



Joint Police Programme II



The Programme helps enhance the efficiency, effectiveness, transparency, and accountability of police service delivery to Somali citizens, while supporting the institutional and operational capacities of the federal and state-level security and police institutions, with a focus on human rights and gender responsive measures.



BACKGROUND

Years of conflict in Somalia have eroded public trust and weakened the police force's capacity. The partial implementation of the 2016 New Policing Model has led to fragmented structures, inconsistent practices, and limited coordination across federal and state levels.

The police remain under-resourced, understated, and operate under the threat of militias and Al-Shabaab. Women's exclusion from the force further undermines its effectiveness.

The Joint Police Programme II (JPP II) seeks to address these challenges by strengthening institutional capacity and rebuilding community trust in policing.

QUICK FACTS

Project Duration: Jan 2024 - Dec 2026

Total Budget: \$14.9 million

Focus Area: Police service delivery to Somali citizens, Institutional and operational capacities of the federal and state level security and police institutions

Implementing Partners: Ministries of internal security at the federal and state government levels and the state and federal police

Contributing Partners: European Union (EU) and United-Kingdom (UK)

Partner Agencies: UNWOMEN, UNTMIS, AUSOM, IOM



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS so far...

- 1,230 police officers and community representatives were trained on community policing, leadership, strategic planning and police reform, across Benadir and Federal Member States, enhancing trust, collaboration, and service delivery.
- 10 Local Police Partnership Boards (LPPBs) established, engaging 760 stakeholders and 18 civil society consultations, reinforcing participatory security and accountability.
- 200 officers trained in international human rights standards, with police station assessments and national consultations, strengthening rights-based policing and oversight.
- 155 women police officers were engaged in targeted workshops addressing barriers to women's recruitment, retention, and advancement in the police force.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Increase trust and cooperation between the police and local communities, including newly recovered areas, through comprehensive community policing and strengthened police accountability.
- Establish Help Desks and enhance existing One-Stop Shops by creating Public Reception Areas where citizens can resolve minor disputes, lodge complaints, and interact with police staff and community members.
- Strengthen the capacity of police at both the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) and Federal Member States (FMS) levels by enhancing their strategic planning, management, coordination, and service delivery capabilities.
- Develop the leadership capacity of police forces through the establishment of a Leadership Academy that provides formalized training based on a common curriculum, encompassing both policing skills and standards.
- Facilitate the development of sustainable strategies and organizational structures by reviewing and updating Strategic Policing Plans, taking into account the New Policing Model, the Somalia Transition Plan, and the National Security Architecture.

GENDER INCLUSION

- Address the underrepresentation of women in the police force by promoting their recruitment, representation, and retention in policing.
- Design a dedicated Strategic Communications campaign to increase the visibility of women in policing, community members.
- Enhance the skills of women police officers to enable more effective investigations by developing a specialized policewomen's investigator course focused on SGBV and other sensitive cases.



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