

EASTERN AFRICA STANDBY FORCE



ANNUAL REPORT 2018

“STRIVING FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN EASTERN AFRICA”





Dr Abdillahi Omar Bouh
Djibouti
2017 - 2020



Amb Chanfi Issimail
Comoros
2014 - 2017



Maj Gen Cyrille Ndayirukiye
Burundi
2010 - 2014



Col Peter Marwa
Kenya
2009 - 2010



Simon Mulongo
Uganda
2007 - 2009



Eastern Africa Standby Force, 2019
Publication: EASF Annual Report 2018

This publication may be reproduced fully or partially in any form for educational or non-profit purposes without special permission from the copyright holder provided acknowledgment of the source is made.

All images © EASF

Edited By EASF Editorial Team.
Layout & Design: EASF Licencing and Information Section
Printed By: Luxon Agencies



Burundi



Comoros



Djibouti



Ethiopia



Kenya



Rwanda



Seychelles



Somalia



Sudan



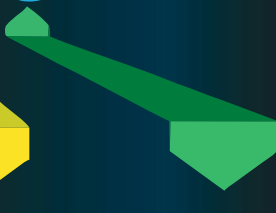
Uganda

EASF MEMBER STATES

TABLE OF CONTENTS

- 4 Message from the Chair
- 5 Message from the Director
- 6 Message from the Chair of Friends of the EASF
- 7 EASF Management 2018
- 8-13 EASF High-level Meetings
 - Pulling Together for Peace in Africa
 - Supporting the Democratic Process
 - EASF Flag Floating High
- 14-15 Pictorial
- 16-18 AU'S Consultative Workshop
 - Enhancing Partnership with Friends of EASF
 - The SGBV Course
 - Forging Ahead, Crisis Response and Mandating
 - EASF Civilian Roster Verification
- 19 EASF Maritime Cell in Progress
- 20 Sudanese Higher Military Academy visits EASF Hq
- 20 Enhancing Communication
- 21 Bench marking Continental Early Warning System
- 21 Integrated Mission Planning Course
- 22 EASF Deployment and Readiness Roster
- 22 EASF; onward and upward for peace
- 23 Director Calls on Chairperson EASF
- 24 Features
- 25 Financial Contributions 2018
- 26 EASF Peace Fund
- 26 Status of Gender in EASF

Follow us on:



Eastern Africa StandbyForce

www.easf.org

easf.org



Message of chairperson



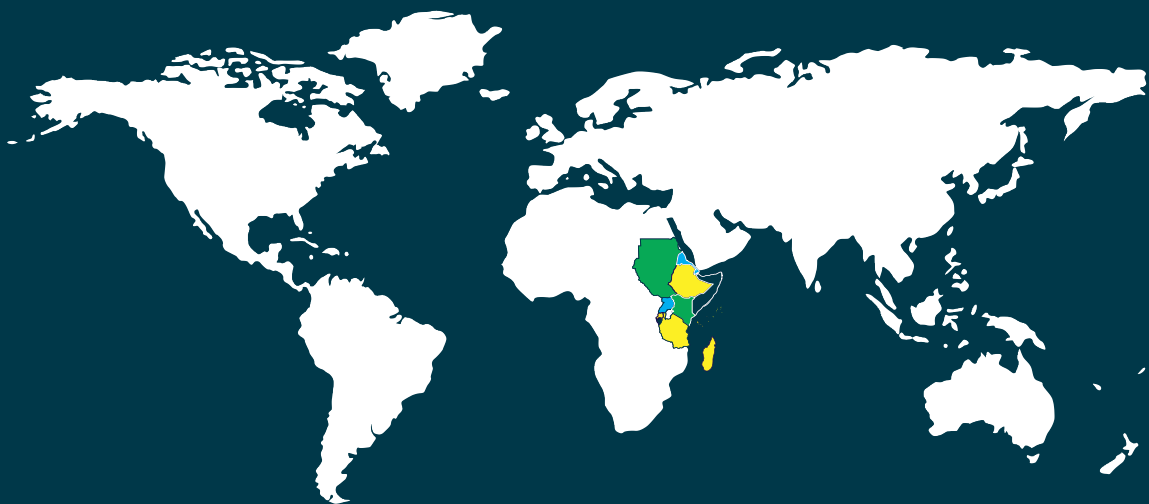
The year 2018 has been particularly eventful for Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF) I have had the privilege of serving as Chairperson of such a diverse group of individuals, Chief of Defence Staffs and Defence Ministers of the ten Member States of EASF. We are all aware of the continued insecurity situations and conflicts that continues to plague our region. As a regional mechanism, we are using our own solutions, to manage and mitigate the efforts of the diverse protracted conflicts in our region and beyond.

The reality of having our own capacity as is embedded within the EASF, speaks to our collective resolve to ensure that our region remains stable and as insurance for that objective, we unreservedly continue to strengthen the organization.

In the year 2018, our collective efforts were successful in terms of giving guidance and control to the activities of EASF. I am glad, because these efforts remind us that much as we need solidarity among Africans to defeat terrorism and other threats to our security, solidarity between us and also non-African partners. Under our guidance, EASF conducted remarkable achievements, in terms of building integrated and multidimensional Force which is ready to deploy when need rises. EASF provides a coherent and comprehensive package of necessary measures to respond to the current and future security challenges that are of concern to the Eastern Africa Region and the continent. The regional capacity building is the main focus of the organization and this is strengthened by bringing together the military, police and civilian components from member states of the region in an integrated approach to address issues of conflict prevention, conflict management and post conflict reconstruction.

I am confident that, EASF is moving to the higher level of professionalism and indeed has the capability to effectively deploy in a real Peace Operations Mission. As I conclude, I would like to thank the African Union Commission, which has given support through providing the necessary strategic guidance to our regional efforts and the financial resources in building the Force. I also thank the Friends of EASF who have been instrumental in ensuring necessary coherence of the EASF capacity building trainings and responsiveness required of the multidimensional force.

Mwesige Kasaija Adolf
Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs
Republic of Uganda



Message from the Director



It is my greatest appreciation to present to you the Eastern Africa Standby Force Annual Report of 2018, a year with solid achievements for EASF. In the year 2018, EASF management together with the entire EASF staff accomplished a number of notable achievements geared towards capacity building.

One of the critical activities in 2018 was the development of EASF Crisis Response Mechanism and the Mandating Process (CRMMP). The CRMMP is critical as it spells out specific tasks, time lines and responsibilities in each step. Efforts shall continuously be made to improve it.

