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“

UN peacekeeping is an investment in global peace, security, and prosperity. The Blue Helmets are a concrete expression of the Charter's determination to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war.”

António Manuel de Oliveira Guterres  
United Nations Secretary General



## UNPOL Mandate Implementation Challenges amid COVID



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Welcome to our bi-annual news update where we showcase our role and mandate in the mission. This magazine has a catalogue of activities that are undertaken by UNPOL.

## Message from the Leadership Major General Kefyalew Amde Tessema Ag. Head of Mission / Force Commander



**D**ear UNISFA colleagues,  
While you consult this fresh edition of “UNPOL magazine”, the Covid-19 vaccination programme is being finalised in Abyei. This operation was made possible thanks to the effective contribution of the different components, of the Covid-19 Task Force, and of the medical teams, with important support from UN Headquarters.

While the vaccination, which remains voluntary for the staff, constitutes an important tool in our strategy to mitigate the risks of Covid-19, I still appeal to all colleagues of the UN family in Abyei to continue adhering to the basic measures to prevent the spread. These measures remain unchanged: keep social distance, regularly wash your hands, avoid crowded and enclosed areas, and wear your mask!

It is now over one year that the Mission has learnt how to operate in the context of the pandemic. The Mission continued to secure the populations living in the Abyei Area and to advocate for a sustainable solution of the Abyei dispute. In spite of these efforts, the security

situation in the Abyei Area remains extremely volatile, as demonstrated by the dramatic violence that occurred on 16 May 2021 in the locality of Dungup, in sector south, which left 11 casualties.

Although the start of the rainy season is normally marked by an improvement of the security situation, I still urge all of us to keep vigilant and to step up our efforts in the interest of the protection of civilians in Abyei.

Despite the difficult circumstances posed by the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic, UNPOL continues to offer a critical contribution to the implementation of UNISFA's mandate. Working in a very difficult operational environment and in close cooperation with the Force and civilian components, the UN Police continued to carry out a multidimensional programme of activities across the Abyei Area, ranging from community policing, capacity building to raising awareness on sexual and gender-based violence, crime prevention, Covid-19 preventive measures, fire hazards prevention and environmental matters. Thanks to its proximity to the local communities, UNPOL is providing an important contribution to the strengthening of the Mission's capacities to analyse and anticipate possible threats against civilians.

While I am conscious of our collective challenges ahead, I wish to congratulate the Deputy Police Commissioner, DCGP Mary Gahonzire, for her continued steady leadership of the component. I also look forward to working together with the Police Commissioner, Ms. Violet Nasambu Lusala.

I also seize the opportunity to thank the local communities, and notably the Community Police Committees (CPC) and the Joint Peace Committee (JPC) for their voluntary commitment in maintaining law and order in the area and their continued partnership and support to UNISFA.

I finally thank all colleagues, particularly to those deployed in the team sites, for your resilience and endurance to pursue the implementation of our mandate. I look forward to our continued effective collaboration, and let's stay safe!



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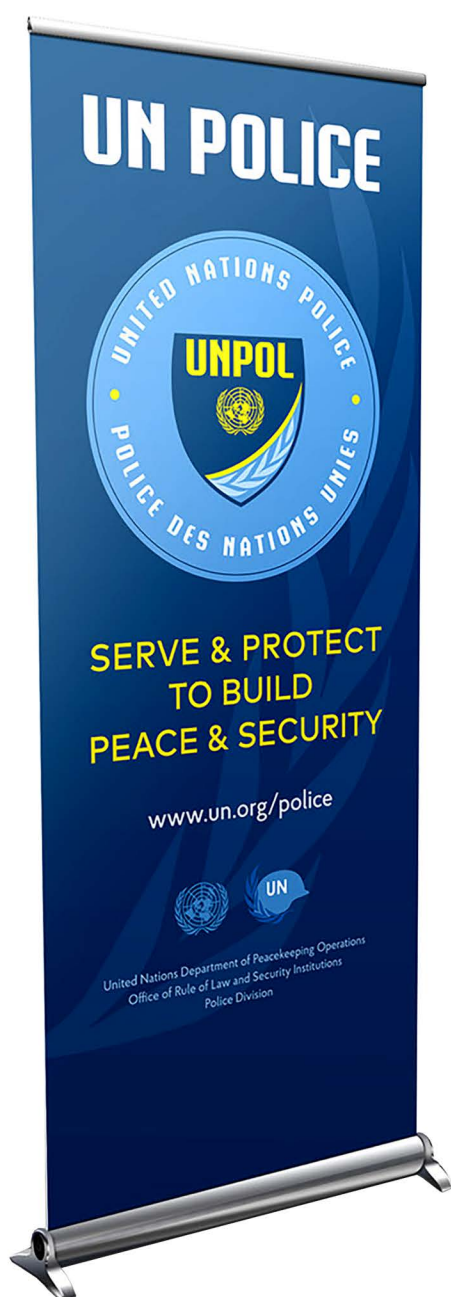
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Deputy Police Commissioner  
**Mary Gahonzire**



## Message from the Chief's Desk

**U** NISFA UNPOL is mandated by UN Security Council Resolution 1990 of 2011 with Police Personnel whose initial mandate was among others to:

1. SCR 1990 (2011) Primary Mandate of (50) IPOs was to enhance APS.
2. Strengthening the capacity of the APS... including training of personnel.
3. When necessary and in cooperation with the APS, provide security for the oil.

Taking necessary actions to protect civilians under imminent threat of physical violence, without prejudice to the responsibility of the host government.

With the vacuum of APS, the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2205 of 2015 mandated UNISFA within its resources and capabilities to work with the traditional leaders of both Missiriya and Ngok Dinka to strengthen the capacity of Community Protection Committees (CPCs) in order to assist with management of law and order processes in Abyei, while ensuring the humane and dignified treatment of suspects and detainees. CPCs comprise of unarmed, unregimented members of the public who volunteer to assist in maintaining law and order in Abyei.

UNPOL has trained over 600 in the south and center of Abyei and soon to start building the capacity of CPCs in the Northern part of Abyei (Diffra) beginning with 200 CPCs, comprising of both male and female Community volunteers. These like their colleagues will be UNISFA'S support system in the implementation of the POC mandate.

The law and order challenges in Abyei necessitated UNPOL to adopt comprehensive community-oriented policing strategies to ensure crime prevention and maintenance of law and order in Abyei.

The security situation remains unpredictable and very often communal clashes resulting in several deaths, proliferation of arms, serious crimes and recently emerged cross border crimes. Crime has mainly been on an upward trend in Abyei mainly due to the increase in population, cattle rustling, porous borders, booming trade at Amiet Common market which also attracts criminals.

Mushrooming of makeshift residential huts for trade have posed a great threat to peace and stability at the markets including fire hazards. Similarly, there are other emerging markets in Amiet, Agok, Sector South and in Abyei's Mulmul market, creating a need for UN Police to maintain law and order amidst an expanding population and trade. UNPOL in consultation with local leaders and CPCs are in the process of recruiting more CPCs to meet the increasing demand of law and order services on the ground.

