



European Union Training Mission SOMALIA

In the framework of EU “Common Security and Defence Policy”, EUTM-S Training, Mentoring and Advising activities are carried out with the aim to contribute to development of stability, prosperity and security in Somalia.

OBJECTIVES

To provide political and strategic level military advice through the three EUTM-S pillars: training, advising and mentoring, mainly focussed on the Somali Defence Sector aiming to increase its proficiency, effectiveness, credibility and accountability.

Furthermore, to contribute to the development of the Somali Defence Sector by supporting the build-up of a sustainable Somali-owned military training system.

Finally, to enable the Somali authorities to take over the security responsibilities progressively.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Advising and cooperation activities were carried out, together with Somali Ministry of Defence (MoD) and Somali National Army (SNA), to develop and to draw up the draft of "National Defence Strategy".

The approval of the “Six Months Plan” which comprise organisational charts of the MoD Departments, Sections and Branches with associated tasks and required qualification for each positions, as well as the job descriptions for all the positions of the different Departments and the appraisal form template which will be used to annually evaluate the civil servants.

The signature of the “Recruitment, screening, vetting and selection procedures” as well as the “Exclusion from training procedures” for SNA personnel, by the Chief of Defence Forces, which introduce an appropriate and transparent process of recruitment of the SNA personnel. This directive also established a legal framework of exclusion from training for Somali applicants.

The ensured contribution to the EU Delegation to Somalia (EUDEL) aimed to achieve the signing of a MoU related to the EU project worth 2.1 M euro for the execution of infrastructure works, including restoration and furniture for several offices, internal communications, a Training and Educational Centre building besides the execution of several training courses for the MoD personnel in Villa Gashandiga. This achieved the goals merging of the Somali MoD with the SNA Headquarters in the same location, which took place in September, enabling further and closer coordination between the MoD and SNA and promoting the civilian and political oversight over the Somali National Armed Forces.

Following the graduation of the Pilot Infantry Company (PLIC), it was deployed operationally showing professionalism and quality. The PLIC was the first company size unit that EUTM-S trained after shifting from individual training to unit training. After graduation, it was deployed to operational tasks.

The implementation of the PLIC training model and the shift from individual to unit-based training and Train the Trainers courses, will provide to the SNA at least three Companies per year. These Companies are capable of conducting joint operations with AMISOM, fighting against the insurgency and enhancing the provision of security for the Somali people. Train the Trainers courses, in particular, are providing Somali Armed Forces with the capability to take responsibility for their own training system.

The training to the 1st and the 2nd Flame Companies. The training included parts where international actors such as ICRC and UN gave valuable lectures to the Company. These parts were beneficial for the soldiers and also showed the cooperation between the International Community and the Somali Authorities. The Company training also included an AMISOM mentoring phase where AMISOM supported a live fire exercise for the Company. The mentoring phase was again a good example how EUTM, AMISOM and SNA can join their forces and conduct quality training together. At the end of the training EUTM-S arranged a final exercise where the Companies showed their motivation and professionalism, and readiness to accomplish operational tasks.

ACTIVITIES

There have been four main training events carried out since December 2016 that have led to the graduation of 150 soldiers of the Pilot Light Infantry Company, 100 soldiers of the 1st Flame Company, 137 soldiers of the 2nd Flame Company and 23 people of the Train the Trainers programme.

The daily activities amount to 546 in total, including training, advisory, mentoring, Key Leader Engagement, reconnaissance, force protection and others.

PARTNERS

At the local level, the European Union Training Mission - Somalia deals with MoD and SNA. International partners are the United Nations Support Office for Somalia (UNSOS), the United Nations Support Office for AMISOM (UNSOA), the United Nations Operation in Somalia (UNSOM), UNMAS, EUDEL, AMISOM, EUNAVFOR Atalanta, EUCAP Somalia, the US Military Coordination Cell (MCC), Turkey and UAE.

COMMITMENT

The Mission comprises of 193 members from 11 Member States and 1 participating Third State, plus 15 local employees of which one is female.

Since January 2014 all EUTM - Somalia activities, including advisory, mentoring and training, are carried out in Mogadishu with the support of the Support Cells in Brussels and Nairobi.

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