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AMISOM hands over two generators to Benadir Hospital in Mogadishu

Mogadishu-March 1st, 2012; The African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) has handed over two generators to Benadir Hospital. Presenting the generators, the Deputy Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (DSRCC) for Somalia, Honorable Wafula Wamunyinyi said AMISOM is making good progress in the implementation of projects in support of the people of Somalia as outlined during its press briefing on February 17th, 2012.

“The two generators are 110 KVA and 60 KVA respectively and have been purchased at a cost of 91,300 United States Dollars. The donation of these two generators is part of AMISOM’s Humanitarian Support to the people of Somalia and is a clear demonstration of our commitment to alleviating the suffering of Somali civilians.” Said Honorable Wamunyinyi.

The donation of the two generators will help provide reliable electricity for water pump, x-ray, laboratory and operating theatres as well as facilitating training of medical students and help in improving security due to the presence of functioning security lights.

The Minister of Health of the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia, H.E. AbdiAziz Sheikh applauded AMISOM for the donation of the two generators saying it will help in reducing some of the problems the hospital was facing regarding inadequate electricity supply.

He said; “I’m happy to witness the handover of the generators to Benadir hospital as it demonstrates once again AMISOM’s strong commitment to improving the lives of the people of Somalia through the enhancement of capacity for medical institutions.”

AMISOM’s Senior Humanitarian Affairs Officer, Mr. Abdul Diagabate said; “AMISOM hopes to contribute to efforts aimed at uplifting people’s living standards in achieving the millennium development goals.”

Notes to editors

Benadir Hospital is the main hospital serving the city of Mogadishu. The Hospital has a catchment of over three (3) million people. Most of these have no gainful employment. Benadir Hospital sees a very large number of patients because of high disease burden and large number of trauma cases due to the escalated conflicts. Benadir Hospital is a 600 bed hospital. About 150 are operated on every month, 200 admitted, over 280 laboratory tests and over 100 x-rays are conducted everyday. These services were being supported by an old generator

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