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Community Stabilization and Reconciliation through Livelihoods Recovery in Post-Conflict Southern Somalia (CSR)

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On 01 April 2014, through the generous financial assistance provided, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization started up its 'Community Stabilization and Reconciliation through Livelihoods Recovery in Post-Conflict Southern Somalia' (CSR) project. The project location will be based out of the AMISOM protected Kismaayo International Airport compound and will use a containerized, mobile, and modular training platform to deliver its technical skills training programme. In the initial start up phased of the project, core training related activities will include establishment of the training site, rehabilitation of small-scale infrastructure at the airport, modest design and build projects, practical small structure construction, and enhancing security barriers along the main road leading to the airport. International project staff are located at Camp Kismaayo and will work closely with other UN agencies that are also operating out of the airport compound.



The CSR project uses a targeted programme aimed at improving construction related trades practices in Kismaayo as well as working to establish market driven trainings that enhance income flows for women in traditional sectors. One of the main components of the CSR project is to use project resources to improve small-scale infrastructure at key strategic sites like the Kismaayo International Airport.

One of the core concerns of the Project Management Unit, is to work with our AMISOM and other local partners to improve the security environment at the airport for all end-users. In April, the CSR project and one of our local partners, Atlantean-Somalia, started up a Training of Beneficiaries in the design, fabrication, and installation of security barriers and traffic slowing devices. Under this training, 13 trainees have gained valuable skills in project design, masonry and formwork, and basics of welding fabrication. These sites improvements have been received well by the local authorities and we expect to scale up our engagement around security enhancing interventions and initiatives.

WHAT'S NEW

- ◇ UNIDO-SOM is pleased to announce that UNIDO Engineer Alf Rongved has returned to our office to provide technical assistance in welding, blacksmith, instructional development and planning, equipment installation and commissioning, training delivery, and multi trades training programme management.
- ◇ Thanks to the efforts of Atlantean-Somalia we have been able to identify, procure, and ship the first of our last-run shipping containers that we will modify for use as training halls. These containers have arrived at the Kismaayo port and are being transported to one of our technical training sites at Camp Kismaayo.
- ◇ The PMU project has finalized its equipment and tools supply contract with Cromwell Tools from the UK. We are fortunate to be working with the company as they have been providing UNIDO with high quality equipment and tools consistently to our post-conflict programmes in Iraq, Sudan, Liberia, Somaliland, and Afghanistan.
- ◇ Thanks to the support of our sister agencies the UN Mine Action Service and UN Support Office for AMISOM we have received our first shipment of tools that were part of a joint air shipment that arrived at the Mogadishu airport in mid-May. UNIDO-SOM staff will be working with our partners to receive, clear, and ship these items to our project site.
- ◇ Jonathan Eischen has joined the CSR project as our post-conflict advisor with an emphasis on stakeholder relationship building, donor and UN liaison, security appraisals, and in-house training of local staff that we plan to recruit under the CSR project.
- ◇ The PMU for the CSR project continues to look for local partners that we can work with around the theme of livelihoods support, vocational trades training, and community stabilization. Greater coordination and targeting on the part of UN and INGOs will lead to improved results in the field.