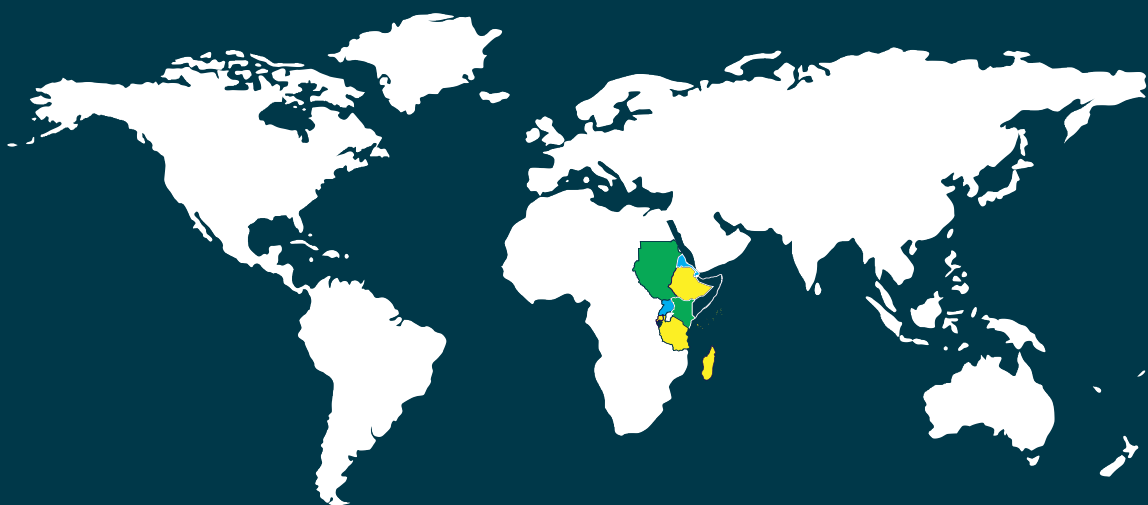
The EASF has conducted numerous capacity building training activities, in order to have well trained regional human resource that is ready to deploy and play an

effective role in Peacekeeping Mission within the Eastern Africa region and beyond. As part of EASF's role in enhancing democratic process and stability, EASF conducted a Short Term Election Observer Mission (SEOM) to the Union of Comoros which followed a successful fact finding mission to seek an in-depth understanding of the issues that led to the national referendum. The EASF also participated in the Sustainable Blue Economy Conference that was held in Nairobi, Kenya. Safety and security of the maritime domain is a precursor to attaining sustainable blue economy and to that effect EASF continues to work closely with security agencies across the region through various platforms.

Another notable highlight of the year was the donation of a satellite communication system by the Royal Kingdom of Denmark in partnership with the United Kingdom. This will augment the requirement for establishing strategic communication links between EASF Secretariat, Rear Force Headquarters, Log Base and Mission Area Components. As the Director of the organization, I would like to express my gratitude to the leadership of EASF Member States for their continued guidance and financial support. I would like to appreciate the Partners and Friends of EASF for their financial, material and technical support. I wish to assure all that EASF has a well-trained and a professional force, that is ready to deploy in the most efficient and effective manner as and when mandated.

One of the critical activities in 2018 was the development of EASF Crisis Response Mechanism and the Mandating Process (CRMMP). The CRMMP is critical as it spells out specific tasks, timelines and responsibilities in each step. Efforts shall continuously be made to improve it.

Dr. Abdillahi Omar Bouh
The Director of EASF



Message from chair of friends of EASF



I am grateful that this year also, as the Chairperson of the Friends of EASF (FoEASF), have been invited to address the EASF community about the work done in 2018.

Maybe it would be a good idea to inform those of you who are unfamiliar with the FoEASF, who we are and why we are collaborating with EASF. The 'Friends' as we normally are called, comprised of more than 20 countries with interest in following and supporting the great vision and ambition that constitutes the EASF.

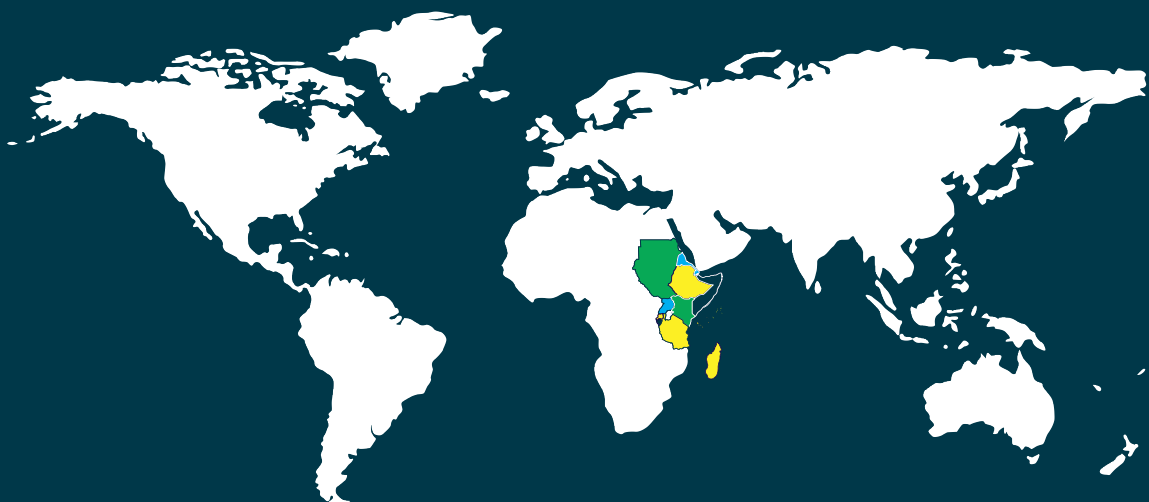
We meet regularly among ourselves and with EASF in order to share information and to discuss how the “Friends” may best support and assist EASF in its further development and ability to fulfil its mandate as formulated by the African Union. As

the Chairperson, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for great partnership throughout 2018. 2018 was yet another busy year for EASF. Great focus has been afforded to the Headquarters training and in particular training requisite numbers of staff in “Integrated Mission Planning”. Not less than four courses have been conducted in 2018 sponsored by UK and Denmark. Last year, EASF also made new strides within the scope of awareness raising. EASF marked the International Day of Peace. Furthermore, I had the privilege to participate in EASF Open Days in Rwanda and Burundi in 2018 leaving Somalia as the last EASF member state to host this important event.

I had the privilege to participate in EASF Open Days in Rwanda and Burundi in 2018 leaving Somalia as the last EASF member state to host this important event. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the host nations and to the talented and diligent Public Relation team at the EASF. Great work!

