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Introduction

Several insecurity incidents that disturbed the overall stability and disrupted the delivery of aid by the International Organizations operating in Puntland to needy rural communities had raised the anxiety of all stakeholders. Hiriiro and Maraye incidents of kidnapping and attempted kidnapping of Care consultants and its regional director and staff are the latest of a number of incidents that compromised the security and the stability of the area. From kidnapping of International Aid Agency's staff members to looting of material and equipment transported through villages, these conflicts are far from being isolated cases and confined to specific sub-clans or geographic areas. Delivery of aid to remote coastal and inaccessible communities is vulnerable to disruption by the intermediate communities, who may feel neglected. These communities, occasionally, express their grievances through subversive acts such as kidnappings of expatriates or vandalizing and looting of the supplies.

At the same time, when problems arise, the first to



The Joint Security effort Workshop hosted by PDRC

respond to the situation are the members of the local community, such as the elders, who attempt to salvage the personnel and materials, and also to contain the conflict. However valuable these local initiatives, they are clearly not sufficient to confront and contain the crisis. The need for coordinated and orchestrated efforts to tackle these protracted incidents is paramount.

There have been increasing concerns about deterioration in the security environment. Serious attacks on the international aid organizations and the general security of Puntland triggered the security alarm in the

whole area. This was particularly worrying for the international aid agencies because they have been used to relative peace and security in Puntland.

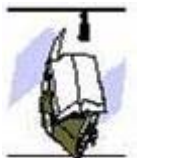
Departing from these disquietude security challenges the general public, administration and the international organizations operating in Puntland started, at various points, to find way out of this insecure situation. A number of community meetings, particularly the Nugaal Community, aiming at improving the security and creating safe environment for the internationals to deliver aid and assistance, have

taken place in the various towns of the area.

Towards Better Security in Puntland

From late May through June, July and August, there were a series of meetings held between key actors in Nairobi and missions to meet the Puntland government to attempt to address security concerns, as well as correspondence between the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator (UNR&HC) - on behalf of the international aid community and the Minister of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC).

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Joint press release

A joint workshop was held in Garowe, Puntland, Somalia between 29-30th August in which the Puntland Government, respected clan leaders and community representatives, the European Commission, International Non-Government Organizations and UN representatives investigated ways forward to improving security.

Fruitful discussions were held in identifying the roles and responsibility of government, elders, local authorities, INGOs, UN and donors. This clarified what can be expected from each of the actors and the demands that can be placed on them. A number of highlights are particularly worth mentioning:

Improved Communication

All parties agree that improved comm-

munication both between and within each party is an essential step forward in improving the security situation in Puntland. As a result all have committed to meet regularly at both central and regional levels to ensure participation, and identification of gaps and problems before these can escalate into security concerns.

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Abdurahman Shuke
PDRC Executive Director

A message from the Director

It is a great pleasure to bring to your hand the third edition of PDRC's Newsletter. This periodical is dedicated to spread message about peace, reconciliation and promotion of democracy as well as human rights and social development. Firstly we apologize for the year-long disruption on the production of this valuable outreach. It was purely a technical problem that thwarted us to publish the newsletter.

Now that we're technically prepared, we promise to be consistent and timely with the production of this informative handout.

The present issue focuses on Puntland security in general and the efforts of stakeholders to enhance the security situation. During August, PDRC and its partner organization Interpeace, had managed to host, under the roof of its main conference Hall, and facilitate meetings in which representatives of potential stakeholders had discussed security issues. Three successive events that took place here were all about efforts towards better security in Puntland as a whole. The administration, the community and the international aid agencies agreed upon coordinated efforts and common stand against perpetrators of security.

On behalf of PDRC and Interpeace, our partner in peace-building, I call for the maintenance of peace and stability that Puntland enjoyed for almost a decade of its existence. Enjoy reading this our modest publication and, please, spread the word:

"Peace be upon you and us".

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Nugaal community Coordinating and Development Committee signing agreement at PDRC main Conference Hall



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PDRC staff

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Simultaneously, Government, UN and NGO security systems agreed to meet at least monthly to address their concerns and monitor progress in the improvement of the security situation.

