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UN in Somalia marks the "International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict" in Mogadishu: "Stand with rape survivors, fulfil their rights"

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South West State Technical Committee NPM Workshop held in Baidoa



Baidoa: The South West State Technical Committee on implementation of the **New Policing Model** (TC NPM) met on 24 and 25 June 2019 in Baioda. The TC NPM-members were representing all areas of the state and support was provided by UNSOM, UNDP, UNOPS and IOM under the funding of the the Joint Police Programme. The meeting was chaired by Mohamed Hassan Yuniss, SWS MoS Police Coordinator, and attended by representatives from various SWS ministries, SWS Police, UN Agencies and AMISOM Police. Speaking on behalf of the MoS, the MoS Police Coordinator welcomed and thanked the participants both from the Technical Committee and the international community for the support to the workshop and pointed out the importance of the meeeing for the revision of the SWS Police Plan and for the identification of time-bound policing priorities. During the workshop, SWS Police presented comprehensive human resource and logistic management plans. UNSOM Police updated the TC members on the **New Policing Model**, the Transition Plan and the Joint Police Programme. In discussions among TC members, priorities were identified, and actions were agreed: (1) To update the State Police Plan and prioritize support to the three regions of the South West State (Bay, Bakool and Lower Shabelle); (2) To professionalize the police through basic human and asset management systems; (3) To seek available funding by translating the identified new priorities into Joint Police Programme work request. TCs NPM are existing in all FMS and are designed to plan on the implementation of the **New Policing Model** supporting the respective MoS. Since TCs NPM were developing the strategic police plans in 2017, they are permanent working groups supported by UNSOM and AMISOM Police.

Lower Shabelle Vetting and Recruitment Committee Training in Mogadishu

Mogadishu: The process of recruiting police officers to be deployed along the liberated cities in line with the Operation Badbaado in LowerShabelle has begun. On 10 June, a 12-member vetting committee from the affected districs in Lower Shabelle, responsible for mobilising members of the communities to enlist in the police service, underwent a one-day training in Mogadishu. The training was conducted by AMISOM Police. South West State Minister of Security, H.E. Isaq Ali Subug, the Governor of Lower Shabelle, UNSOM Police and UNOPS were present during the training. AMISOM Police gave a presentation on the "Somali Police Services Recruitment and Vetting Procedures" developed and endorsed by the Police Professional Development Board (PPDB)". The vetting committee, with the support of AMISOM and UNSOM Police, will be responsible for a recruitment exercise to be conducted in several locations in Lower Shabelle region taking into consideration a balanced clan and gender representation. The recruitment, vetting and training of 400 police recruits, funded by the Joint Police Programme, will be conducted as a priority at the Police Academy in Mogadishu. At the completion of the three-month basic recruit training, the graduates will be deployed to targeted locations in Lower Shabelle as part of the broader 'hold' and 'build' phases of Operation Badbaabo.



Criminal Investigation Programme (CIP) for Somalia

Mogadishu: On 4 June 2019, UNSOM Poice met senior officials from the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) of the U.S. Department of State and the UNODC Regional Director to discuss the implementation plan for the Criminal Investigation Programme (CIP) for Somalia. The \$11.4 million INL-funded CIP was officially signed on 22 May 2019. The three-year long training program owned by INL is aiming to deliver comprehensive training in criminal investigation and management both for Federal Police CID and Federal Member State Police CIU in cooperation with Somali Police services and other stakeholders on the ground.

It was agreed that the newly appointed UNODC programme manager will be collocated with UNSOM Police and that programme implementation will continue to be done in accordance with the **New Policing Model** and coordinated under the CAS Strand 2B process.

On 19 June, following the meeting, it was agreed that the program will be brought to PPDB for approval on 2 July with the objective to start the training in autumn by selecting 10 qualified police officers from each FMS starting with HirShabelle, Galmudug and Jubaland.







Jowhar: Second Batch Basic Police Recruit Training in progress



Jowhar: On 22 June, HirShabelle State authorities together with AMISOM and UNSOM Police visited the State Police Training Center in Jowhar. The team interacted with trainees and instructors to find out the progress of the training and assess the current condition of the facility. The team was taken around the facility and informed that the training was already in the fifth week. It was also found that the training is positively progressing but challenges regarding the facility need to be addressed. The recruits (200) will go in three months through a comprehensive training programme which was developed by the Police Professional Development Board and funded by the Joint Police Programme. The first batch of Police recruits was graduated on 14 February 2019.