It is against this background that UNISFA UNPOL has adopted a multi-pronged approach to community-oriented policing in Abyei, which is mainly anchored on the four essential principles of community-oriented policing espoused in the UN Manual on community-oriented policing. For us to constantly get inputs about crime, disorder and activities that generate fear, we regularly consult with communities through daily collocation with members of the Community Protection Committees, community confidence building interactive patrols, weekly joint security meetings with community and opinion leaders and military, pre-migration and reverse migration consultative meetings with Misseriya and Ngok Dinka communities, gender consultative meetings with women, among others. In an effort to consult a wider community UNPOL is also working with Church leaders to not only conduct crime awareness campaigns but also get the needed information that guides the policing activities by the CPCs under the guidance of UNPOL, which is also shared with stakeholders for UNISFA security operations.

We believe that our work is in the communities we serve and the communities we serve can assist us in diligently discharging our mandate. There is no doubt that the input that we get from the members of the community has been assisting us in ensuring effective use of police and other law enforcement resources.

The absence of Abyei Police Service also calls upon the community members to be vigilant and commit their time and resources in ensuring public order in their societies. In this regard, UNISFA UNPOL takes mobilization of communities in preventing and managing crime seriously. UN police officers must proactively rally and organize communities to assist them in managing and preventing crimes. We are adopting an array of strategies in mobilizing the Ngok Dinka and Misseriya communities, and these include crime awareness and prevention campaigns, Sexual

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## ... Message from the Chief's Desk

and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) sensitization programmes, promoting reunifying recreational programmes such as soccer tournaments pitting the Ngok Dinka and Misseriya communities, community projects such as the recent renovation of the Abyei detention center, school-based strategy whose sensitization activity enables the police and school communities to work more closely together in new ways to address community-wide youth related problems beyond a narrow focus on individual crime incidents such as peer educators groups and mobilizing resources and training of Community Protection Committees, among others.



UN police officers must always be willing and able to effectively respond to the security and safety needs of the communities they serve. By responding to the security needs of members of the public, UN police gain the much-needed trust and support from the community members. In the absence of the Abyei Police Service, the Abyei community puts its security and safety needs in the hands of UNISFA and UNPOL in particular. We are responding to their security and safety needs in many ways, which include, attending scenes of crime, assisting Community Protection Committees in investigating serious crimes and management of detention centers, attending to traffic road accidents, patrols, mediation, monitoring and reporting abuse of human rights especially of children and women, among others. In instances where they cannot provide what is needed, the United Nations police should, wherever feasible, advise people about alternative avenues of redress and assistance.

Community-oriented policing aims at proactively changing the conditions that lead to crime rather than repeatedly responding to individual incidents. UN police should, therefore, treat crime as groups of problems to be solved rather than separate events. The ultimate goal of problem-oriented policing is crime prevention which foster a common purpose of keeping the area safe thereby concentrating on improving the quality of life of people. UNISFA UNPOL is assisting in analyzing crime trends and identifying generic and perennial root causes of crime as well as putting in place programmes to change the conditions which lead to commission of crime among different segments of society. For instance, drug and alcohol abuse by the youth have been found to be contributing to the commission of crime and we have been conducting drug and alcohol abuse prevention and awareness campaigns targeting youth. We have also noted that clashes between the Ngok Dinka and Misseriya escalate during the migration and reverse migration period, hence pre-migration and reverse migration consultative meetings with these communities.

POC is one of UNPOL core operational roles to support implementation of the Mission's civilian POC strategy along with other stakeholders. To this, UNPOL carries out joint patrols (aerial and foot patrols) with both Military and CPCs/JPCs to assess the security needs.

UNISFA /UNPOL has contributed to lessening the Inter Communal conflict through our regular JPC meetings with UNISFA stake holders and the CPC/JPC by sensitizing them on peaceful conflict resolution. These meetings avail opportunities to communities to voice their concerns and solutions have been offered jointly.

Going forward, currently we have over 397 Community Protection Committee members in the Central and Southern sector of Abyei who are assisting in the maintenance of law and order. We are on a drive to recruit more CPC members to combat increase in crimes. Northern sector which has previously not embraced the CPC system has finally agreed and thanks to the new CA who recently accepted to work with UNPOL Leadership in establishing the CPCs system. We are intending to establish the third additional team site of Maria Achak to Noong and Tajalei to further enhance access of policing services in these areas. We currently have seven Team Sites.

As of now the Abyei Police Service has not been established by the parties and UNISFA has remained the only entity that maintains law and order in Abyei Area. Currently there are approximately 600 members of CPCs working in the existing thirty (30) CPC stations in the Ngok Dinka communities and one Joint Protection Committee (JPC) in Amiet Common Market.

The UNPOL strength currently stands at four secondment officers of which three (03) are females, forty-eight (50) Individual Police officers of which seventeen (17) are females. The officers are from different Member States as follows:- Ethiopia, Namibia, Rwanda, Jordan, Tanzania, Zambia, Ghana, Ukraine, Russia, India, Kenya, Fiji, Nepal, Mongolia, Tajikistan, South Africa, Sierra Leon, Gambia, South Korea and Egypt. UNPOL section is expecting the arrival of the Police Commissioner, and with this addition a great appreciation goes to both the Police Division and the mission leadership for the support.

UNISFA Police is currently performing its law and order duties in the absence of Abyei joint institutions including the judicial system and the Abyei Police Service. Despite this vacuum, UNPOL embarks on proactive strategies in managing crimes through community-oriented policing as well as enhancing the capacity of the CPCs and JPCs who are currently assisting the safety and security of local communities in the absence of Abyei Police Service.

### UNISFA UNPOL operational activities include and not limited to the following:

- Community interactive and confidence building patrols.
- Crime prevention and gender awareness campaigns.
- Daily collocations with CPCs/JPCs through mentoring and advising on adherence to the international policing and Human Rights standards.
- Enhancing the capacity of CPCs and JPCs by proving them with basic policing training in line with rule of law.
- Preparatory planning for the establishment of the Abyei Police by developing a roadmap strategy towards its establishment.
- Partake in the confiscation and proliferation of weapons in collaboration with UNMAS and Military.
- Liaising with AFPs and coordinate on Quick Impact Projects to support CPCs and JPC.





## THE TOUR OF USG MR ATUL KHARE

**T**o overview and render the required support to peacekeeping efforts of UNISFA in Abyei Town a delegation of three persons led by Mr. Atul Khare, Under-Secretary-General for Operational support (USG/DOS), Mr. Rick Marn, Director, Division for Special Advice, Department of Operational Support (DSA/DOS) & Ms. Tanaz Khambaa, Programme Management Officer, Office of the USG/DOS visited Abyei on three days tour from 5th - 7th of March 2021.

Upon arrival the USG was given Guard of Honor mounted by the Ethiopian colleagues. On the same day the USG got involved in the environmental protection campaign where UNISFA was graced by active participation in tree planting.

On the 6th March, the USG visited Abyei town which is the main operational center of UNISFA where he made a turn at AMTH BECK hospital, and thereafter he proceeded to Abyei Main CPC where the Community Protection Committee members were eagerly waiting to meet him. On arrival at the Abyei main CPC, the USG was received by the Chief of Operations SACP, Suzan Kaganda, Chief of CPC MR. Barnaba Dutu and other members of the CPC. The Chief of OPS gave a briefing on the wide range of work mortalities between UNPOL and CPC's with support of traditional leaders towards POC mandate. The USG was further briefed about renovation about the Abyei CPC and the detention center-courtesy QIP's funds.