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the host nations and to the talented and diligent Public Relation team at the EASF. Great work! I am also very pleased by the fact that we managed to further develop our partnership during 2018. Besides the ordinary 'Friends meetings' two high level meetings among FoEASF – ambassadors were conducted in March and December. These meetings made it possible to have important discussions at strategic level on the further development of EASF. I hope we can continue this dialogue in 2019. In addition, 2019 will constitute another busy year for EASF. Training has to be focussed towards the important task that EASF has been assigned to, as the continental Standby Force during the second half of the year. I would like to conclude by wishing EASF all the best of good fortune and to reiterate the strong support by its 'Friends'.

Joern Rasmussen
Chairperson of the Friends of EASF



EASF MANAGEMENT 2019



Dr. Abillahi Omar Bouh
The Director of EASF



Col. Letebrhan Kahsay
Head of Administration
and Finance Department



Maj. Gen Albert K. Kendagor
Head of Peace Operations
Department



Col. Mohamed Ali
EASF Liaison to AU



Dr. Mag. Gen Charles
Radakubana
(Joint chief of Staff)



Brig. Gen Alaadin
Osman Mirghani
(Force Commander)



Brig. Gen Godwin Karugaba
(Chief of Staff
Logistics Base)



Col. Chaharane Mogne
LTC. Commandant



ACP Dinah Kyasiimire
(Head of Police Component)



Mr Steve Lalande
Head of Civilian



Col. Jean Marie
Barumpishe
Chief of Staff



Highlights

EASF MANAGEMENT VISITS DJIBOUTI COAST GUARD



The Management of the Eastern Africa Standby Force paid the Djibouti Coast Guard a visit on 19th January 2018 in Djibouti city. The EASF delegation's visit was aimed at understanding the Djibouti's Navy and Coast Guard capabilities. Alongside with the Djibouti Navy, the Coast Guard is responsible for securing Djibouti's territorial waters and 314 km seaboard as well as supporting army operations. The Coast Guard has a fleet of gunboats together with fast missile boats which can be deployed for protection of Djibouti's coastline and tankers passing through the Bab-el-Mandeb, a strait connecting the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.

AU SUMMIT IN ADDIS ABABA

The 32nd Ordinary Session of the Executive Council of the African Union was conducted in January 2018, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. During the meeting, the Eastern Africa Standby Force was represented by the Director, Dr. Abdillahi Omar Bouh, the Head of EASF Peace Operations' Department, Brigadier Albert Kendagor and the AU - EASF Liaison Officer.

'Winning the Fight against Corruption: A Sustainable Path to Africa's Transformation' was the theme adopted for the meeting and it was aimed at considering the draft decisions and declarations of the Assembly with appropriate recommendations for consideration by the Assembly of the AU Heads of State and Government.



FINE TUNING THE STRATEGIC PLAN



A Workshop was held in April 2018, in Naivasha, Kenya to review the EASF strategic plan. The Strategic Plan 2015-2020 is a six-year road map that defines how the Standby Force intends to conduct its affairs in terms of prioritization and application of resources. The strategic review focused on the core value of EASF, Mission, Vision, and Operational environment and situation analysis, Strategic Framework, monitoring and evaluation.



TAKING EASF AGENDA TO THE BREAKFAST TABLE

The Danish Ambassador H.E Mette Knudsen hosted a breakfast meeting for 'Friends of EASF' on 5th December 2018, at her residence in Nairobi, Kenya. The Eastern Africa Standby Force has many strategic partners, one being a pool of many countries regrouped under the name 'Friends of EASF'. The aim of the breakfast meeting was to update those present on the latest developments and challenges of EASF as well as strengthening the collaboration with existing partners. In her introductory remarks, H.E Amb. Knudsen highlighted the importance of strategic partners such as the Nordic group and others in supporting the work of EASF.



Danish Ambassador H.E Mette Knudsen hosted a breakfast meeting for 'Friends of EASF'

AFRICAN UNION, ASC TRAINING FOR EASF STAFF



The African Union, through the Peace Support Operations Division (PSOD) successfully conducted the Civilian Roster Management Training at the EASF Secretariat in Nairobi, Kenya.

The training was aimed at providing the rostering officers as well as the human resource officers with skills to manage the African Standby Capacity System (ASC). The system comprises software tools and a database which capture personnel data of trained civilians on the African continent who are ready and willing to be deployed in Peace Support Operations (PSOs).

ETHIOPIAN MILITARY STUDENTS AT EASF HEADQUARTERS

During the last week of January 2018, 150 officers including senior students from the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia's Defence Command and Staff College Visited the EASF Force Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The delegation's visit was aimed at familiarizing the students with the roles and responsibilities of EASF in Peace Support Operations within Eastern Africa Region and beyond. Understanding the dynamics of peacekeeping organizations are a facet embedded in the curriculum of the two defence institutions.



EASF LOGISTICS' SOP'S REVIEW WORKSHOP

The Eastern Africa Standby Force held Standard Operating Procedures' (SOPs) Review Workshop for its Logistics Base in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in August 2018. This activity, which is in line with the strategic framework of EASF on improving the institutional capability and sustainability. The development of the SOPs for the management of EASF logistics will leverage the attainment of key aspects of the Strategic Plan. Properly designed SOPs ensure that personnel carry out operations correctly and in a uniform manner. Headquarters as well as Logistics' Base. The workshop was attended by representatives from EASF Member States and Staff from the Secretariat, Force



PAKISTAN NATIONAL DEFENCE UNIVERSITY VISITS EASF



A delegation from the National Defence University of Pakistan paid the Eastern African Standby Force Secretariat a visit in Karen, Nairobi in April 2018. The EASF Director Dr. Abdillahi Omar Bouh expressed his gratitude on behalf of the entire EASF fraternity to the Defence University and the Government of Pakistan for the keen interest shown in regards to the operations of the Eastern Africa Standby Force.



The EASF Secretariat in Karen, Nairobi, Kenya.



EASF High-level Meetings

Two EASF high level Ordinary Policy Organs Meetings were held in the year 2018. The EASF Policy Organs Meetings provides guidance for executing EASF affairs at the policy and management levels.

In accordance with the 23rd Ordinary Policy Organs Meetings (POMs), EASF held the first meeting, the 24th Ordinary Session of the Eastern Africa Standby Force's Policy Organs' Meetings in July 2018, in Kigali, Rwanda.

