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**AMISOM HANDS OVER FOUR WELLS TO BANADIR ADMINISTRATION,
MOGADISHU**

Mogadishu, 5 June 2014: The African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), through its Humanitarian Liaison Unit, today handed over four water wells to the Banadir Administration in Mogadishu. The four wells located in Hamarweyne, Dharkenly, Wadajir and Hamaarjab, will benefit over 260,000 households.

The construction and rehabilitation of the wells was funded by the Swedish Government and supported by AMISOM and implemented by Hadaf Humanitarian Relief Organization (HADAF), a local Non-Government Organization.

Speaking during the handover ceremony on behalf of the African Union Special Representative for Somalia Ambassador Mahamat Saleh Annadif, AMISOM Political Officer James Gadin said the donation would uplift the living standards of the people by providing basic social services in the areas that have been recovered.

“The wells will provide affordable and reliable clean water to the residents of the Mogadishu districts” he said adding that the Civilian Component of AMISOM is complementing military and Police efforts on the ground by trying to improve the lives of the Somali people.

On his part Senior Humanitarian Liaison officer, Abdul Diagabate said that the project will greatly help improve individual as well as public health, and enable parents to spend more time working to provide for their families’ needs.

Acting Mogadishu Mayor Ismail Maalim Abdi thanked AMISOM and the Swedish Government for the continued support to the Somali people and its Government saying that the water wells will provide basic humanitarian assistance to the people of Somalia and alleviate suffering of the people.

The handover exercise was attended by Representatives from AMISOM, Acting Mayor of Mogadishu Ismail Maalim Abdi, District Commissioners from the four Districts and the representative from the local community.

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