The next briefing was by the head of CPC who thanked the USG for the support of the United Nations to Abyei right from the time of the conflict to date. He appreciated the enormous work done by UNPOL in enforcing law and order in Abyei in partnership with the CPCs and the entire community.

The USG appreciated the work done by the CPCs along with UNPOL in the Protection of Civilians mandate. He inspected the CPC offices and was shown the detention center. The head of the CPC appreciated the visit of the USG and UNPOL's support.

On the last day of his visit 7th March 2021 the USG had a town hall meeting with all UNISFA personnel and discussed with them a wide range of issues pertaining to welfare, Covid-19 pandemic compliance including vaccination efforts by the UN. The USG appreciated efforts BY UNISFA leadership in steering mandate implementation despite the "new normal" in the protection of civilians' mandate.





## Diplomatic Visit from USA and NORWAY

A delegation of four official Mr. Amber Baskette, DCM U.S. Embassy Khartoum, Ms. Joye Davis-Kirchner, U.S. Embassy ,Khartoum, Mr. Atif Yousif Kunda, RSO/BG and Mr. Ehab Osman Hammid, RSO/BG visited Abyei on 05 days visit from 28th March 2021 to 1st April 21.

On 31 March 2021, the deputy US ambassador, Amber Baskehe paid a visit to Amiet market and met with joint bodies including JPC, Community leaders and Joint traditional court members. The ambassador accompanied by CLOs' officer was received by UNPOL Chief of Operations Suzan S. Kaganda [SACP], Dinka and Misseriya community leaders and Chief of JCPCs. The Chief OPS briefed about the activities conducted by UNPOL to the JPC. The community leaders and JPC members raised their concerns. On their contribution they raised the challenges being faced, vis, lack of medical Center, especially for pregnant women, lack of potable water, lack of School, lack of good infrastructure like roads. The issue regarding insufficient detention Centers resulting in no separate space for juvenile delinquents arrested are perforce kept with adult prisoners / under trials. They requested for an early action in this regard to protect child rights. On this the UNPOL UNISFA Chief of Operations apprised the visiting Officer that the new detention building will soon be handed over and hence the issue will be resolved sooner. The briefing was followed by Chief JCPC who appreciated the work of UNPOL to enhance and to empower the JPC on maintaining law and order and human rights of the community the ambassador appreciated the works done by the UNPOLs and the Volunteer JPCs on the implementation of the mandate. (Rule of Law and Protection of Civilian). The event was concluded with the Ambassador's speech.

On the same day the US ambassador, Ms. Amber Baskehe paid a visit to Abyei main CPC. The ambassador was received by the UNPOL UNISFA Chief of Operations, Acting Abyei TS leader, Chief of CPCs Abyei, and members of the CPC. The Chief of Operations briefed upon the activities conducted by UNPOL to CPC, their modus of training and the support that UNISFA has so far extended to support the CPC' operations. She mentioned about the workshop training, logistical support as well as infrastructure buildings. The brief was followed by Chief CPC who raised challenges concerning Dinka community and appreciated the work of UNPOL to enhance, and to empower the CPC on protection and prevention of crimes and promoting human rights of the community. The ambassador appreciated the works done by the UNPOL and congratulated the COCs for their devoted work towards maintenance of law and order in Abyei as per the mandate implementation.





## The impact of COVID-19 on UNISFA UNPOL operational activities

**T**he outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic has greatly affected UNPOL activities towards the attainment of the mandate as operational activities were stalled from the 29th of April to 28 July 2020 by the Mission management as means of curbing the importation of the virus.

The suspension of the operational activities resulted in UNPOLs not conducting their mandated tasks such as patrols, campaigns, meetings with local leaders, mentoring, advising, and training of CPCs/JPC, visiting schools and detention centers among other activities. However, prior to the suspension of operational activities UNPOL conducted several awareness campaigns and issued pamphlets and posters inscribed in English, Dinka and Arabic which had tips on how to prevent the spread of the virus. They also informed the Community Protection Committees (CPC) and Joint Protection Committees (JPC) about the virus and encouraged them to cascade the information to the community and encourage members to visit the clinic if one has the symptoms.

As means of spreading the information on COVID-19, UNPOL in conjunction with the Mission Gender Officer appointed some women leaders as COVID-19 champions to lead in the dissemination of information on the virus and gave them pamphlets to distribute in their areas. Similarly, through the support of UNPOL and IOM, the Women's Union in Abyei produced about 8 000 masks and distributed them to CPC/JPC, detainees, health workers, patients, and women traders in markets to help the community in preventing the spread of the virus.

To address the challenges faced during the suspension of operational activities, UNPOL put in place some initiatives such as mobile phone interactions with Paramount Chief, CPC/JPC, Public Prosecutor, Traditional Court Leaders and Women Group Leaders. During these interactions, UNPOLs were given a brief of the security situation, cases reported and detention statistics. UNPOLs continued to mentor and advise on law-and-order issues, human rights, SGBV cases and overcrowding in detention centers. Through UNPOLs intervention and advise on decongesting detention centers, several detainees were released during this period.

Language Assistants also played a critical role during the suspension period through information gathering and informing UNPOL on the security, law, and order situation.

The unprecedented circumstances of the pandemic continue to hamper UNPOL operational activities as we cannot fully implement the mandate due to COVID-19 protocols.







## Know your DPC

“Strengthen women police for stronger society”

Mary Gahonzire  
Deputy Police Commissioner



### Please provide a brief introduction of your career and current responsibilities?

I am a police officer and presently serving as the UN Deputy Police Commissioner for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA) since 2nd September 2017.

Prior to current appointment, I was serving as the Senior Police Advisor (SPA) till July 2019, when I was appointed to the current position. Before my service in the UN, I was working with Rwanda National Police where I had the opportunity to serve in so many key positions including the topmost job of the Inspector General of Rwanda National Police (IGP), Deputy Inspector General of Rwanda National Police (in charge of Police Operations) and Director Criminal Investigations among others.

Currently, I am responsible for advising Mission Leadership on issues related to the effective implementation of UNPOL mandate on the following duties:

- Assist the mission leadership with strategic advisory support and assistance for the reform and overseeing the restructuring of the Abyei Police Service (APS).
- Provide oversight, coordination and planning of all UN Police operational activities within the framework of the Mission mandate, including individual police officers and preparations for the Formed Police Units which are in advanced stages.
- Managing, controlling and directing the UN Police component, as well as assigning specific duties to the UN Police Officers deployed to our mission.



### What skills have you developed in national service were particularly helpful in the UN mission setting?

While serving at the helm of the National Police, I provided command and control of the entire service, oversaw plans including entire effective management, coordination and administration of the police. These developed skills helped me in the effective management of UNPOL and effective delivery of the mandate. I was responsible for corporation between police and other stakeholders, and with my team, I was charged with developing a professional, disciplined police service that is accountable to the people they serve. I am currently overseeing the reform and restructuring of the Abyei Police and these above skills will not only help shape the police that is professional and accountable to the people of Abyei but also help in promoting general welfare of the UN Police officers.



### What advice do you have for effectively mainstreaming gender issues and gender-responsive policing in peacekeeping?

My advice is to integrate all gender aspects within the organizational set up of UN police and thereby making it a better place to work for both women and men within peacekeeping set up. For effective mainstreaming of gender responsive policing, I would look at it from three angles:

1. Senior level commitment and support which should be clearly situated in the strategic management priorities.
2. Institutional cultural change which should entail changing the culture of policing including shaping security institutions into more gender sensitive organizations. And,
3. Systems and Structural Reforms with improved policies, structures and practices leading to real change in the organizational culture.

