



CIMIC OFFICER'S ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES 12 MAY 2019

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To enhance the participants' understanding of the organisational structure of CIMIC Cell.

- ▶ At the end of the session, the participant will be able to explain the roles and responsibilities of CIMIC Officers and their staff.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the session, the participant should be able to:

- Point out the roles of J9 cell FHQ.

- Explain what the CIMIC officer must know.

- Point out different roles played by CIMIC officers.

- Explain the responsibilities of the CIMIC Officers and their staffs.

- Explain the AMISOM battle rhythm.

INTRODUCTION:

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J9 CELL ROLES:

- ✓ FHQ CIMIC Staff Officers are responsible for informing the Force Commander of:
- ✓ The nature of the civil environment
- ✓ How it could impact operations
- ✓ Sector CIMIC Officers play a key role in keeping J9 FHQ Staff informed with a weekly Sector CIMIC Report

J9 ROLES;

A secondary function of J9 FHQ is the go between for CIMIC information between the sectors and the AU political mission in Mission Headquarters (MHQ).

J9 FHQ are also responsible for receiving Sector CIMIC Reports, assimilating the information received and informing other AU departments within MHQ and other partners (UN, NGO's)

J9 ROLES;

A DOWNREP containing feedback from FHQ and questions from the Force Commander is then sent to sector CIMIC Officers every Thursday.

The J9 FHQ also play a crucial role within the Operational Planning Process (OPP)

A CIMIC Officer must;

- a. Comply with law (HR, IHL etc.)
- ▶ b. Understand civil actors, clan dynamics, and local politics
- ▶ c. Have cultural awareness
- ▶ d. Employ cooperation, respect and trust
- ▶ e. Effectively communicate with civil agencies and populations
- ▶ f. Have situational awareness
- ▶ g. Understand local perceptions and expectations
- ▶ h. Build community relations
- ▶ i. Identify and use opportunities in the stabilisation process

CIMIC OFFICER'S ROLES:

Advisor to the commander;

- ▶ Advises on the structure, mandate and operational strategies of humanitarians.
- ▶ Provides specialist advice on CIMIC during planning processes.
- ▶ Communicates humanitarian needs within the framework of humanitarian principles and operational goals.
- ▶ Advises on policy implementation guidelines regarding the use of military in humanitarian action.

Advisor to the community

- ▶ Advises on the feasibility and impact of community support projects.
- ▶ Advises on the appropriate channels to follow for authorization of military humanitarian activities.
- ▶ Advises on creating a favorable security environment for humanitarians.



Advisor to the coordinator

- ▶ Advises humanitarian organizations on the structure, mandate, hierarchy and command and control mechanisms of the military.
- ▶ Advises the humanitarian component on security matters and emphasizes on the importance of sharing security related information.
- ▶ Provides specialist military assistance to humanitarian components.

Advisor to the coordinator

- ▶ Advises on the utilization of available spare capacity and resources of military.
- ▶ Request authorization for the military community support projects.



He is a coordinator;

- ▶ Identifies, establishes and maintains contact with relevant players.
- ▶ Defines relevant role players' roles, responsibilities and decision making perimeters to avoid duplication of effort.
- ▶ Establishes effective co-ordination mechanisms that enhance flexibility through participative and consultative processes
- ▶ Co-ordinates capabilities of relevant organizations to be complementary.

Coordination

- ▶ Attends local meetings and reports on them.
- ▶ Facilitates the development of comprehensive integrated plans through joint assessment on key objectives.
- ▶ Establishes co-ordinating mechanisms at all levels to enhance co-ordination.



Project officer for community support initiative;

- ▶ Establishes and implements SOPs to determine suitable projects.
- ▶ Establishes and manages co-ordination mechanisms to evaluate and prioritize projects.
- ▶ Implements and manages approved community support projects.
- ▶ Facilitates seamless roll out of projects and handing over of completed projects.

Training coordinator;

- ▶ Co-ordinates awareness training on humanitarian and military operating procedure and principles.
- ▶ Conducts training on CIMIC documents and guidelines.
- ▶ Conducts awareness training promoting humanitarian and military organizational cultural awareness.

Training;

- ▶ Co-ordinates training to the military by humanitarians on local knowledge, best practice and technical skills.



Sector CIMIC Officers:

- ▶ Identify key issues in the civil environment
- ▶ Assessing it's importance in relation to the Commander's mission
- ▶ Good knowledge of the Area of Operations (AO)
- ▶ Direct engagement with the civil actors within their Area of Responsibilities(AOR)
- ▶ Share tactical level knowledge with FHQ
- ▶ Cimic patrols
- ▶ Community engagements/KLE
- ▶ Rapid needs assessments
- ▶ Report and returns
- ▶ QIPs/project management

Sector CIMIC Roles and Responsibilities

Sector CIMIC Reports:

- ▶ These reports are critical and should be sent to FHQ every Sunday to fhq-so3-cimic@au-amisom.org
- ▶ If you receive critical information after sending your CIMIC Report, don't delay, share it with J9 FHQ



BATTLE RYTHM

- ▶ MONDAY FC Partners brief
- ▶ WEDNESDAY FC Brief/weekly update
- ▶ THURSDAY Down Rep sent to ALL sectors
- ▶ SATURDAY ITF coordination meeting
QIPs Weekly update to/from AMISOM QIP lead
- ▶ SUNDAY Weekly Sector CIMIC Reports sent to FHQ



- ▶ Group Discussions
- ▶ What are the common CIMIC Activities and challenges in your AO



Commonly encountered CIMIC / Stabilisation Activities

- ✓ Refugee/Returnee Convoy movement co-ordination
- ✓ Dispute Resolution (land, accidents involving AMISOM troops etc)
- ✓ Support to Election Security
- ✓ IDPs Camps
- ✓ Early Recovery & Community Engagement (CBLO's)
- ✓ Civil Resilience (Flooding/Drought) & Response
- ✓ Reception of Disengaged fighters
- ✓ Liaison with NGO's and de-confliction of activities
- ✓ Awareness of Gender/Human Rights violations



CONCLUSION

Q & A