Mutual Agreement to Improve Policing

While recognizing that the provision of security is the responsibility of the Puntland Government; donors, Non-Government Agencies, the UN and clan leaders confirm that joint action is required to provide an effective security service. In particular, all parties

welcomed recent moves forward in clarifying the roles of traditional leaders in ensuring security and respect for rule of law, and in particular the recent progress made by Nugal elders in resolving some of these important issues. Replication of the Nugal elders resolution was encouraged by all participants of the workshop.

Recognizing that the workshop represents an important step forward in ensuring security for international agencies operating in Puntland, all parties agree to move forward with a number of complementary issues over the next weeks. These will include immediately establishing a taskforce to remove obstacles to finalizing a

new Memorandum of Understanding between the Puntland Government and INGOs as well as INGO registration.

All participants are delighted with the outcome of these consultations which have successfully brought together people from all sections of Puntland society; the comments made by participants were highly constructive and will, without doubt, improve the quality and safety of future activities, the agencies' staff and the community as a whole.

We emphasize that these consultations are not a one-off event, but part of a process of partnership to which all partners and stakeholders are committed.

PDRC staff

PDRC Background

PDRC is a successor institution of former War-torn Societies Project International (WSPI), which operated in Puntland during 1997-99. On October 30, 1999, the center was founded as a National Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), governed by a Board of Directors (BoD) of seven members. The Board, also called "Founders", consists of five men and two ladies. Abdurahman Abdulle Osman (Shuke) is the executive director of the organization.

Founders lobby for fund-raising and promote Puntland Development Research Center's policies and programmes.

PDRC MISSION

To participate, as actor and beneficiary, in peace building and reconstruction of Somalia; and contribute to the creation of a democratic system of government, economic and social development, and respect for human rights of all, based on equality of all citizens.

PDRC OBJECTIVES

1. To contribute to peace, human security, and development in the reconstruction and development of Puntland and other regions of Somalia.

2. To provide a neutral forum for peace-building and reconciliation through dialogue among key actors (government authorities, civil society, private sector, and international development actors)

3. To assist in the identification of reconstruction problems and priorities facing the Puntland government and its people

4. To develop possible strategies and options for future development, and for efficient utilization of resources



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agencies to work together to address the security challenges that are obstructing the effective implementation of aid in Puntland. In June, the president also proposed a workshop between key stakeholders as a way to move forward.

Note: The above three paragraphs are extracts from "Puntland Joint Security Workshop Report"- Interpeace.

The Main Stakeholders

Security and stability are concerns of all. However, the roles and responsibilities are the everyday jobs of specific structures and personalities. The administration is responsible for the overall safety and security of the area. Nonetheless, the community leaders/elders are also accountable for the security and stability of their enclaves. On the other hand, the international aid agencies are considered "Guests", as well as the main investors of law and order forces. Training and equipping the security forces, rehabilitation of and establishment of police stations, courts and prisons are mostly done through international assistance. Aid delivery is done at the invitation of the people of Puntland who bear the responsibility of ensuring the conditions for the delivery.

According to basic humanitarian principles, the aid agencies are not an armed group. The

only time that aid agencies would normally have an armed escort is to deliver life-saving assistance, which is only a very small part of the work needed in Puntland. Instead, aid agencies rely on the government and local communities as the safety net of aid workers.

During the past three months of security volatility the Nugaal Coordination and Development Committee, a 21 member committee endorsed by Nugaal Paramount Elders, was engaged in coordinating and streamlining the



working session of the Security Workshop

positions of the various communities of Nugaal towards perpetrators of the security and stability of the area. An 8 point agreement was signed at PDRC on 26 August by about 60 elders representing sub-clans that inhabit Nugaal Region. Agreement embraced several issues including (ref. the declaration on page 2):

- > Any civilian carrying a weapon in public would be arrested and the weapon confiscated
- > All sub-clans will surrender to the law any individual guilty of revenge killing, offences against humanitarian agencies, offences against public or private property.