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### **What advice do you have for supporting greater women's participation in peace operations in the field?**

#### **What support can the UN give? What can Member States do?**

#### **And in your own words, why is this critical for effective peacekeeping?**

The advice would be to improve representation of women in police because women's needs are better voiced by women themselves, develop further capacities and competencies of police both men and women, enhance roles, positioning and visibility of policewomen in partnership with men. There is also needed to Cultivate gender-sensitive work environment, gender awareness into police training curriculum. There is need for the HOPCs to have commitment at that high level. As for the member States and the UN, Political will is crucial in PCCs. Both the UN and Member States should put in place suitable policies for women to join peace keeping missions.

This is very critical for effective peacekeeping because it supports the establishment of an accountable police that understands, respects, and incorporates the security needs of diverse populations into its structures.



### **What has been the most difficult aspect of carrying out your role as Head of Police Component and the most satisfying?**

The most difficult has been working without a host police and a host Government, whereas the most satisfying has been to start the Community -oriented policing concept in Abyei and I saw it succeeding with an inclusion of women.



### **What advice do you have for female officers who want to follow in your footsteps?**

My advice to those female police officers would be that the world is waiting on them to be part of the global positive change. They owe a lot to those women out there in conflict countries because women's problems are better heard by women and no excuse because UN has provided us a platform. The Secretary General and the Police Division are ready to support them through the UN excellent systems established.



### **The Speed of the Boss, The Speed of the Team. Know your leader...**

Mr. Getu Tekeleyohannese Tiku, the Deputy Police Commissioner UNISFA was Born on 23rd June 1967. He joined the Ethiopian Police Service on 14th November 1989. He did his Advance diploma from the Ethiopian Police University, Ethiopia. He accomplished his bachelor's and master's degree in Police Science and a Law Degree from National Ribat University, Khartoum Sudan.

Besides above he also holds a plethora of distinctions in his 32 years of decorated service.

#### **Training**

- Countering violent extremism and crises leadership Forum, IELA Roswell USA
- Senior leadership seminar, Beijing China
- Meeting the police education below sea level course, from Police Academy, Eindhoven/ Netherlands
- Law Enforcement Executive Development Programme, ILEA Gaborone/Botswana
- UN Peace keeping pre deployment training on UNPOL core competencies in peace operation Cairo/Egypt

#### **National Police Service**

Before coming to the present UN Field Mission, he has served on many coveted appointments, viz:

- Deputy Commissioner General of the Ethiopian Federal Police.
- Vice president at the Ethiopian Police University 3 yrs.
- Director for staff college at the Ethiopian Police University
- Foreign relation officer for the Ethiopian Police University.
- Zonal head of crime prevention in Adisababa
- Chief of staff at the Ethiopian Police University.

#### **UN Mission Experience**

- UNISFA: from 10 August 2014 to 09 August 2016 as OIC COMMUNITY POLICING and Abyei Team site leader
- At present he has been observing responsibilities as Chief of Capacity Building and Development Coordinator since 07 October 2021

His vision and leadership have helped to achieve an unprecedented milestone in the area of Community Policing through many QIP in Abyei and thus is revered not only by the UNPOL fraternity but also by the community in general here.



## UNPOL extends a hand of love to Amiet Community through QIPs

**Don't look for big things, just do small things with great love, the smaller the thing, the greater must be our love.**

**H**umanitarian Assistance activity is the most significant tool for achieving UNISFA mandates objectives to assure friendly community support and provides basic humanitarian aid and services to people in need. UNISFA UNPOL responds to ongoing logistic issues. UNPOLs keep in their mind Impartiality, Unity and Neutrality while providing the need to community. In this context on the 28th of February 2021 UNPOL Community Policing Officer, Emmanuel KALINDA with Language Assistant Dominic Deng GOCH went to Amiet Market and held meeting with Todach Team Site UNPOL Leader and JPC Coordinators on handing over of two hundred Plastic Sheets. Taking this process forward on 01st March 2021, UNPOL team led by Madam Mary Gahonzire Deputy Police Commissioner accompanied by the Ethiopian colleagues left Abyei Base to visit Amiet community to sympathize with them about tragic fire hazard. After going around to assess the distraction of the fire the DPC handed over two hundred Plastic Sheets to the traditional leaders of both Misseriya and Dinka communities. The main recipients of the plastic sheets were the victims of the recent fire outbreak. In her message the DPC first conveyed greetings and sympathy from the mission leaderships. She encouraged them to keep working with UNISFA towards peace and security in Abyei.

Before the handing over process, representatives from both communities expressed their contentment. Speaking on that occasion both community leaders thanked UNPOL for their good deeds. Both leaders thanked UNPOL for the kind gesture including timely intervention by UNISFA military together with UNPOL Todach Team site leader Commander Shumiye. At last community leaders reiterated DPC visit with her team and conveyed regards to UNISFA mission leadership. At the end of the programme Madam DPC thanked them for their continuous support towards UNISFA and mandate implementation especially towards peace and security to Abyei. She emphasized for the great need for increasing the numbers of females to curb the increasing SGBV crimes. In conclusion she reminded them to always report timeously to military and Police for timely intervention.





## Awareness on Human Trafficking to Agok CPC at Abaethok village

### A human life is not an object.

**U**NISFA UNPOL A/Chief community policing officer Alice BERUNGA is much concerned about community's vulnerable persons safety & security therefore she has focused on her activities a lot on human trafficking problem, global issue. It happens everywhere in the world. As the part of awareness campaign, she conducted training along with DCP Getu on 28th April 2021 at AGOK CPC members at ABAETHOK village with the participants of Total of twenty CPC's members.

She pointed out that Trafficking in persons is a serious crime and constitutes a serious violation of human rights. There is no "one size fits all" for what a victim of human trafficking looks like. People who are trafficked are children, teenagers, and adults of all genders. They come from cities, suburbs, or rural areas. However, many people are deliberately preyed upon based on their vulnerabilities, and those who are most disadvantaged in our society are often the most common targets. Traffickers use the vulnerabilities of their victims to deceive them by "promising" things the victim may be longing for, such as making up false economic opportunities or providing false emotional support. Trafficking in persons can take many forms, included, but not limited to, sexual exploitation, forced labour, domestic servitude, removal of organs or child marriage. Traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to lure their victims.



Further she stressed upon that it is a hidden crime, and the first step to combating it is to identify victims so they can be rescued and help bring their perpetrators to justice. She highlighted that human trafficking may seem like a problem too large to solve, there are steps we can all take to start making a change. Parents Can Protect Their Children from Sex Trafficking by paying attention on their activities and listening to them. Something we all can do is raise awareness of this societal issue and encourage others. It's important to remember that we can always be working to prevent human trafficking by promoting equality and lifting those who are in less privileged positions in community.

During the training, exercise was given to the CPC participant in True and False based on their understanding of human trafficking. They participate very well and some of them shared some of their experience. After the session, participant was able to understand how trafficking takes place and how to carry out awareness on members of the community especially parents to know the whereabouts of their children. After the training, the participant was served with lunch, water, and soft drinks.



