

## **Police Reform in Kenya - Basket Fund Bulletin**

### **Government of Kenya launches its next phase of reform activities- 2015-2018**

Cabinet Secretary Nkaisery and Swedish Ambassador Borgstam launched the Revised Police Reforms Program Document, 2015-2018 on 23 June. Supported in its development by the Basket Fund, the Document describes the reform priorities of the National Police Service (comprising the APS, KPS, IAU and DCI), the National Police Service Commission and the IPOA over the next 3 years.



**From left: Macharia Njeru, Chair, IPOA; H.E. Johan Borgstam, Ambassador of Sweden to Kenya; Hon. Joseph Nkaisery, Cabinet Secretary, MoICNG; Joseph Boinnet, Inspector General of Police; Dr. Eng. Karanja Kibicho, Principal Secretary, MoICNG; Johnston Kavuludi, Chair NPSC**

### **Baseline Survey on People-Centered Policing**

The Basket Fund is opening procurement for a provider to undertake an independent study on the degree to which Kenyan policing is, in 2016, assessed as being 'people-centred'. The NPS approved the terms of reference for the procurement action, further to which potential providers will be required to present a proposal to the NPS and defend it in person.

### **IPOA undertakes a mid-term review of its Strategic Plan**

The Basket Fund confirmed the appointment of Mutuma Ruteere to support IPOA in undertaking a mid-term review of its Strategic Plan (2014-2018). The Review will assist IPOA to analyze its past performance for purposes of re-strategizing and operational planning of the second half of its Strategic Plan period (2016-2018). Consultations with key stakeholders in the police reform process are underway.

### **Second phase training of IPOA Investigators in Forensics**

On 5-10 June 2016, IPOA undertook a second phase of its Forensics training where 17 investigators acquired advanced knowledge and skills. The training, facilitated by various local experts supported by the Basket Fund, was aimed at enhancing the ability of IPOA's investigators to conduct forensic investigations within the desired standards, timelines and quality.

### **Experiential learning visit to IPID South Africa**

The Basket Fund supported 8 IPOA Board Members and Senior Managers to conduct a one week benchmarking visit to South Africa's equivalent institution, the Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID). Outside of Basket Fund support, the IPOA team was accompanied by four members of parliament from the Administration and National Security Committee led by the Committee's Vice Chairperson Hon. Alois Lentoimaga. Mindful of the IPOA interest in decentralizing, the team complemented its HQ visits with tours of IPID's provincial and satellite offices in Eastern Cape, Limpopo and Gauteng. The team also discussed common solutions to the challenges they face, lessons learnt and operational opportunities.

### **Training on Evidence-based Monitoring of Police Operations**

IPOA has developed a draft training Manual on Evidence-Based Monitoring of Police Operations. With the support of the Basket Fund, Mr Sean Tait was appointed to undertake this task. On 24-29 July 2016, IPOA's Monitoring and Inspections directorate participated in a week-long training based on the Manual. The Manual will guide IPOA in undertaking independent investigations of policing operations and recommend remedial action, where necessary.

### **NPS Illustrator on Police Reforms**

Starting work in June 2016, the Inspector General of Police endorsed the appointment of a UNODC/Basket Fund consultant illustrator to draw 50 illustrations aimed at portraying the key messages of police reform. Basing his work on the over 30 new amended laws, Policies, Regulations and Guidelines contained within the NPS Reforms Roadmap Toolkit, the illustrator will pictorialize key messages on Anti-Corruption, Human Rights and the Service Standing Orders – amongst many other key issues.

### **High-level Breakfast briefing meeting on police reforms with CS Interior, Joseph Nkaisery**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016, a high level breakfast meeting was held to brief the Cabinet Secretary Interior, Joseph Nkaisery on the progress of police reforms in Kenya. The meeting was attended by among others, the Inspector General and deputy Inspector General, IPOA Chair and Board members, NPSC Chair and Board members, UNODC's Regional Representative and Basket fund manager and development partners. Updates on the progress, as well as challenges in the reform process were discussed.

### **Police Reforms Working Group Retreat**

On 21-23 June 2016, the Basket Fund supported a retreat of the Police Reforms Working Group in Kenya (PRWG-K). The retreat, attended by the PRWG-K members and key stakeholders in the police reforms process, identified key priority areas for 2016/7 and discussed ways to improve

engagement and coordination among all relevant actors. Further, the retreat identified areas in which the PRWG-K could align the Group's activities with the Government's Police Reforms Program: 2015-2018. The retreat's recommendations also emphasised the need to ensure information sharing across the board on progress with activities within the reform process, ensure community participation in the process as well as engagement in advocacy work to ensure all reform documents are enacted.



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