The meeting received a briefing on the Status of implementation of the decisions of the 23rd Ordinary Policy Organs Meetings, the report of After Action Review of the Field Training Exercise 2017, EASF Financial Status, Reviewed Strategic Plan 2015 – 2020 and Internal and External Audit Reports. It was also noted that the EASF Secretariat has implemented 95% of the 23rd POMs decisions. During the opening session of the Council of Ministers of Defence and Security Meeting, Hon. Gen. James Kabarebe, the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Rwanda, the Guest of Honor for the meeting, took note of the region's collective efforts and commitment that have contributed towards progress by the continent in its quest for lasting peace, security and stability in the Eastern African Region and beyond.



Rwanda, the Guest of Honor for the meeting, took note of the region's collective efforts and commitment that have contributed towards progress by the continent in its quest for lasting peace, security and stability in the Eastern African Region and beyond.

The EASF second higher level meeting was the 25th Ordinary Policy Organs Meetings that took place in December 2018, in Khartoum, in the Republic of the Sudan. The 25th POMs was discussed on the issues of the status of the implementation of the 24th Policy Organs Meeting decisions and the activity plan of 2018, the budget of 2019 and the rotation matrix of the organization for next four years.

The Meeting was officially opened by Hon. Mutaz Musa, the Prime Minister of the Republic of the Sudan. During his opening statement, the Guest of Honour noted that the Eastern Africa region is making good progress in building bridges and democracy in its journey to create peace, security and stability. The EASF Policy Organs Meetings has three levels, the first session is the Experts Working Group (EWG) Meeting, which consists of technical experts. Their role is to discuss and analyze operational and budget plans drawn by the Secretariat, and then upon the recommendations of EWG the Chiefs of Defence and Security of the Eastern Africa region examine the issues critically.

The highest level in this series of meetings is the Council of Ministers for Defence and Security, who provide high-level guidance and make final decisions on the matters on the table.



PULLING TOGETHER FOR PEACE IN AFRICA



The Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF) is one of the five regional organisations with the mandate of enhancing peace and security in the Eastern Africa region.

Peace, security and stability are matters of highest priority for the Eastern Africa region and the promotion and maintenance of regional peace and security is also central to EASF.

In relation with this, EASF participated in many regional and continental high level meetings and workshops that were organized by AU last year. To achieve the regional cooperation and coordination with Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and Regional Mechanisms (REMs) as well, as with

Training Centres of Excellence and institutions in accordance with the Africa Standby Force, the African Union organized a workshop in November 2018, in Nairobi, Kenya. In his speech, the EASF Director Dr. Abdillahi Omar Bouh expressed his appreciation to the African Union and the Kenyan Government for hosting the annual workshop in Nairobi, the home of the EASF Secretariat. Dr. Bouh underscored the importance of relevant training in creation and maintenance of adequate peacekeeping capacities, able to respond to crises in the region and beyond when called to do so at any given time. The African Standby Force (ASF) Training Implementation Workshop (TIW) is an annual stock-taking activity on training and capacity development of the organization.

SUPPORTING THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN COMOROS

In July 2018, the Eastern Africa Standby Force in conjunction with the Common Market for Eastern & Southern Africa (COMESA) conducted a joint fact-finding mission to the Union of Comoros.

The main purpose of the mission was to seek an in-depth understanding of the issues that have led to the national referendum. To this end, the team consulted widely with various stakeholders among them government officials, political parties, opposition leaders, civil society organizations, community leaders and religious leaders on a number of emerging issues and how to engage with the Government on possible ways of building consensus on these issues.



A few weeks after the fact finding mission, EASF deployed an election observer mission to observe the Referendum. The mission comprised of 13 observers from EASF Member States.

The EASF election observer mission (EASF-SEOM) was deployed on all three Islands namely, Anjouan, Moheli and Grande Comore. Prior to polling day, the observers met with different stakeholders including the civil society organisations, the media and officers from the Election Commission (CENI). On main polling day a total of 94 polling stations were visited by the observers followed by the observation of the tally centre. The methodology used for the EASF-SEOM was based on the 'AU Charter' on democratic elections and good governance in Africa. The observers described the mission as interesting and fruitful.



EASF deployed an election observer mission to observe the Referendum. The mission comprised of 13 observers from EASF Member States.



EASF FLAG FLYING HIGH

EASF Open Day which started in 2015 is an important visibility and promotional event for the organization.

In the year 2018, two such events were held in two member states. The EASF Open Day in Burundi was held at the capital city, Bujumbura, on 20th April 2018

The open day started with a peace walk, which was flagged off by the Chief Guest Hon. Emmanuel Ntahomvukiye, the Minister of National Defence and Former Combatants of the Republic of Burundi



The EASF open day coincided with the Umuganda day which is observed as a voluntary day in the whole of Rwanda. Umuganda means coming together in common purpose to achieve a common outcome in Rwanda's culture. The monthly Umuganda Day presented EASF with an opportunity to actively interact with its local communities through voluntary work. The day allowed EASF not only to showcase its progress in supporting Over 1500 participants attended the EASF Open day in Rwanda. These included residents of the village, government officials, university students, security forces, representatives of EASF, representatives of Friends of EASF and representatives of various organizations.

EASTERN AFRICA STANDBY FORCE

"STRIVING FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN EASTERN AFRICA"



Pictorial



EASF ACTIVITIES 2018



23rd Policy Organs Meetings



24th Policy Organs Meeting



25th Policy Organs Meeting

COURTESY CALLS AT EASF



National Defence College of Oman



Finnish Delegation



Swedish Ambassador to Kenya



North Africa Regional Capability (NARC)



The Danish Naval Chief of Staff and Officers

CAPACITY BUILDING



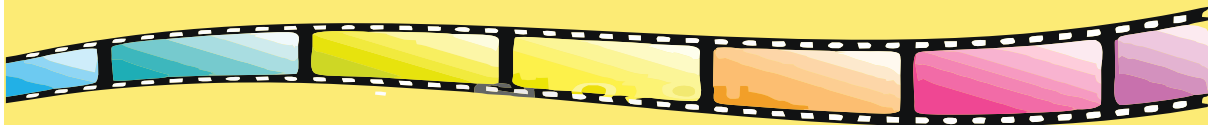
Integrated Human Right's course



Civilian Foundation Course



Police Election and Monitoring



Integrated Mission Planning Course



UN Military Experts on Mission course



Humanitarian and Disaster Support Workshop

PUBLIC EVENTS



International Peace Day



Donation for Children Home's



Community Work (EASF Open Day)



Press Conference



The EASF open day coincided with the Umuganda day which is observed as a voluntary day in the whole of Rwanda. Umuganda means coming together in common purpose to achieve a common outcome in Rwanda's culture. The monthly Umuganda Day presented EASF with an opportunity to actively interact with its local communities through voluntary work. The day allowed EASF not only to showcase its progress in supporting Over 1500 participants attended the EASF Open day in Rwanda. These included residents of the village, government officials, university students, security forces, representatives of EASF, representatives of Friends of EASF and representatives of various organizations.