## UNISFA UNPOL Distribute cleaning tools to community during cleaning exercise at AGOK

**T**he United Nations Interim Security Force (UNISFA) UNPOL on 12 April 2021, conducted cleanliness campaign at Agok team site, approximately 25 kilometers South of Abyei town, the Mission's headquarter. Such drives are wonderful opportunity for community -participation. Cleaning is the most important for well-being and a healthy environment.



As an initiative UNISFA UNPOL under the leadership of Mr. Getu TIKU, Capacity Building and Development Coordinator carried out a cleanliness campaign to motivate the community to understand the essence of cleanliness. Speaking during the handover the cleaning tools he stressed that by maintaining cleanliness community can reduce 50% to 60% health hazards. Under this activity twenty (20) tools such as wheelbarrow, rake, spade, and gloves etc. were also distributed.

A holistic roadmap was discussed during the event. The others, who were present during the event included Mr. Dau ACHUIR, Director of Health, Mr. Abienu MONXTUCK, Executive, Mr. BAGEET KUR, Chairman of MARKET, nine (09) volunteers from the RED CROSS SOCIETY and many locals.

Mr. Dau raised the issue about requirement of a generator set and about waste disposal management on the east and west flank. It was also suggested by him to dig out massive pits on the flank and to declare the area as prohibited area in view of safety and security concerns of the locals. Mr. Getu took cognizance of this concern and assured that the matter will be taken up with the engineering branch to seek their core expertise. He further expressed that such campaign shall not be restricted to Agok alone but will also be extended to other villages. Mr. BAGEET KUR Chairman of MARKET expressed their trust in UNISFA.

At last Mr. Getu TIKU appreciated the efforts of the UNPOL and encouraged to continues such efforts in coming future too.





## Women in detentions

**W**omen are often imprisoned for economic, non-violent offences often linked to their financial situation or experience of violence. Poverty, persisting discriminatory laws, lack of enjoyment of economic, social, and cultural rights and related obstacles in accessing justice, increase the likelihood of women being detained. For instance, women offenders often do not have the financial resources to pay for legal representation or alternatives to custodial sentences such as fines or to obtain bail. In addition, women are disproportionately affected by so-called “moral” offences, such as adultery or extramarital sex, or for violations of dress codes, or witchcraft.

Women and girls have also been imprisoned for running away from their homes, often to escape child and forced marriage, forced prostitution, or sexual or physical violence. Several countries imprison women for obtaining abortions, including in cases of rape. Furthermore, women victims of so-called crimes of honor, domestic violence or sex trafficking and sex workers have been administratively detained supposedly for their own protection or rehabilitation. In many countries, women’s political activism has given rise to arrests and detentions.

In times of conflict, and in a disputed area people who are deprived of their liberty especially women and juveniles are often overlooked, disregarded or denied their rights, UN Peacekeeping through the Office Rule of Law and through Justice and Correction Service (JSC) started providing the UN missions with experts in the corrections issues, who are serving as Government-Provided Personal (GPP) to ensure prisoners are not forgotten, two police Officer Selected to Serve as Government - Provided Correction Personnel (GPP) With UNISFA, Major. Khaled ALBDOUR the Chief Correction from Jordan and SP. Christine MUKANKWAYA the Correction Officer from Rwanda.

To ensure that rights of detainees are respected, UNPOL Correction Officers continued to co-locate, mentor, and advise CPCs/JPCs on proper management of detentions and rights of detainees, especially women and juveniles. Meeting with the judges, prosecutors, traditional court explained the rights of detainees and how we can together reduce pretrial before sending them to the court especially who have petty cases and how to Applying the alternative sanction especially for women and juveniles cases, correction section followed the women and juvenile’s cases with the judges and the prosecutors to find a way for release by bail or any other way, the meeting resulted to release by bail many vulnerable women and juveniles. with Abyei high Judge with Abyei Prosecutor

## International legal framework concerning women and detention

For many years, international standards and national laws that addressed the rights of persons deprived of their liberty and States’ corresponding obligations were primarily designed for men. They also focused on the conditions – not the causes or consequences – of imprisonment. To address the lack of standards providing for the specific characteristics and needs of women offenders and prisoners, in 2010, the UN General Assembly adopted the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders.







## International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action UNPOL shared knowledge with communities

**U**NPOL conducted awareness programme on eliminating hidden killers EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE RISK to alert the community so people could live without the fear that a single misstep could cost them their lives. In a bid to raise awareness, consequences of potential side effects by explosives object that remain in various parts of Abyei consistent with the in various incidence.

On different date April 2021, Abyei TS UNPOL and UNIMAS conducted an awareness campaign at Abyei town aiming CPC members as responsible people who are tasked with protecting their community in various disaster places. The communities and children who become the main victims of explosive devices because of ignorance. UNPOL team shared their knowledge and information with communities about the different types of mines and other explosives, the team insisted that the community must stay away of any object which is related to explosive devices, and should not go inside deserted buildings, as well as they should not fetch water from deserted hand pumps, to not go nearby fire, to not go get close to damaged trucks and to report immediately to CPC, UNMAS and UNPOL for any unknown object.

The team advised children that explosives are dangerous to their lives and can lead to death therefore required to report to CPC anything that looks like what was shown in the banner. The team then distributed some pamphlets with information on explosive devices inscribed in Dinka.

UNPOL Diffra Team showed enthusiasm to celebrate the international day initiative carried out in Abyei region, which aims to demine in the northern Abyei area from April to the end of June 2021. There was a meeting between UNMAS and the AJOC representative, UNPOL and Community Leaders in Diffra to spread awareness on this life-threatening issue. The initiative includes Putting warning leaflets in three main areas, such as Farooq, Diffra, and Souq Al-Naam (Amiet Market) UNPOL Team sensitized specially the children and women as they are more vulnerable.





## Green Abyei

**The community benefits a lot from Plantation project and we UNPOL are grateful for it.**

**T**ree plantation is vital to increase the green cover. Trees provide us with fruits and vegetables that are required by all living beings. Trees control the changes in climate. They regulate the temperature by keeping it cooler and maintain humidity. Trees help to improve air quality by intercepting and trapping dust and other pollutants from the air. When surrounded by trees or taking part in nature-based activities, stress and depression levels can be significantly reduced. Inspired by these benefits and as a responsibility towards Mother Nature and contribution to this initiative, DCP, Mr. Getu TIKU, UNISFA, designed a roadmap to activate all his UNPOLs to carry out a plantation drive. The need for tree plantation has been recognized all over the world. He also roped in the community partners and motivated them for active participation for this cause. Towards this initiative, On 07TH MAY2021, in an attempt to make Abyei, a greener and clean 100 tree plants were donated by the UN body to the community members during a plantation drive with support of Environmental office. As part of UNISFA's community outreach program to ensure a healthy living environment for the society, Under the dynamic leadership of, UNISFA, the UNPOL Agok Team Site members along with a delegation from MHQ including The Chief of Training, Farasiko Matawalu , Acting Chief of Community Policing, Alice Berunga and Community Policing officer Befekadu Choramo, conducted a tree plantation campaign in Agok town for the benefit of the community.



