minister explained that the aim of the workshop is to revise the Galmudug State Police Plan and to validate the policing priorities in order to access funding under the Joint Policing Programme. He also thanked to the donors, UNSOM Police, UNOPS and other UN agencies for the support to the workshop.

During the workshop, UNSOM Police updated the TC members on the **New Policing Model**, the Transition Plan and the Joint Police Programme. There was broad agreement upon local ownership in regard to any processes related to police development and the need to include the Human Rights perspective when addressing the plan. In discussions among TC members, priorities were identified and actions were agreed to develop the Galmudug State Police which are: (1) Updating the State Police Plan from 2017 by



Photo: Group photo with Galmudug MoS

prioritising Dhusamareb, Cabudwaag, Hurshe and Al Barwaaqo Police Stations, developing a Human Rights Strategy for the police and to access available funding by translating these new priorities into a work request. The Galmudug Technical Committee in close collaboration with UNSOM Police will continue to amend the Galmudug State Police Plan based on the new priorities.

One Day Training for South West State Vetting Committee Members

Baidoa: On 7 May 2019, AMISOM Police conducted a training for the South West State Vetting Committee members who will vet recruits seeking to join the State Police service. The training was facilitated jointly by AMISOM and UNSOM Police. Eight members of the Vetting Committee were trained on the approved guidelines for police vetting and the police recruitment policy. The Vetting Committee will be responsible for Somali citizens to enlist in the Police Service taking into consideration a balanced representation from the various communities. The Vetting Committee will liaise and coordinate with clan elders and other local leaders to identify and distribute enrolment forms to prospective police recruits. The envisaged 400 police recruits are planned to be deployed along the liberated cities in line with the Operation Badbaado in Lower Shabelle to restore law and order in the area.



Photo: SWS officials, AMISOM and UNSOM Police during the training of the vetting committee

Preparatory meeting for the SWS Technical Committee NPM

Baidoa: On 27 May, SWS Minister of Security presided the Technical Committee (TC) NPM to discuss ways on how the TC can proactively meet and discuss issues and activities related to the implementation of the SWS Police Plan and the work requests for the Joint Police Programme (JPP). The Minister emphasized that he is counting on the commitment and dedication of the TC members to solve challenges while establishing the SWS Police. In addition, the Minister advised UNSOM Police to proceed with the preparations for the full meeting of the TC to take place end of June. This workshop will be aiming at the review of the SWS Police Plan and the identification of prioritized projects. UNSOM and AMISOM Police will continue to support these meetings of the SWS Technical Committee for the implementation of the **New Policing Model** and the preparation of the necessary products for the JPP.

Support to extend Literacy Training to Jubaland State Police Officers

Kismayo: On 14 May 2019, UNSOM Police together with AMISOM Police met with representatives of the United Nation's High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and American Refugee Committee (ARC) at the UNSOS camp in Kismayo. The aim of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of securing funding to extend the adult literacy training to police officers in the Jubaland State Police service to improve their literacy skills. UNHCR and ARC have agreed to provide support for twenty (20) additional officers bringing the number trained according to the adult literacy program to a total of 69 police officers. The team is intending to continue taking on batches of 20 officers each time after the graduation of the previous batch. The number of illiterate police recruits is a result of decades with no or poor school system especially in rural areas. Projects plans as well as lessons learned will be used for literacy trainings in other Federal Member States.



HirShabelle State commences 2nd Batch of Police Basic Recruit Training at Jowhar



Jowhar: On 27 May 2019, the official opening of the second batch (200) of the HirShabelle State Basic Police Recruit Training has been held in the State Police Training Center in Jowhar. The Deputy President of HirShabelle State, H.E. Ali Abdullahi Hussein, presided at opening ceremony alongside other Senior HirShabelle State Government officials and parliamentarians. Guests included representatives from the international community that are supporting the Somali Police at FGS and FMS levels. The recruits will go in three-months through a comprehensive training program which was developed by the Police Professional Development Board. The HirShabelle State administration plans to recruit 800 police officers in 2019 funded by the Joint Police Program and supported by AMISOM and UNSOM Police. The current recruit training comes about four months after the graduation of the first batch of police recruits on 14 February 2019 who have since been deployed to various locations in HirShabelle to maintain law and order.

UN in Somalia commemorates the International Day of UN Peacekeepers

Mogadishu: The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers presents each year on 29 May the opportunity to pay tribute to uniformed and civilian personnel's invaluable contribution to the work of the organization and to honor more than 3,800 peacekeepers who have lost their lives serving under the UN flag since 1948. In this context, the UN in Somalia honored the memory of the 119 military, police and civilian peacekeepers who lost their lives in the course of peacekeeping in 2018 and early 2019. UN in Somalia also paid tribute to all the men and women who have served and continue to serve in UN peacekeeping operations for their professionalism, dedication and courage. The theme for this year's Peacekeepers Day was "Protecting Civilians, Protecting Peace".



Outlining achievements of JPP for the month of May, 2019

Mogadishu: The European Union, the German Federal Foreign Office and the UK government's Department for International Development continue to support the Joint Police Programme (JPP) in Somalia and current efforts of the Federal and State Police services. Throughout May 2019, implementing partners, UNOPS, UNDP and AMISOM, supported the implementation of various activities under the JPP. UNDP met with Galmudug State government officials including the Governor of Mudug Region, the Mayor of South Galkayo, the Deputy Commissioner of the Galmudug State Police and the Head of the State Police Training Department, ahead of the first round of police training to be implemented by UNDP under the Joint Police Programme. UNDP has also successfully completed consultations in Galmudug ahead of the training of 700 police officers planned under the JPP. In addition and with the technical training support of AMISOM, Phase II of vetting and recruitment has continued to roll out in Jowhar/HirShabelle State. Under the non-lethal support package of the JPP, UNOPS continued to support vetting and recruitment through the provision of training uniforms, beds, toiletries, bedding and catering for new recruits to complete their residential basic police training. Throughout May, UNOPS continued the disbursement of stipends, delivering a total of 1,380 stipends to State Police members of which about 8% female officers in Kismayo, Baidoa, Jowhar, and Galkayo.

UNSOM Police visit to Turkish Embassy

Mogadishu: On 29 May, UNSOM Police met with Colonel Ahmet Altan, Counsellor for Security and Internal Affairs, at the Turkish Embassy and discussed areas of mutual support to police development and reform in Somalia. Turkey is a key bi-lateral partner for Somalia in terms of police development. Constructive discussions focused on the continuing actions to strengthen coordination among the key donors and Turkey remains committed to its continuing participation in the Police Professional Development Board. It was also discussed that UNSOM Police will advise to the respective chairs about Turkey's regular attendance at the CAS Strand 2B Sub-Working Group on Police and as observer at the Joint Police Programme Executive Board meetings. Similarly, UNSOM Police has already made the initial contacts with embassies of countries announcing support or supporting already the police development in Somalia.



On Puntland's Qardho Police Station



Garowe: Field visits are essential for all stakeholders supporting the police development in Somalia to raise awareness on the situation on the ground which enables tailored advices on strategic and operational level. As a result, UNSOM Police visited Puntland State Police officers at Qardho Police Station to exchange information and to get an insight on the conditions. At the Police Station the team met the Police Division Commander, who explained the current situation in Qardho and informed about the needs for effective policing to maintain the law and order in their town. In a separate meeting, civil society members requested UNSOM to raise awareness and build the human rights capacity of civil society members and other stakeholders.

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