In addition to that all sub clan elders would register with the police and serve as auxiliaries when called upon, and all sub clans will not claim blood money or compensation on behalf of their clan members who have been injured or killed as a result of resisting law enforcement officers. This was a reaffirmation of the traditional structures support to Puntland administration to take serious actions against perpetrators of the general security.

On the other hand and during that same period the administration was busy in improving the security situation by convening a number of consultative meetings with governors, Director General and members of the Puntland Reform Commission. The concluding ceremony, held at PDRC's Main Conference Hall, where the president, his vice and Speaker of the House of Representatives as well as other dignitaries were present, the DGs and the Governors have recommended to focus on security.

These collective and individual efforts culminated in a Joint Three-day Security Workshop that was held at PDRC from 29-31, 2007. Puntland administration was represented by the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC), the community was represented by a number of respected elders and religious leaders and the international agencies were represented by the heads of the various NGOs operating in Puntland. The overall number of participants exceeded 80 each striving to input to peace and stability of Puntland.

In conclusion, the security incidents targeting aid agencies - and the lack of effective action to address these, raised very critical concerns and seemed to signal a serious breakdown in the spirit of mutual collaboration between the communities, the government and the aid agencies. When the shared vision for the development of the Puntland people gets lost, many problems can arise between the three groups of stakeholders.

IT'S A FACT: PDRC hosted three security gathering in August alone

News Flash

PDRC research team has participated in the peace-building process in Buuhoodle.

PDRC hosted a UNDP/MLC and regional development workshop on security coordination for Governors and mayors of Puntland Administration.

Upcoming Events:

PDRC research team will conduct a survey on youth organizations in Puntland in late October.

Second training workshop for Executive Committees of six district councils will be held in October

next issue:

The main theme in October issue will be on "National reconciliation".

Please help us improve our Newsletter. Tell us what you think. Write us your comments and suggestion to serve our community better.

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PDRC's latest: Women in peacebuilding program

Women in peacebuilding program

The Women in Peacebuilding Program, PDRC's latest segment, was established with the aim of mainstreaming gender issues into the existing PDRC entry points: Decentralization, Youth, and National Reconciliation. In addition to ensuring women's participation in PDRC's entry points, the Women in Peacebuilding Program (WIP) team carries out separate activities, collaboratively or independently, such as International Women's Day on March 8th, 2007, hosted by PDRC in collaboration with the Ministry of Women Development and Family Affairs, the one-day forum in Baraxley for women communities in north and south Mudug, and the gender training for Galkiyo Education Center for Peace and Development.

The history of all times, and of especially today, teaches that women will be forgotten if they forget to think about themselves - Louise Otto

Regional assessment

The WIP team just completed a regional assessment of active and functioning women's organizations and networks in Puntland. The team visited five out of the seven regions: Bari, Nugaal, Sool, Mudug, and Karkar. Through our assessment, we met some of the most dynamic women in Puntland. These women include Anab Hassan and Hawa Abdullahi from United Somali Organization in Galkiyo, Zamzam Mohamed Elmi from the Abyan Research and Development Center in Las Anood, Faduma Nur from Amin Organization in Bosaso, Rukiya Mohamed Ali from the Poverty Welfare Organization in Gardo, and Halima Abdulkadir Barre from the Nugaal Women Teachers Organization just to name a few. The contribution of these women to the peace and wellbeing of the Puntland constituencies cannot go unnoted.

Perhaps the most alarming finding of the assessment is the raise and the severity of GBV cases. Women, young girls, and in some cases, elderly women, are not only raped but they are subjugated to severe mutilation and self-humiliation. It is imperative that this issue is dealt with immediately.

After the assessment, the WIP team has a better understanding of the lives women in Puntland lead and their daily challenges. WIP program is eager to contribute to the alleviation of existing social challenges.

The month of Ramadan has briefly halted the momentum gained from the regional assessment. Be on the look out for the WIP events and activities commencing shortly after the month of Ramadan.

Amina A. Nur, PDRC



Gender training at GECPD Center

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Hassan Aden, PDRC



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