**Just living is not enough, one must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower.**

During this event, one hundred (100) trees of various varieties and species (trees for shade, exotic beautification and fruit bearing) were provided by UNISFA were handed over to the Agok Environmental Office. These plants were planted on the streets of the Agok town in the market area and court area, by the community members along with the UNPOLs joining hands together. The preparation for the plantation drive had started much in advance as an earlier agreement with the community members, in which the pits for the plantation were prepared as part of the campaign. The campaign's main aim was to involve the community members in constructive activities with the positive outcome through the facilitation of contributing to the society. Unisfa UNPOL maintained that such little steps taken together by the community will surely help in fostering strong mental and social health amongst today's children so that they connect with their peers, their elders, their community and their environment. The traders in the market area pledged to preserve and maintain the planted trees and to protect them from animals through protective fences to ensure that the plants grow into trees. Every step of the program was appreciated by the Community leaders, representatives of the administration and the local Environment department officials. The program created a great stir among the members of the society.



## You pray for rain, you gotta deal with the mud too.

**B**eing UNPOL Officer is not an easy task. A lot of challenges must be faced as the rainy seasons starts. While the entire world is fighting the COVID -19 pandemic, UNISFA UNPOL have an added challenge during the rainy season with the comparable poor road conditions. However the poor road network in Abyei Box and the difficulties they pose have not demoralized the UNPOL officers to get into the communities to fulfil their UNISFA mandate .The UNPOLs have planned a mechanism for restricted mobile patrol campaign, awareness activities during the rainy season days by interrupting mobile communication to connect with the CPC /JPC members to conduct security observation, law and order assessment ,community interactive and confidence building initiatives throughout Abyei. They take these interconnections to empower communities with strategies and gather information that they then pass to CPCs for further action. No matter how many storms come, strong intentions of UNISFA UNPOL are not defeated to achieve the UNISFA mandate.





## ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS DRIVE

### The Key to Safety Is in Your Hands.

**R**oad traffic crashes are one of the world's largest public health and injury prevention problems. The problem is even more acute because the victims are overwhelmingly healthy before their crashes. Poor road surfaces can lead to safety problems.

To avoid the road accident in the community, UNISFA UNPOL along with training section and Abyei team launched four-day awareness campaign from 11th January 2021, at new Market Check Point. Team carried out Road Safety Campaign. The UNPOL Team shared rule and regulation with more than eighty (80) drivers and Passengers.

Seeing the increasing number of road accidents and observing reckless driving along the roads in Abyei box as well as traffic congestion at marketplaces, UNPOL ABYEI TEAM SITE embarked on a Traffic Safety Awareness campaign to mitigate these occurring accidents. The campaigns were conducted on 03rd of MAY 2021 at Abyei town. The campaign targeted Motorcycle rider. The main objectives of the campaign were to raise awareness on the causes and effects of road accidents and sharing of strategies that can be employed to minimize accidents.

Community Policing Officer UNPOL Anna Mboya highlighted the causes and effects of accidents as well as strategies to mitigate the accidents. The common causes are over speeding, reckless driving, not respecting pedestrian, Vehicles being overloaded. Drivers were urged to refrain from speeding and reckless driving and respect the sanctity of the life of their passengers and other road users.

UNPOL shared information with



the riders to pay attention on Don't drink while driving, Wear seat belt, avoid Road Distraction, keep distance, Drive within speed limit, watch out other drivers and always service their vehicles. Helmets also play a major role in the safety of motorcyclists.

Riders expressed their gratitude to UNISFA UNPOL for getting valuable information and assured that from now they will drive safe and will follow traffic rules. At last riders appealed to UNISFA to assist by maintaining the roads throughout the year as it sometimes become very difficult to navigate through roads in the rainy season.





## Women deserve better

**T**he month of March is celebrated as IWD globally. But on the other way women are looking for ways to avoid domestic violence. Domestic Violence against women and girls is one of the most widespread, persistent, and devastating human rights violations in our world today. UNISFA UNPOL also comprehends this issue very deeply and join site their voice against domestic violence in Abyei box. UNPOL conducted awareness drive against it on different dates in March 21Community policing officer launched campaign at Abyei near Mulmul to educate the women on this topic. She stressed upon that mostly victim don't report due to the impunity, silence, stigma, and shame surrounding. Domestic violence is not just the use of physical force, it could be verbal stalking, poor treatment and denial of health and other facilities. She expressed that it continues to be an obstacle to achieving equality, development, and peace.

She expressed that the reason behind of it is male-dominated societies with less gender equality, low educational status, polygamous marriage, and husband's alcohol consumption the custom of 'paying' the bride's family, often in the form of cows, to marry a girl. It affects women, children, the family, and the community.

Approximately twenty females' participants received the information. Some shared their experience that It creates fear and sometime destroy family environments and lead to the break-up of families. Some women shared that it effects on their children as they grow up without learning about positive and respectful relationships. At the end every participant promised to share this precious knowledge with all women in their neighbourhood. From now they will openly oppose domestic violence, instead of keeping silent, they will report to CPC members.



## Rendering social services



**P**olice component not only maintain law & order but also take care of the service of community. UNISFA UNPOs are much active and keen to serve the local community. on social service on 08 April 2021, UNPOL Agok Team site paid a visit to Bishop Gassis Relief and Rescue Foundation (BGRRF) that is in JULJOK area in Agok. Main visiting purpose of the visit was to make a request for the provision of lists of vulnerable people for their further submission to UNPOL MHQ. After receiving the lists of interest, the UNPOL staff will organize and streamline the list categorically, as well as prepare programme to provide them with targeted social support measures in coming days. The Project Coordinator explained that there are about two hundred such persons living in the Agok area.

On the same way UNPOL Gender officer Alieu Y. Jaiteh held four meetings with CPC gender focal point on 14 April, 21 paying visit at Agok church orphanage, there were two hundred and seventy-three orphan children from different background. He stressed upon on their living condition, shoes mosquito net, torch stationary and their other needs. The meeting was held on 18 April with ACAD NGO, coordinator head office in Juba (South Sudan), willing to help to vulnerable children and women in Abyei administrative area. In a strong effort to help orphanage on next day UNPOL visited Abyei area and met CPC/JPC gender focal point to finalize the list for upcoming income generating activities.



## An investment in knowledge pays the best interest

**U**NISFA UNPOL Agok Team Site UNPOL on 12th May 2021, raised awareness among children and parents of Rumbek community about the importance of education. Since April, all schools have been reopened after a long interruption due to the pandemic. It is seen that during school hours, a significant number of children do not want to attend the class instead want to pass school time on the streets of settlements. This is also the responsibility of all community role players stake holders to send the children to the school.

The UNPOL shared an understanding of the school's value. The team reminded the community the South Sudanese government has now announced that schools has been reopened from 03rd of May 2021. Parents were also instructed to make sure their children must attend school regularly. UNPOL motivated the children to focus on their study as not only does education increase the overall wealth of the community and decrease the likelihood of discord and crime, but also leads to benefits on the individual level. Education is a powerful agent of change, and improves health and livelihoods, contributes to social stability, and drives long-term economic growth.

On the next day in Abyei central area at Rumajak, UNPOL also sensitized on education issue. Team networked with total twenty-five participants including children UNISFA UNPOL emphasized "Why should society feel responsible only for the education of children, because it creates knowledge, builds confidence, and breaks down barriers to opportunity. For children, it is their key to open the door to a better life. All children deserve to receive the 'precious gift' of education.



