

SECURITY SECTOR REFORM

The mission assisted national authorities in the finalization and adoption of legal frameworks for security sector reform (SSR) and the drafting of the frameworks for internal security institutions.

UNIOGBIS established the first model police station in the Bissau neighbourhood of Bairro Militar in September 2011. It is operational with the support of co-located SSR staff. Twelve (12) other model police stations are to be constructed in 2012-2013 with PBF Funding. This will allow the implementation of a framework for a sustainable community policing programme.

The reorganization of the police system from nine (9) to four (4) institutions (Public Order Police, National Guard, National Direction of Judicial Police and Interpol National Bureau) was accomplished in 2011.

The first phase of the vetting and certification process for policing and internal security agencies was accomplished, with 3024 police officers registered, including 407 female and 2,617 male officers. The second phase is expected to take place and concluded in 2012.

The mission, in coordination with other partners, played an active role in the process that permitted the international approval and national endorsement of the ECOWAS/CPLP road map for launching SSR in Guinea-Bissau.

The joint assessment of the requirements to support the rapid implementation of the SSR road map was successfully concluded in 2011.

A special pension fund was established in order to restructure the armed forces and security institutions through, among others, the gradual retirement and reintegration into civilian life of selected defence and security personnel of Guinea-Bissau. So far, the UN has disbursed its first tranche of US\$ 1.1 million (40% of USD 2.8 million committed) into the Special Pension Fund Account as a catalytic fund, with the expectation also that ECOWAS and other partners will also contribute soon. Government has also contributed the equivalent of 200.000 FCFA to the Fund. A list of 142 military elements to be demobilized under the first Special Pension Fund phase was submitted to the National Commission in charge of demobilization. However, the date of the launching ceremony of the Special Pension Fund (SPM), planned initially for 23 January 2012, was postponed.