

Police Reform in Kenya - Basket Fund Monthly Bulletin

Welcome to the Bulletin

“Having recently launched IPOA’s outreach campaign to the counties, and presented a draft strategy for decentralization to take IPOA’s services closer to the people, it is my pleasure to comment on the importance of communication to the police reform movement in Kenya. IPOA is committed to the principles of transparency and accountability within the policing services, and so it is vital that we are open and frank about what is happening in police reforms – and also what is not happening. Police officers and wananchi – the very people we serve - deserve no less, and so it is my pleasure to welcome readers to the Basket Fund’s September bulletin.”

Mr. Macharia Njeru
Chairman, Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA)

Inspector General Appoints new Director of Reforms at the National Police Service



Eng. John Patrick Ochieng, Senior Assistant Inspector General (SAIG), was this month appointed the new Director of Reforms at the National Police Service (NPS). Taking over from Mr. King’ori Mwangi AIG, Eng. Ochieng assumes responsibility for coordinating the planning and implementation of NPS reforms across the services. The Basket Fund takes this opportunity to congratulate Eng. Ochieng on his new appointment, and to thank Mr. Mwangi for the excellent spirit of collaboration, which he fostered with Basket Fund representatives.

The Police Reforms Roadmap

On 14 September, in a meeting with the Basket Fund, the Inspector General affirmed his strong endorsement of the plans for the Police Reforms Roadmap. The Roadmap is the transformation strategy and a mechanism through which the NPS will cascade police reforms down from the headquarter level, via the counties, to the frontline of policing. Pending approval from the Police Reform Steering Committee, and due to commence in early 2016, Roadmap implementation will be strongly supported by the Basket Fund.

Read more about how the Roadmap will take reforms to the police station level here:

<http://www.unodc.org/easternafrika/en/justice-guide.html>

Western Counties welcome IPOA Outreach Campaign

Some 1000 residents and police officers of Kisumu, Kisii and Migori Counties met with Kenya's Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) on 22– 24 September to discuss police reforms in Kenya. IPOA's unprecedented outreach campaign is supported by the Police Reforms Basket Fund, through UNODC. This excursion to Kisumu, Kisii and Migori was the second of five outreach missions. Following visits to Mombasa, Kwale and Kilifi in July, the campaign moves on to Eldoret, Nakuru & Kericho (26-30 October), Kakamega, Busia and Bungoma (9-13 November) and finally to Nyeri, Nanyuki and Murang'a (23-27 November). The campaign will have visited 15 counties by the end of the year. See a full report at

<http://www.unodc.org/easternafrika/en/Stories/kisumu--kisii-and-migori-counties-welcome-ipoas-outreach-campaign.html>



Transformation Framework

On 15 September the Inspector General addressed the NPS Nairobi County Commanders at a breakfast meeting at KICC on strategic transformation of the NPS, highlighting the quick win principles of Friendliness, Cleanliness, Orderliness and Respect for the Command Structure. The IG tasked Nairobi County Commanders with implementing these principles at police stations throughout their area. The Basket Fund did not directly support the event, but provided technical assistance in identifying the quick win principles.

The Police Reforms Basket Fund (Kenya) is a collaborative mechanism between the Government of Kenya and Development Partners to reform policing services in Kenya. UNODC is the implementing agency of the Basket Fund. All comments or enquiries regarding the Police Reform Basket Fund (Kenya) should be directed to Simon Charters at simon.charters@unodc.org