## Stop Child marriage and save the precious childhood of a child

**O**n Sunday, 09th May 2021 UNPOL Todach team site team conducted awareness campaign on Child Marriage in Amiet Common Market area to follow the UN adoption to eliminate child marriage as a key target for promoting gender equality by 2030. The campaign was mainly focused to create awareness and sharing information with community for prevention of Child Marriage. There was a keen group of twenty-seven participants to receive the valuable counsel.



Putting into words UNPOL highlighted the child marriage, is any formal marriage or informal union where one or both parties are under 18 years of age. It affects both boys and girls, but disproportionately have impact on girls. UNPOL team stressed upon that child marriage is a human rights violation affecting children's and women's rights to health, education, equality, non-discrimination, and freedom from violence and exploitation.

Team raised the magnitude specifically, the curriculum in schools does not empower girls and their families to challenge gender discriminatory norms in order to protect girls against the harmful effects of child marriage. With limited access to education and subsequent economic opportunities, child brides and their families are more likely to live in poverty. UNPOL threw the light that in recent years, child marriage agenda has received great attention on international arena to promote the rights of girls and women to decide whom and when to marry.

The community distinctively women and youth were happy with awareness campaign and all participants promised to follow and circulate the message to their family and relatives.

## OBSERVING HUMAN RIGHT

### A right delayed is a right denied.

**U**NISFA correction officers also focused in order to promote and protect Human Rights in their activities and continue to contribute through campaign, meeting and training. In reference to such activity on 14 April 2021, Corrections officer conducted Human rights awareness campaign to the CPC operating within the Abyei detention Center to remind them that detainee or prisoner is virtually cut off from outside life, International human rights law does however contain strict rules about the treatment of detainees and prisoners which are applicable at all times. Chief correction officer with his team shared the knowledge and expressed that there is no peace without justice and equality, dealing with prisoner pay attention that Prisoners shall be treated with inherent dignity and valued as human beings. No discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, colour, language, religion, political, national, social origin, property, birth, or other status. #Respect the religious beliefs and cultural precepts of the group to which the prisoners belong.



Unisfa correction chief also mentioned that treat inmates especially women and juvenile in detention based on International Human Rights and Mandela rules and that only female CPC should be allowed to enter the women cell, that where a need be for male to enter, he should be accompanied by female officer.

On the above subject 3rd of May 21, UNPOL correction officer conducted an awareness drive on women in detention. Correction officer stressed upon that CPC member should treat the women in detention according to the international standard human rights, and international rules (Nelson Mandela and Bangkok rules) Correction Officer advised the CPCs members that complying with events of the awareness campaign is very important, after presentation head of detention Mr. YAK Explained well all challenges in detention based on good presentation. They know well rights of women prisoners in detention, but the challenges of infrastructures are big obstacles for them.



## UNPOL FEMALE PEACEKEEPERS ACTIVITIES

**Thank you to all the UN Police female peace- keepers who are contributing to a stronger and safer**

**F**emale peacekeepers continue to bring a lot on the table in UNISFA through women empowerment programs such as Women Unions, recruitment of female CPCs, establishment of small businesses like baking, income generative activities which help sustain themselves and their families. UNISFA UNPOL female officers have been proactive in enlightening women of their rights and how they can contribute towards resolving the disputes in Abyei.

UNPOL female officers who mainly deal with female CPCs, whom they mentor and advise on how to handle GBV cases, investigate, handle female detainees, how to mediate and resolve disputes. UNISFA FEMALE UNPOL also train CPC/JPCs on different aspects of law and order i.e., community policing, criminal investigations, human rights, gender, investigations, and correctional services among other topics. Through an extensive recruitment drive for female CPCs, this resulted in the increase of female CPCs especially in the Central and Southern Sector of Abyei and female officers inspire them to reach greater heights and to challenge themselves to be exemplary in the community and advocate for more female CPCs.

During interactive patrols, female officers also visit detention cell to hear the concerns of women and



children, they also identify widows and orphans who are in critical need of food supplies and provide the information to AFPs to assist in this regard. Surely, the presence of female officers has seen women reporting rape cases and becoming more open to discuss their concerns and needs.

Despite the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, female officers have devised a way of communicating with female CPCs and women leaders via phone to get information on the security situation, law, and order issues, SGBV cases and number of female detainees.

Additionally, female officers also visit schools and reach out to children educating them on the importance of education, their rights and drug abuse. They also encourage children to report cases of abuse to their teachers, parents or guardians and CPCs. UNISFA female UNPOL conduct awareness drive on sensitive issues like domestic violence, human trafficking etc. No one can deny the contribution of UN FEMALE UNPOL.



## AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON PREVENTION ON SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AT NEW MARKET



**N**o matter how many challenges have come, but for UNISFA MANDATE compliance police component cross all the obstacles to serve the community in ABYEI box. UNISFA mandate has high volume on protection of women from physical violence and human rights abuses, Preventing and responding to sexual and gender-based violence, participation of women in leadership, gender as a crisscross issue. Abyei Team site UNPOL focused their campaign activity on that sensitive issue and conducted awareness drive under the theme 'PROTECTION START BY YOUSELF' on Sunday 07 February 2021 at Abyei team site on Sexual and Gender based violence to women traders at Mulmul Market to New market area. All thirty participants paid attention to know the form, effects, and preventive measures of that launch SGBV.

UNPOL Team stressed upon that SGBV inflicts harm on women, girls, men, and boys and is a severe violation of several human rights. Certain groups in a population may be particularly at risk of GBV older persons, persons with disabilities, adolescent girls, children, and female heads of household. Some harmful traditional patronage may amount to SGBV such as female genital mutilation/cutting, honour killing and maiming, forced abortion, domestic violence, forced marriage and early marriage. It is also seen that during armed conflict, sexual violence may be used as a weapon of war.

Keeping in mind the current security situation of Abyei, UNPOL team suggested female leaders to make sure they close their business on time. The location of the market is near to bush, it is better to avoid going to the bush to protect themselves from rape, kidnaping and theft etc. unwanted happening. If it is dark, they should walk in group and not alone. They should also take the step to raise awareness among their locality of concern of the need to prevent SGBV and promote gender equality. Women leader should encourage the formation of community-based networks to protect displaced women, girls, men and boys against SGBV at all times and in all locations, including in the home, school and work, in public places, on public transport, and at aid distribution points. Participants were agreed that SGBV cases are rampant in these areas due to cultural practices as women were afraid to report because of social stigmatization.

UNPOL team motivated women to share or if one knows of anyone being subjected to this, they can share with Community Leaders, CPC station, UNISFA police/army component, Hospital and not least at GBV desk which allocated near to the market. Reporting will be resulted against perpetrators to be arrested and punished according to the Laws of South Sudan. On that sensitive information all participants appreciated UNPOL for campaigning and sharing valuable knowledge in reference to essential to women Traders.

**"Walk Our Talk", together we can end Sexual Gender Based Violence and promote Gender Justice.**

### FROM THE DESK

#### Co-location with SGBV focal point

**I**n the absence of Abyei Police Service (APS), UNISFA has supported in organizing a body (Joint Protection Committee and Community Protection Committee) responsible for Law and Order within the Abyei Box. Within the said Committees, there are members who are nominated as a GBV focal points. They're more of like the Gender Officers of the CPC and JPC members.

