

# UNMAS NEWSLETTER

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On 19 March 2020, AMISOM MEU provided support to the UN Mission in collecting and delivering two batches of assets to the FGS National Health Commission. The request to the MEU was made through the UNSOS Mission Support Centre JSOC and MOVCON to support the setup of COVID-19 Isolation Facilities at the Dry Port through UNSOS Director's Office. Therefore, MEU delivered 3 Prefab Accommodation Containers and 20Kva Generator to the Dry Port Site outside AAIA. The assets were received by Dr. Mahad Hassan on behalf of the FGS National Health Commission. The second batch of assets was delivered the same day and comprised of the Sea Container with 5 Large Dome Tents to Martine Hospital in Mogadishu City, received by Mr. Abdirahman Adan, Social Sector Coordinator. This was the 2nd request by FGS Office of Prime Minister to UNSOS Director's Office to set-up additional COVID-19 Isolation Facilities at Martine Hospital.

## ACTIVITIES



Training was conducted in **14** locations including **10** Forward Operating Bases (FOBs) across all AMISOM Sectors and **1** Pre-Deployment Training Centre in Uganda.



**1** explosive ordnance-related accident was recorded during the reporting period, where a 10-year-old boy was injured, but later succumbed to his injuries on the way to a health facility. In response, the CLOs continued to deliver RE messaging with the aim of promoting safe behavior among the communities.



**1175** AMISOM personnel received training related to IED Threat Mitigation, Vehicle Check Point, Explosive Hazard Awareness training, Route Search and Battlefield Emergency First Aid.



**217** explosive ordnance risk education sessions were delivered, reaching **3,050** individuals, of whom **38** were persons with various disabilities (PwD). Of the total beneficiaries, **65%** were children. Additionally, **3,050** risk education promotion leaflets were distributed throughout four FMS and Banadir Region.



UNMAS supported AMISOM with **21** Explosive Detection Dogs (EDD) teams operating from **6** Sector HQ's. The EDD teams have worked to ensure continued AMISOM Operations.



**207** remnants of explosive ordnance were cleared from various locations within the area of operations; thus, preventing them from being tampered with, or being used as IED component parts. Over this period, the teams carried out **15** controlled demolitions.



In Mogadishu, **4** IED events were reported, there was **1** PBIED reported in March in Mogadishu. The incidents resulted in **12** civilian casualties, **1** SPF casualty and **1** AMISOM casualty.



**20** route assessments, totaling over **234** km of road, were conducted to support AMISOM and other partners during movement planning operations, by identifying vulnerable points that could pose the risk of attack.



**38** IED incidents were reported overall in South Central Somalia, **14** assessed to have targeted AMISOM. The incidents resulted in **74** casualties, including **26** fatalities. **4** IEDs were found and safely destroyed by AMISOM



**25** villages/towns were assessed, identifying **39** public infrastructures which had been damaged or impacted, including in some of the recently liberated areas, which could be considered for CIMIC related stabilisation projects.

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### UNMAS supports security arrangements during the Somali Police Force (SPF) Graduation Ceremony



On 12 March 2020, UNMAS Somalia Sector 5 team supported Hilshabelle State with the security threat mitigation measures applied during the graduation ceremony of SPF recruits from Hilshabelle. The event was attended by AU Representative in Jowhar and the Hilshabelle high-level authorities, who expressed their gratitude for the support provided by the UN and AMISOM.



UNMAS supported the event with the security threat mitigation measures, by deploying the Explosive Detection Dog (EDD) to sweep the SPF Academy facilities prior the ceremony.

### Sector VI Commander visits troops in Kuday and Abdale Birole

On 22 March 2020, a team led by Sector VI Commander Brig J. S. Mwinyikai visited troops stationed in Kuday and Abdale Birole FOBs. The team was comprised of the Sector Commander, the Commanding Officer 2MIB Lt Col J. K. Maiyo, a number of staff officers and UNMAS



Kismayo Operations Officer Kevin Kithela.

The Commander appreciated the training delivered by UNMAS in Abdale Birole that included Exposure Hazards



Awareness, Battlefield Emergency First Aid, Route Search and Mobility Planning courses. These courses were conducted in February and March 2020 upon the deployment of the AMISOM IX Personnel. Concluding the visit, Sector Commander emphasized that the success in ongoing operations was largely achieved as a result of the joint nature of the operations and commended all partners involved, including UNMAS.

### UNMAS Supports Strengthening the Capacity of Security Forces



UNMAS Somalia continues to collaborate with stakeholders to the implementation of the Transition Plan, through sharing information on Explosive Ordnance (EO) and public facilities impacted during the conflict, as well as preparing partners in their efforts to maintain the safety of the local population. In March 2020, UNMAS briefed 45 CIMIC Officers (22 AMISOM, 15 SNA, 8 SPF, of which 38 Male, 7 Female) regarding the various avenues that Community Liaison Officers (CLOs) could support CIMIC activities. The session, held at JMTC in AAIA, was intended to inform the participants on the roles and extensive footprint of the CLOs, thereby providing them with the appropriate referral mechanisms and linkages, were they to encounter EO while conducting CIMIC activities.

## ABOUT

UNMAS support to AMISOM is provided through the UNSOS mission as part of the overall logistical support package in line with UNSCR 2472 (2019).

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