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### Support for Police on the way

CAS2b Sub-Working Group Police is organizing international support to the implementation of the New Policing Model

Mogadishu - On 18th January, the second meeting of the "Sub-Working Group Police (SWGP)" under the CAS-Strand 2b took place. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy German Ambassador Markus Bollmohr, the SPF as well as Police Coordinator Bashir Gabiow from the FGS MoIS. Terms of Reference were discussed and proposals for amendments received. The MoIS presented the first draft of the national "Somali Federal and State Police Plan (SF&SPP)". The draft was distributed and the FMS will comment on it. As the SF&SPP will cover all priorities of the State Police

Plans, the Technical Committees in the FMS together with their respective ministries were asked to list prioritized projects for the year 2018. In February, these five lists will be led through the Somali Police joint management structure, meaning they shall be merged by the Joint Technical Committee, agreed on by the Council of Police Commissioners and finally endorsed by the Conference of Ministers of Internal Security. The consolidated list will then reach the SWGP as responsible body of the CAS-Strand 2b and by that the agreed support mechanisms of the newly



established "Joint Police Project", a common fund for any donor country willing to support the development of the various Somali Police services on federal and state level.

Markus Bollmohr as well as Graham Thompson as a representative from DFID emphasized that the new funding mechanism was designed to support endorsed police plans equally, hoping that plans for the Federal Police and Banaadir Region will follow the five State Police plans soon.

### SWS EXTRACTED PRIORITIZED PROJECTS FOR 2018 FROM ITS STATE POLICE PLAN

**Baidoa** – In a series of meetings SWS officials from the Technical Committee NPM, the State Ministry of DDR & Security as well as the State Ministry of Planning established a list of prioritized projects extracted from the SWS Police Plan to be established in 2018 (see page 1). Priorities are focusing on the strengthening/establishment of basic police service delivery in Baidoa and Baraawe by refurbishing the respective police stations and manning them with fully trained and equipped police officers. For 2018, all projects will be coordinated closely with the South West State Security Council as well as plans already for 2019 such as the recovery of Wajid and Xudur and the main roads between these towns.



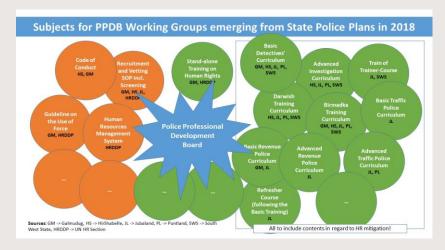
## HirShabelle RSO liaises with TC

HirShabelle - Shariif Amin, the Director of the HirShabelle Regional Security Office (RSO) emphasized recently the importance of coordination between his office and the Technical Committee NPM (TC) inter alia in regard to the recruitment process of police personnel in the state. At this stage the RSO is consisting of the Director, one Deputy Director, the Police Advisor, the Program Manager and one Office Administrator. Shariif Amin pointed out that the RSO did not exist when the TC was established but that his office is now able to take over the coordination of the establishment of the State Police service on the political level. The RSO will be working closely with the ministries of interior and security and other stakeholders for the improvement of policing. At the same time the TC will continue playing its role – as foreseen – in the elaboration of regulations and processes as well as in the review of the HirShabelle State Police plan. Results of this content related work will be made available for the line ministry and the RSO.

# UNSOM Police met the SPF Planning and Training Directorate

Mogadishu – With the rise of tasks the Police Professional for Development Board (PPDB), the frequency of meetings between the co-chairs SPF and UNSOM Police is increasing. During a visit of the SPF Headquarters, UNSOM police was introduced to the offices of the PPDB Secretariat. On this occasion General Hassan as Head of the Training Directorate expressed his gratitude for the common efforts of UNSOM and EUCAP to support his directorate in regard to the various training projects. On 29<sup>th</sup> January, the PPDB

then met to endorse its Terms of Reference. Several other agenda items, such as the mentoring process and training assessment for the Somali Police as well as the Cadet Program review were discussed. UNSOM Police on the occasion gave a presentation on the NPM and Police Plans developed or to be developed at federal and state level. Resulting training programs and policies and its implications for the PPDB as coordination body for training of Somali Police at federal and state level were discussed in depth.