Co-location with SGBV focal point is a form of meeting between UNPOL Gender Officers and focal point where topics relating Sexual and Gender Based Violence are discussed, Challenges faced by focal point and followed by advice given by UNPOL Gender Officers in relation to the challenges. The Co-locations are done on every patrol of the UNPOL at the Joint Protection Committee and Community Protection Committee stations.

The work of a GBV focal point is to support gender mainstreaming by advocating, advising, and supporting UNPOL and monitoring and reporting on progress of GBV cases. GBV focal points are also key because they can support the UNPOL team to better understand the cultural context and nuance needs of survivors and women and girls in general.

Support UNPOL team in identifying vulnerable (such as, people with disabilities and Unattended or Street Children) and facilitating their access to any help needed.



## UNISFA UNPOL TAJALEI TS team active on SOCIAL SECURITY campaigns



**U**NPOL Tajalei TS team while carrying out best policing also made their outstanding endeavor to improve lifestyle of the adjoining community members. More women in leadership roles in United Nations policing means more impactful policing. Under the leadership of female UNPOL, in this effort several awareness campaigns were organized for the betterment of local community in the month of April and May 2021. These campaigns were participated in large numbers by the local community members including male, female and children including their local representatives. The team mainly made emphasis by conducting several campaigns to create awareness among the community members about human rights, gender protection, safety from sexual violence, child trafficking, prevention from Covid-19 and improvement of health & education. UNPOL Tajalei TS Gender Officer conducted a Human Rights and Gender Based Violence awareness campaign in TAJELEI village which was attended by the community members including women and children. In the campaign TS team members told the gathering about their human rights and safety from gender-based violence. The gathering was acknowledged about the existing human right laws and their use. As meeting was attended mainly by the female members of the community totaling about 16 including few children's, they were told about safety of gender. The team members given tips regarding self-hygiene, self-protection and talked about various other measures locally and easily available to the community members. The community members appreciated the efforts of team members and assured that they would do their best for overall improvement in their life.



## UNPOL NOONG TEAM AT NOBLE TASK

**U**nited Nation Interim Security Force UNPOL Noong team united as a family has opted a noble path of doing service for humanity. Helping the deprived families from ongoing Covid-19 pandemic while keeping themselves well protected from a killer disease. However, an appreciable balance could be witnessed between their prime duties and social responsibilities.

With excellent policing protecting the resident of their working area they also help the people by ensuring their overall development in health, education, child trafficking, gender discrimination, women empowerment and sports. These services are rendered through various joint campaigns held between UNIPOL Noong Team and surrounding villagers.

The residents of Dokura village were educated about the safety measures and other precautions should be taken by them to protect themselves from deadly disease Covid-19 during a campaign the team members told the villagers about self-hygiene, social distancing and use of protective mask etc. The members also acknowledged about the primary symptoms of covid 19 and how to isolate the effected person in home isolation or further medical care. About 60 villagers attended the campaign including children.

The CPC and children appreciated UNISFA in general and UNPOL NOONG for the continued support for the people of NOONG through such awareness campaigns and interactive patrols, they further stated that they are ready and willing to follow guidance received regarding COVID-19 Pandemic but due to economic problem they fail to obtain basic needs such as soap and face masks and therefore requesting assistance from UNISFA to provide for above mentioned items. The children also request for some balls for them to play football, handball and netball. Some young CPC members volunteer to assist and educate children when free but need resources such as books and educational materials such as books, pens, pencils, crayons etc. because there is no school at DOKURA.

During the campaign children at DOKURA village requested UNISFA to open a school where they can enjoy schooling like the other children in other villages. The SGBV Focal person on behalf of the children appreciated UNISFA in general and UNPOL NOONG for their continue support to the people of DOKURA through such awareness campaigns and interactive patrols. The team thanked and appreciated the community for their cooperation and understanding as well as their eagerness to come and listen to them.

In another campaign the team members explained to the villagers of Kolom about the importance of education in their life. The villagers were also told how to go about educating themselves and their children. While interacting with the villagers the team members explained that good education can fetch better job for them in order to improve better livelihood to lead a noble life. About 15 members from the village were present in the meeting, the villagers appreciated the team for their kind human efforts.

In ongoing campaign by the team villagers from Noong village were told about safety measures to be adopted for protection from Covid-19. At the same time, they were also made aware about the measures to be implemented by them for reduction in cases involving Gender Based Violence (GBV). The team members also explained about Fire Hazard and threat from it and their safety. In this they were told several examples of Fire Hazard such as cooking, use of inflammable materials as well as open flames. They were also told about the Natural factors or Human factors such as high temperature to exceptional rates, improper disposing of waste by burning them carelessly while at the same time producing charcoal and by also throwing cigarette butts just like that anywhere without properly extinguishing them. The teams further explained that the fire is rapidly spread due to the wind and dryness and mostly being deployed in the top of the houses and trees which can also lead to Human and Property loss and environmental pollution the villagers hailed the efforts of the team and assured to that they will put their best efforts to follow the advice.

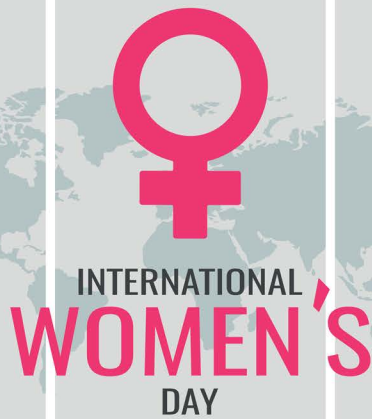
## Women in leadership:

### Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world.

**T**he Women's Day is celebrated with much cheer and elan all over the United Nations. This day is celebrated in recognition of the achievements, dedication, and devotion of all the women folks regardless of any divisions on the lines of nationality, ethnicity, language, cultural belief, economic status, or political alignment. For all the women serving in the mission, the campus is like an extended family, away from home. The IWD was celebrated with great zeal and chutzpa at all team sites including the MHQ under the leadership of DPC Ms. Mary Gahonzire. On that occasion distributed community's old women received fiftyfive dignity kit and backpack. DPC read the SG message and explained the history and significant of the theme of IWD2021.

Banton TS celebrated with MHQ team, female focal point, chief community leader in traditional way by dancing, singing offering prayer. At Tajalei TS celebrated IWD with SGBV MHQ team. Diffra, Todach, Noong and Agok TS UNPOL celebrated and conducted awareness programme on the specific day. The celebrations culminated in a very amiable manner. The local community leaders, focal points and other participants wholeheartedly thanked to UNISFA UNPOL for organizing a splendid function and a welcoming gesture of Inclusiveness.





# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



This has been a year of reform and renewal. While some divides in opinion have sharpened, the hunger for gender equality and women's empowerment has never been greater.

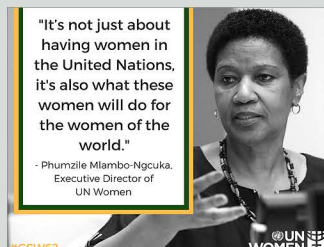
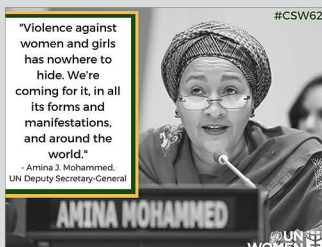
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Executive Director, UN Women



Public policy shapes decisions that affect both men and women, and it's important to have women's voices reflected, so that we don't continue building a society from a male perspective.

**Francy Jaramillo Piedrahita**

Human Rights Defender



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