AU'S CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP

In October 2018, a workshop was organized by the Africa Union for the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and Regional Mechanisms (Rms), aimed at reviewing the African Standby Force's (ASF) Peace Support Operations (PSOs) Doctrine. It was also aimed at assessing the current security threats facing the continent at large. The final task was updating and revising both doctrines to establish one overarching AU PSOs Doctrine that can provide guidance to current and future AU Missions. The urgent need of developing multi-dimensional approaches to address contemporary challenges to peace and security, including the proliferation of radical and violent non-state actors has played a pivotal role in convention of the continental workshop. The workshop brought the RECs and RMs together and it gave them an opportunity to exchange information, build strong partnership and cooperation as well as having common understanding on the issues of Peace, security and stability in the continent. As the Eastern Africa Standby Force is a Regional Mechanism the Director of EASF, Dr. Abdillahi Omar Bouh, led a team of officials from the Eastern Africa Standby Force Logistics' Base, Force headquarters and EASF Liaison Office to AU to the high level consultative workshop convened by the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.



ENHANCING PARTNERSHIP WITH FRIENDS OF EASF



The Eastern Africa Standby Force has many strategic partners, one being a pool of many countries regrouped under the name 'Friends of EASF'. The ordinary meeting of the Friends of EASF took place in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2018. The aim of the meeting was to discuss pertinent issues relating to the organization and how to attract other potential countries in supporting the work of the EASF. In his opening remarks, the Chairperson of 'Friends of EASF' Col. Joern Rasmussen spoke about the importance of collaborating and networking with the countries represented and also considering other potential countries in coming on board to support the EASF.



On his side, while addressing the meeting, the Director of the EASF, Dr. Abdillahi Omar Bouh, highlighted the remarkable achievements and also challenges currently facing the organization. He went on to explain that in the year 2019, EASF will focus more on developing the Early Warning Capacity and the establishment of the 'Panel of the Wise'. After the opening ceremony, the meeting proceeded with presentations followed by deliberations. In one of the presentations by the Head of the Peace Operations Department, Brigadier Albert Kendagor, the highlight was on the major decisions taken from the 24th Ordinary Policy Organs meetings as well as an overview of the achievements of EASF.

UNDERSTANDING SGBV



Throughout 2018, the police component has conducted several training sessions and workshops in order to develop and maintain the achieved Full Operational Capability (FOC) and to enhance the capacity of the pledged capabilities in order to have a robust Police Standby Force for future deployment in Peace Support Operations (PSOs). The Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) course is one of the many courses organized by the EASF Police Component in 2018. The course aimed at capacity development for pledged police officers from EASF Member

States in order to have capable officers for future deployment in any UN/AU multi-dimensional mandated missions.

The SGBV course, which revolved around such areas as prevention, response and investigations, is a cross cutting training which is usually given to police, military officers and civilians as a preparation to handle human rights' violations, in particular SGBV. The course provided participants with knowledge, skills and best practices which effectively support their overall duties and responsibilities in peacekeeping missions. A total of 30 trainees took part in the course, which was facilitated by 5 regional trainers from EASF Member States. The course was funded by the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs and implemented by the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

FORGING AHEAD, CRISIS RESPONSE AND MANDATING

The Eastern Africa Standby Force rolled out a Crisis Response Mechanism and Mandating Process Workshop in Naivasha, Kenya in 2018. The aim of the workshop was to review and enrich the existing draft handbook on Crisis Response Mechanism and Mandating Process that was presented to the 25th Policy Organs Meetings. EASF Policy Organs are responsible for deliberating and making decisions which are then passed over to the Secretariat for implementation.

The Director of the EASF, Dr Abdillahi Omar Bouh said "as an inter-Governmental organization responsible for Peace, Security and Stability in the Eastern African region we recognize and embrace our noble mission to maintain and sustain a fully operational, Multi-national and Multi-Dimensional Standby Force ready to respond in emerging crisis".

The handbook is important in identifying the responsibilities and roles of the Policy Organs and EASF Structures towards crises response and mandating process with the ultimate aim of providing clear guidance on the institutional responsibilities at the Secretariat and the Structure Levels. Over twenty-four participants from EASF including Technical Advisors from the United Kingdom and the Nordic Advisory and Coordination Staff attended the workshop.



EASF CIVILIAN ROSTER VERIFICATION

The Civilian Component of the Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF) conducted two roster verifications in 2018. The first one was in the Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the second in the Republic of Djibouti. The aim was to verify the deployment suitability of civilian personnel from its Member States who have been trained for Peace Support Operations (PSOs).



EASF Member States to be evaluated in accordance with the African Union's rostering principles. Interviews were also conducted with civilian personnel to join the African Standby Capacity. The Roster Verification exercise has a high impact at a regional and continental level in supporting peacekeeping missions to address the challenges of protecting civilians as well as to maximize the participation of civilian personnel in integrated and multidimensional peacekeeping missions. The EASF Civilian Component successfully carried out the civilian roster verification marking another milestone for EASF's leading role in providing the Continental Standby Force with highly

trained personnel ready and willing to be deployed in peacekeeping missions at any moment.

EASF MARITIME CELL IN PROGRESS

The Eastern Africa Standby Force maritime cell conducted several courses and workshops in 2018.

The aim was to train the naval, coastguard officers and maritime rescue coordination centers (MRCC) Staff with skills and competencies that will enable them to respond to any emergencies at sea. Another important course for EASF maritime cell was the Maritime Search and Rescue course (SAR) held in Victoria, Seychelles in October 2018. This course was the first course run by the EASF Regional instructors, after the hand-over of the course from Nordic instructors (NACS) at the end of August 2018. The overall Objective was to improve the regional coordination of maritime operations from shore-based to other government agencies who deal with maritime safety and security in order to respond to incidents in the regional regional maritime zones. The course was attended by 31 participants from Burundi, Comoros, Djibouti, Kenya, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sudan, Uganda, EASF Maritime Planning Cell Staff as well as the Regional Center for Operation Coordination staff personnel.



Participants from Burundi, Comoros, Djibouti, Kenya, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sudan, Uganda, EASF Maritime Planning Cell Staff as well as the Regional Center for Operation Coordination staff personnel

The overall Objective was to improve the regional coordination of maritime operations from shore-based to other government agencies who deal with maritime safety and security



In addition to that, the Maritime Cell also took part in different external activities like the CUTLASS EXPRESS Exercise organized and run by US Navy (NAVAF), the Regional capacity building workshop for enhanced Maritime Domain Awareness on the developing outcomes that can support the goal and objectives of the Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC).

