Galmudug New Policing Model Technical Committee

In December, UNSOM Police supported the Galmudug New Policing Model (NPM) Technical Committee to conduct a three-day workshop in Mogadishu. The workshop, funded by the Joint Police Programme (JPP), was attended by representatives from Galmudug's Ministries of Security, Justice, Women, and Education and representatives from Civil Society.

Participants discussed the requirements of the NPM and the revision of the State Police Plan that included updating the state police priorities for the next five years.
In December, UNMAS facilitated a workshop in Kismayo, Jubaland with Somali authorities and international stakeholders on counter IED and mine action. The participants, including Jubaland police, discussed the opportunities and challenges on developing the capacity of policing services in responding to these threats.


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PUNTLAND’S WOMEN SITUATION DESK

In December, Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA), with support from UNSOM and Swedish Police, conducted a 3-day training for Puntland State Police on the Women’s Situation Desk (WSD) initiative. The purpose of the training was to identify focal points, outline specialized support for violence against women during elections.

CID PRESENTATION IN MOGADISHU

In December, Somali judges, police, and prosecutors completed a three-day criminal case management workshop hosted by the UNSOM Joint Justice and Corrections Section in Mogadishu. UNSOM Police presented on the role of the police in case management and how this impacts on the entire criminal justice chain.

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In early December, UNSOM Police conducted a two-day internal Strategic Planning, Evaluation, and Retreat in Nairobi, Kenya. Representatives from ATMIS and UNDP also participated. Topics under discussion included the UN Police Gender Action Plan 2022-2024, Joint Police Programme priorities, the reconfiguration and drawdown of ATMIS, the development of the SCR 2628 benchmarks, and the Strategic Review process conducted by Mr. Ian Martin, former SRSG for Libya.

As 2022 is coming to an end, it is this time of the year when we all can review our results and set new goals for the coming year. In the last months, Somalia was shaken by various incidents and developments, of which almost all are security related. The UNSOM Police Section stays strong behind the Somali people and authorities and wishes both all the best.

Our focus for 2023 will be to contribute to the reinstalment of previously successful coordination mechanisms with national and international partners, to provide further strategic advice, and to support in activities with the view on the New Policing Model. Also, the advocacy for more female recruitment and representation among the police forces will be one of our main focuses. We are happy to walk this way together with all of you.

May the New Year 2023 bring you happiness, success and make your sincere wishes come true! Sanad wanaagsan!

Ralf Schroeder, UNSOM Police Commissioner.