# Transition planning is the current challenge

**Somalia** – At the Mogadishu Security Conference on 4<sup>th</sup> December, representatives of the FGS and FMS as well as the IC agreed on the need for a coherent and holistic approach to a realistic and conditions-based transfer of security responsibilities from AMISOM to Somali security forces and services. Transition is rated to be more than a military exercise and has to take the rule of law, intelligence, stabilization and governance into consideration. Thus, the already launched activities in regard to the implementation of the New Policing Model are gaining

more and more importance. As the State Police plans, aligned with the stabilization strategies, are already defining the areas of expansion of police authority and also the necessary support processes such as recruitment, training or the recovery of Police Stations, projects indirectly connected but important for the transition process are already **described** and about to be executed.

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Jubaland State Police Plan

2018 - 2027



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### Jubaland State Police expansion strategy

Kismayo/Lower Juba — The Jubaland authorities are planning to expand the deployment of the Jubaland State Police at short notice to Afmadow and Dhobley. This expansion of authority within the Lower Juba Region is following the prioritized activities for the year 2018 mentioned in the Jubaland State Police Plan. Both the Police Stations in Afmadow and Dhobley are listed as "functional" but need refurbishment.

Consequently, they are listed as prioritized infrastructure rehabilitation projects for 2018. Officers to be deployed will be chosen from the batch of 600 trained State Police recruits which were all recruited from Lower Juba. On 22<sup>nd</sup> January, UNSOM Police together with other representatives of UNSOM and UN agencies conducted a field visit to Dhobley to examine the situation on the ground for adequate future support.

HirShabelle first batch of State Police Officers will be trained in Jowhar Mogadishu/Jowhar – On 16<sup>th</sup> January, the Mogadishu branch of the UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS) convened a Project Board Meeting. One of the agenda items was the training and stipend project for 400 State Police officers in HirShabelle. The delegation from HirShabelle informed the board that the training will be delivered in Jowhar and it was agreed that a makeshift training facility will be built up near to the Jowhar airstrip. AMISOM shared a calculation on costs for building materials which the HirShabelle State Government will cover from the state's budget. The internal recruitment process within HirShabelle State started already while the subsequent vetting and registration processes will be supported by AMISOM and UNOPS. The training will be delivered by SPF trainers together with AMISOM mentors.

NEW COMMANDERS
OF THE PUNTLAND
STATE POLICE
APPOINTED

**Garowe** – On 25<sup>th</sup> January, Puntland President Abdiweli Mohammed Ali Gaas appointed the new command team of the Puntland State Police: The new State Police Commissioner is Brigadier General Abdullahi Shire Doole, Colonel Bile Farah Ali was appointed as First Deputy Commissioner while Colonel Osman Hassan Cuuke will serve as Second Deputy Commissioner. The Puntland State Technical Committee NPM is currently in the process of the annual review of the PSPP and will support the new command team with necessary amendments.

### UNSOM Police Commissioner Christoph Buik now in Brindisi



Mogadishu/Brindisi - On 27th of January, UNSOM Police Commissioner Christoph Buik ended his tour of duty in Somalia and moved to Brindisi/Italy where he will serve as Head of the United Nations' Standing Police Capacity. Commissioner Buik served in Somalia since late September 2015. His successor will be Chief Superintendent Lucien Vermeir, who was already Acting Police Commissioner for UNSOM in 2015 (a more detailed presentation of Commissioner Vermeir will follow in THE **NPM** NEWSLETTER for February). Commissioner Buik expressed his gratitude towards all Somali and international colleagues. "It was a distinct honor, privilege and great experience to work with all of you for the sake of Somalia", he said during his farewell reception. "The agreement on the New Policing Model and its endorsement first by the National Leadership Forum and meanwhile by the National Security Council are milestones in the development of police services within a peaceful and prosperous Somalia", he concluded.

# AMISOM and UNSOM Police cooperation continues

Mogadishu – A series of meetings between AMISOM and UNSOM Police was held in January. Information was shared on ongoing and planned UNSOM and AMISOM activities. The scope of a work plan of the Police Professional Development Board as well as the delivery of concrete training projects were discussed. UNSOM Police presented the contents of the State Police Plans and it was talked about which information from the plans would be useful for the upcoming planning on transition. Acting AMISOM Police Commissioner Christine Alalo agreed with her counterpart on the UNSOM side to conduct meetings every fortnight to share information and to identify areas for mutual support. This comes with a reinforcement of the AMISOM Police component by 80 newly arrived Individual Police Officers (IPO) and 20 additional members of the Formed Police Units (FPU). The overall targeted number of AMISOM Police is 1.040 officers in total, 240 IPOs and 800 FPU members split into five units.