Its associated with Jeddah Amendment, organized by the International Maritime Organization jointly with the Republic of South Africa and The United Kingdom. The EASF maritime cell courses and workshops that covered different areas of the maritime domain were fully funded by the Nordic Advisory and Coordination Staff (NACS).



Maritime Cell also took part in different external activities like the CUTLASS EXPRESS Exercise organized and run by US Navy (NAVAF)

SUDANESE HIGHER MILITARY ACADEMY VISITS EASF FHQ



The higher military officers from Sudanese Higher Military Academy were among the many visitors who called at the EASF Force Headquarters located in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 2018. The delegation's visit aimed at familiarizing the students with the roles and responsibilities of the regional peace-keeper in Peace Support Operations within Eastern Africa Region and beyond. The EASF Force Commander, Brigadier General Alaadin Osman Mirghani, briefed the higher Military official students on the achievements of the Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF) ever since it was established as Regional Mechanism. The visit of the higher military officials from the Republic of the Sudan, One of the EASF's Member States created

the opportunity to promote the organizational strength and the readiness of its Forces to deploy when needed. The visitors had a chance to tour the EASF's Logistics' Base as well as the Logistics' Training Centre also located in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

ENHANCING COMMUNICATION

DENMARK & UK DONATES SATELLITE EQUIPMENT TO EASF

To ensure high readiness level of EASF in terms of Command Control Communication and Information Systems (C3IS) a Project was initiated with a view of equipping the EASF Forward Force Headquarters (FFHQs) and Subordinate Command elements at the Sector Headquarters (SHQ) level with both internal and external communication system that includes data, voice and multimedia in order to enhance smooth communication for future deployments. In 2018, the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark together with the Government of United Kingdom teamed up once again to procure satellite communications equipment worth USD 617,401.80 for EASF FFHQ. The equipment consists of one satellite fixed terminal and three fly-away kits which can be deployed in a mission/Field Exercise area to ensure reliable voice, data and multimedia communication in any kind of terrain and can operate from anywhere in the continent. The Government of the Kingdom of Denmark together with the United Kingdom also donated C3CIS start-up kits worth USD 726,726,114.20 in the year 2017. After this donation the EASF is now more now more equipped with proper communications and information systems.





E A S F



EASF BENCHMARKS CONTINENTAL EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

A team of Early Warning System experts from EASF's Peace Operations' Department took part in benchmarking exercise against the Continental Early Warning System (CEWS) of the African Union, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 2018. The Standby Force is in the process of operationalizing its Early Warning Mechanism (E-WARN) and therefore needs to

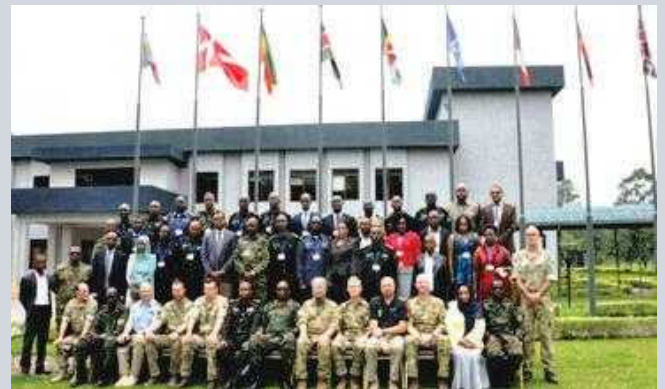


pick best from organizations which have gained considerable experiences in this field over time. Furthermore, cooperation and sharing of vital information among the African Union, Regional Mechanisms and Regional Economic Communities could provide an avenue of timely intervention in order to avert potential conflicts in the region and beyond. The EASF E-Warning team also participated in the 21st technical meeting on Continental Early Warning System (CEWS) held in June 2018 which was hosted by the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) in Libreville, Gabon. The meeting was aimed at harmonizing operationalization of the CEWS project across the African continent. This included documentation of

best practices in this field as well as identifying concrete plans and activities as stipulated in the implementation road-map. After the implementation of the CEWS project, regions will be able to share information on potential conflict situations and thus take appropriate actions to arrest further escalation of conflicts.

INTERGRATED MISSION PLANNING COURSE

In 2018 three Integrated Mission Planning Courses (IMPCs) were conducted in different EASF Member States. The first one was in Rwanda Peace Academy, in Musanze, the Second one, at the EASF Logistics' Base in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and the third one in the Peacekeeping Training Centre, in Khartoum, in the Republic of the Sudan. The courses are aimed at increasing the number of participants, drawn from all three components of EASF, namely Military, Police and Civilian from across all ten Member States that are qualified to operate as Staff Officers at either the Mission or Force Headquarters' level during deployment. The courses will help to increase the number of individuals held on the Deployment and Readiness Roster (D&RR) who are qualified and practiced in integrated planning - a key factor that will enhance the operational effectiveness of both Mission and Force Headquarters of EASF. All three IMPC courses conducted in 2018 were funded by the African Union.



EASF DEPLOYMENT AND READINESS ROSTER



The Eastern Africa Standby Force conducted a Deployment and Readiness Roster Workshop in August 2018, in Nairobi, Kenya. The aim of the workshop was to come up with essential system requirements that would inform the design and consequent development of the database. This integrated database is intended to hold information about Civilians, Police and Military officers who have been adequately trained for Peace Support Operations (PSOs) and are ready to be deployed. During the course the officers were able to engaged each other on the matter and came up with the necessary recommendations at the end.



The United Kingdom's Technical Advisor to EASF, Colonel Erwin Turner applauded the participants and eventually rolled out the guidelines of the workshop culminating into compilation of the necessary documents that would bind the development of the tool. He underscored the importance of the National Focal Points as the real experts in understanding the tasks ahead; having come from the Member States, they are a conduit between EASF and the PSOs trained officers on the ground.

The workshop was fully funded by the Government of the United Kingdom and was attended by nine out of ten EASF Member States.