JPP Executive Board Meeting in Mogadishu

Mogadishu: On 17 June, the Minister of Internal Security (MoIS) and OIC UNSOM co-chaired a Joint Police Programme (JPP) Executive Board meeting. The meeting was attended by representatives from the MoIS, Somali Police Force, all Federal Member States, JPP Donors (EU, UK and Germany), UNDP, UNSOM and AMISOM Police. During the meeting a total of eight work requests from both, the federal level as well as Federal Member States, focusing on various aspects of Somali Police development were presented and discussed by the JPP Executive Board for consideration of funding from the Joint Police Programme. An amended programme document on the Joint Police Programme was signed by FGS, UNSOM, UNOPS and UNDP. During the meeting the FGS retaliated its effort in fulfilling their commitments as agreed with the donors in developing and improving policing both at Federal and FMS levels. On 18 June, following the meeting, UNOPS and MoIS convened a workshop to clarify the work request procedures in order to expedite the approval process.



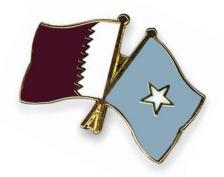
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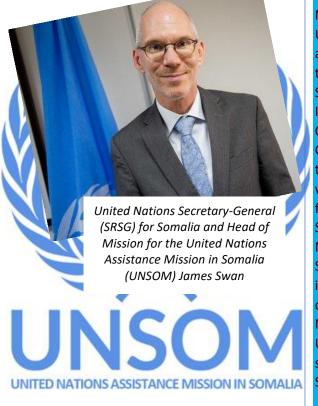
Mogadishu: On 19 June, United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM) paid tribute to the victims and survivors of sexual violence as part of the worldwide commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict. The day is being observed in Somalia this year under the theme **"Stand with rape survivors, fulfil their rights"**, to stress the importance of a survivor-centered approach to sexual violence in conflict. This approach seeks to empower survivors by emphasizing their needs and rights of access to appropriate medical treatment, psychosocial support, legal aid and livelihood support, among other services. To raise awareness of the need to halt conflict-related sexual violence, UNSOM has supported an event in Mogadishu organized by a coalition of civil society organizations dedicated to human rights and the prevention of conflict-related sexual violence.

UNSOM Police met Qatari Ambassador

Mogadishu: On 30 June, UNSOM Police in Mogadishu met the Qatari Ambassador in Mogadishu as Qatar is an important member of the group of countries supporting the police development in Somalia since 2016. The Ambassador agreed to continue supporting the Galkayo Joint Police Patrol Project with funds for the procurement of vehicles and the renovation of the Shabelle Police Station. From now on, Qatar will be participating in the bi-monthly meetings of the CAS Strand 2B Sub-Working Group on Police (SWGP) to align activities with those of other bi-lateral actors and the Joint Police Programme. Other countries supporting the police development in Somalia and participating in the meetings of the SWGP are the US, UK, Turkey, Italy, Germany, the EU and Egypt. The group is yet to be expanded giving the enormous tasks to be mastered.



New UN Special Representative for Somalia arrives in Mogadishu



Mogadishu: The recently appointed Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General (SRSG) for Somalia and Head of Mission for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM), James Swan, arrived in Mogadishu on 25 June to take up his duties. Senior officials from the Federal Government of Somalia and the United Nations welcomed SRSG Swan during a brief ceremony held at Mogadishu's Aden Abdulle International Airport. The State Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Abdulkadir Ahmed-Kheir Abdi, represented the Federal Government at the ceremony and extended a warm welcome on behalf of the people of Somalia. SRSG, who is a national of the United States, said he was eager to work with Somali authorities and international partners to fulfil UNSOM's mandate and help to coordinate state-building efforts in Somalia. SRSG Swan attended his first meeting with Federal President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed "Farmajo" at the presidential offices in Villa Somalia on 27 June. SRSG Swan is an experienced diplomat with a long international career in the United States' Government. He spent most of his career in African countries. SRSG Swan was appointed to the post on 30 May 2019 and brings a wealth of experience in sub-Saharan Africa to the United Nations. His first assignment to Somalia was 25 years ago when he served as a Political Officer in the Office of the U.S. Special Envoy for Somalia from 1994 to 1996.

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