EASF; ONWARD AND UPWARD FOR PEACE

21st of September of each year is dedicated to world peace. According to the Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research more than 400 conflicts worldwide were recorded in 2017. Thousands of people have died over the years because of wars and conflicts around the world and particularly in Africa. The Eastern Africa Standby Force organized a peace march in September 2018, to commemorate the day. The Eastern Africa Standby Force organized a peace march in September 2018, to commemorate the day. The peace walk started at the EASF compound on Westwood Park road, Karen up to the St. Nicholas children's home. The procession was flagged off by the Permanent Secretary of Defence Kenya, Mr. Saitoti Torome. Under the delightful tunes of the military



band, the participants comprising of mostly the EASF staff, university students and others solemnly covered a three-kilometers' journey up a children's home in Karen, Nairobi. EASF donated food stuff and other basic commodities to two children's homes, namely St. Nicholas and Arise and Shine children's home. In his remarks to commemorate the day, the Director of EASF Dr. Abdillahi Omar Bouh said "We are here today, to preach peace and promote cultural tolerance and



peaceful co-existence among our people of Eastern Africa. That is the only way we can achieve sustainable peace, and consequently, sustainable development in Eastern Africa". The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by a unanimous United Nations resolution; the day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. The theme for 2018 was **"right to peace- the universal declaration of Human Rights at 70"**. The commemoration ended with tree planting and sharing of peace messages in different national languages.

DIRECTOR CALLS ON CHAIRPERSON EASF

The Director of EASF, Dr. Abdillahi Omar Bouh, made a courtesy call on the Ugandan Minister for Defence and Veteran Affairs, Hon. Adolf Mwesige who was also the Chairperson of EASF in 2018. The purpose of the visit was to update the Chairperson of the Council of Defence Ministers on EASF's accomplishments as well as activities planned to be rolled out in course of the year 2018. Issues related to the security situation in the region also came into focus during the meeting, both leaders agreed on charting the way forward in order to implement the decisions made by the Council of Ministers during the Policy Organs' meetings.





After one-year of successfully leading as Chairperson, the Republic of the Uganda handed over the Chairmanship of the Council of Ministers of the Eastern Africa Standby Force to the Republic of Burundi during the 25th Policy Organs Meeting that was held in the Republic of the Sudan in December 2018. The Minister for Defence and war veterans of the Republic of Burundi, H.E Heemmanuel Ntahomvukye received the EASF flag from his outgoing counterpart, the State Minister for Defence and veteran Affairs of the Republic of the Uganda, Hon. Bright Rwamirama. The change of guard was officiated by the EASF Director. The change of guard was officiated by the EASF Director. The union of Comoros becomes the Vice Chair while the Republic of the Uganda takes over as rapporteur of EASF Bureau in 2019.

FEATURE:

DRONE, NEW ERA OF TERRORISM:

HOW PREPARED ARE THE EASTERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES?

Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs, or drones) represent a fresh threat to both public safety and state security. Airport security, as currently designed, is focused on ways to mitigate threats from people who have access to the facility, namely passengers and staff, and from cargo transiting the grounds. Airports are not designed to guard against attacks from the sky hence, drone attack on aircraft is a new potential treats. Weaponised drones start with a tactical advantage: most can fly lower than current technology is capable of readily detecting. Even with only a small quantity



of explosives, they could bring down a civilian aircraft in flight, according to aviation experts. East Africa region will not be spared from this foreboding new era of terrorism by unmanned aerial vehicles called 'drones'.



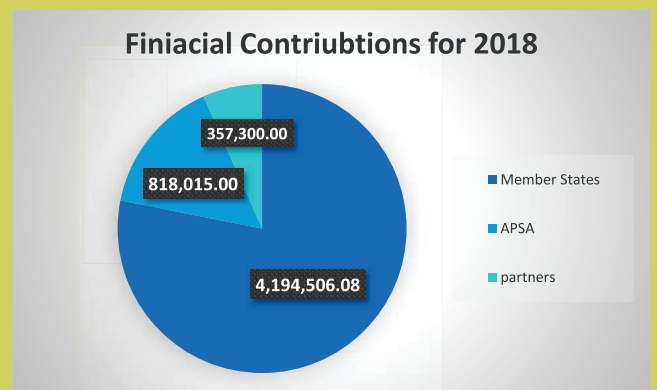
Are the East African countries prepared to deal with this new security threats? Are there necessary legal framework or legislation in EASF member states to address this new form of terrorism? What are the capabilities of our member states to deal with this new threat and what is the likelihood of such attacks in our region? No one can tell when it will happen but certainly our region is highly at risk. The use of weaponized drones either by individuals or groups, some acting as proxies of nation-states is no longer just a concern for the future, but very much for the present. The proliferation of certain emerging technologies has effectively diffused power and made it available at the lowest levels. State sponsorship of terrorist groups also increases the likelihood of drone attacks, since states can provide the necessary equipment and training, ensuring that terrorist attacks featuring weaponized drones is a near fait accompli in the not-so-distant future.

According to a report by 'RAND corporation' Since so many countries are now using armed drones in combat, the chances for sophisticated drone technology getting into the wrong hands increases exponentially. If a terrorist group can steal or purchase a drone from a rogue state or corrupt military or intelligence officials, then they could rely on the myriad online videos posted that essentially demonstrate how these unmanned systems could be used to conduct an attack.

It is imperative that EASF member states focusses more on this new threat and for counter terrorism specialists to begin planning a robust response to the threat, not only in terms of detection and counter-measure technology, but also the training necessary to defend against attacks by weaponized drones. Over the long run, laws and policies governing drone use need to be developed before an attack takes place, not in its aftermath. The threat is already on the doorstep of our region, immediate preventive measures should be a priority as prevention is better than cure.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION 2018

The approved budget for the financial year 2018 was 8,761,521.08.32 USD. EASF received contributions amounting to 4,194,506.08 USD from its Member States, 818,015.00 from African Peace Support Architecture (APSA) and 357,300.00 USD from partners in support of the activity plan of the budget year 2018. It was a significant contribution to EASF in order to move forward, the remarkable progress of the organization. EASF would like to extend its heartfelt appreciation to all partners for their financial and technical support. This helped the organization enormously in the successful attainment of the readiness of the Force.



approved budget for the financial year 2018 was 8,761,521.08.32 USD. EASF received contributions amounting to 4,194,506.08 USD from its Member States, 818,015.00 from African Peace Support Architecture (APSA) and 357,300.00 USD from partners

EASF PEACE FUND

Eastern Africa Standby Force is an Intergovernmental Regional Organization that was established to respond to emerging conflicts in its region and beyond. Enhancing Peace, Security and Stability are matters of utmost priority to EASF. In order to achieve its priority, EASF established a Peace Fund as a special fund to be utilized for the purposes of urgent deployments in Peace Support Operations (PSOs). The Peace Fund is generated from 12% of the annual budget inclusive of partners support and donations from external sources including the African Peace Facility.

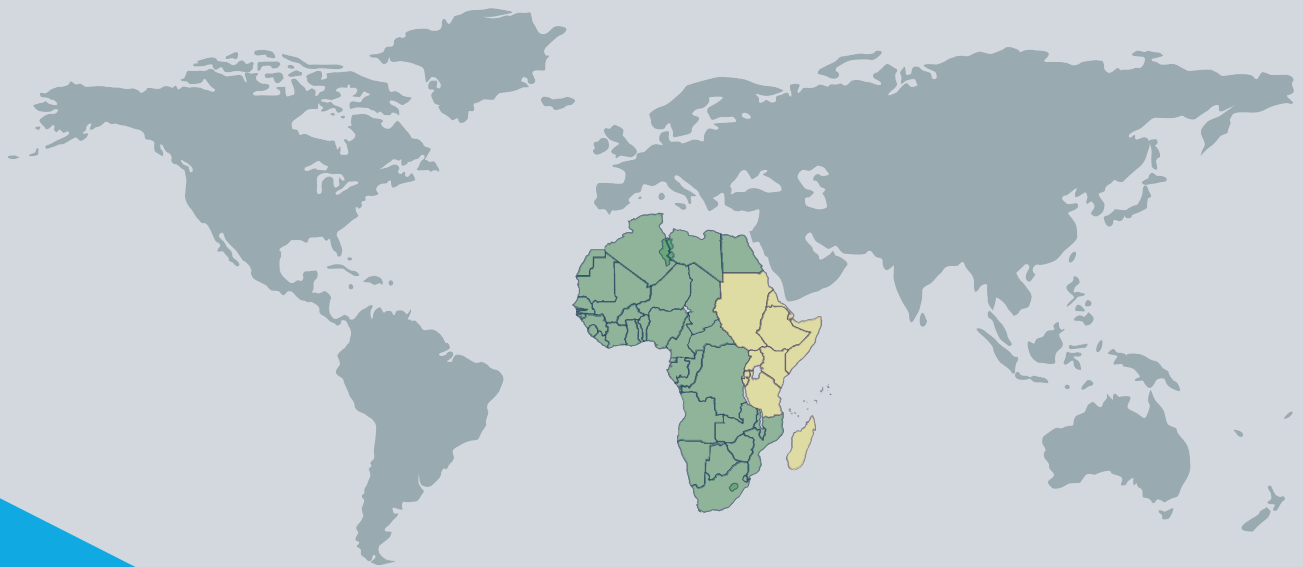
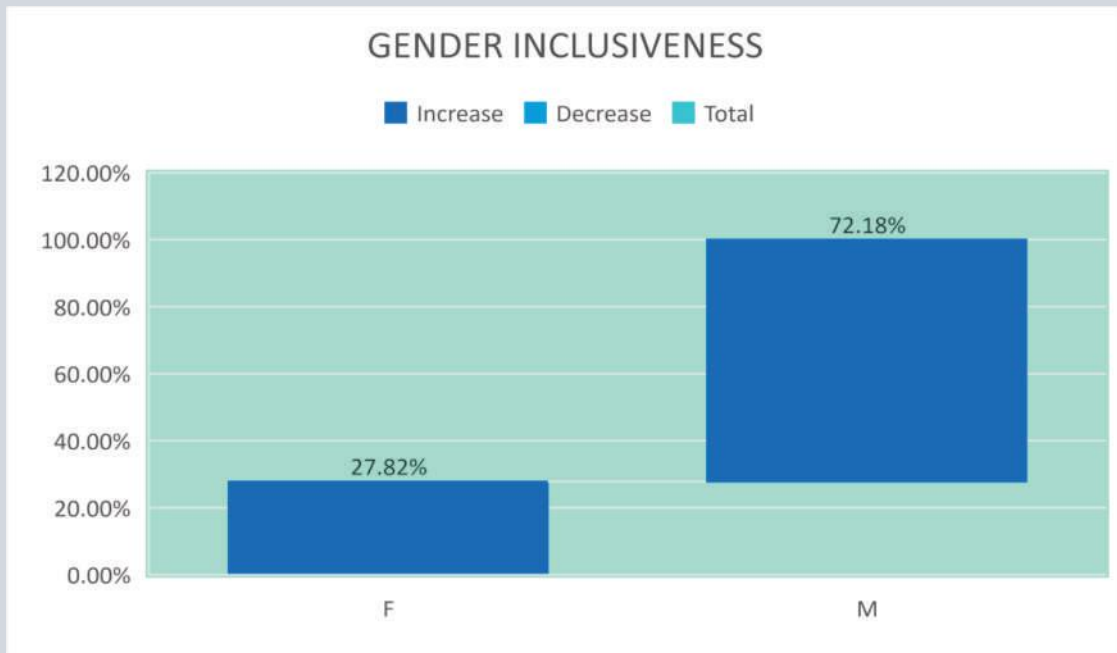
Ever since EASF started depositing the Peace Fund according to its agreement USD 2,224,917.84 has been saved. The main objective of the Peace Fund is to effectively finance the functions of maintaining Peace and Security in a timely manner after the authorization from EASF Assembly or a given mandated by African Union.



STATUS OF GENDER IN EASF

The vision of the Eastern African Standby Force (EASF) is to create an enabling environment for promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women at all levels of the organization and to ensure the needs of women and men are reflected in the goals and objectives of EASF. EASF makes efforts to create opportunities in a peaceful and secure environment characterized by equal partnership in decision-making and other levels of the organization.

According to its vision, EASF takes into consideration of gender inclusiveness in any activities of the organization. With the year 2018, EASF had 72.18% for male and 27.82% for Female employees. The expectation relating to gender mainstreaming is that EASF is going to improve the participation of both genders in upcoming years. Below are the explanations in terms of numbers, table and graphs:



E A S F



“STRIVING FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN EASTERN AFRICA”



Eastern Africa Standby Force





Denmark



Sweden



Finland



Norway



United Kingdom



France



Netherlands

Friends and Partners of EASF

The Friends and Partners of EASF

*Is an arrangement of the regional
and the international donor community*

and other partners with the Eastern African

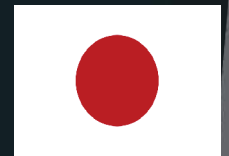
*Standby force for the purpose of enhancing
the development of EASF.*



Germany



Switzerland



Japan



United States



China



Australia



Turkey



Thailand



Canada



Belgium



Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.





EASTERN AFRICA STANDBY FORCE

"STRIVING FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN EASTERN AFRICA"

			
			
Email: easfcom@easbrig.org	Westwood Park Road, Karen Nairobi Kenya	+254 20 3884720 Fax: +254 20 3884633	www.easf.org

Produced with support from:



The Kingdom of Denmark