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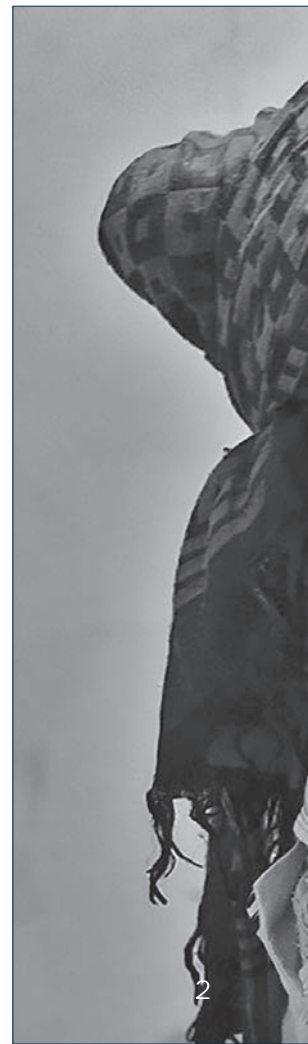
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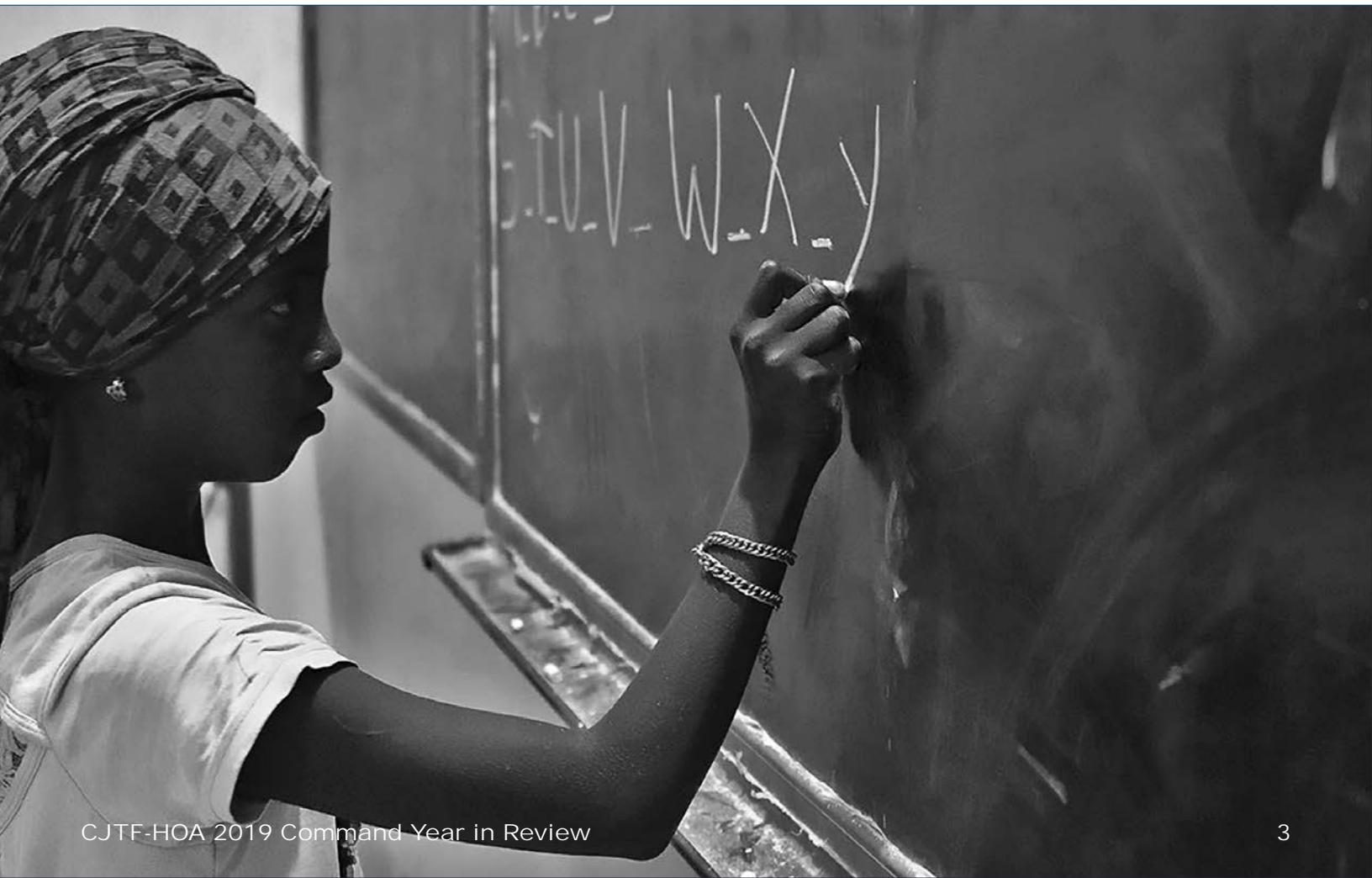
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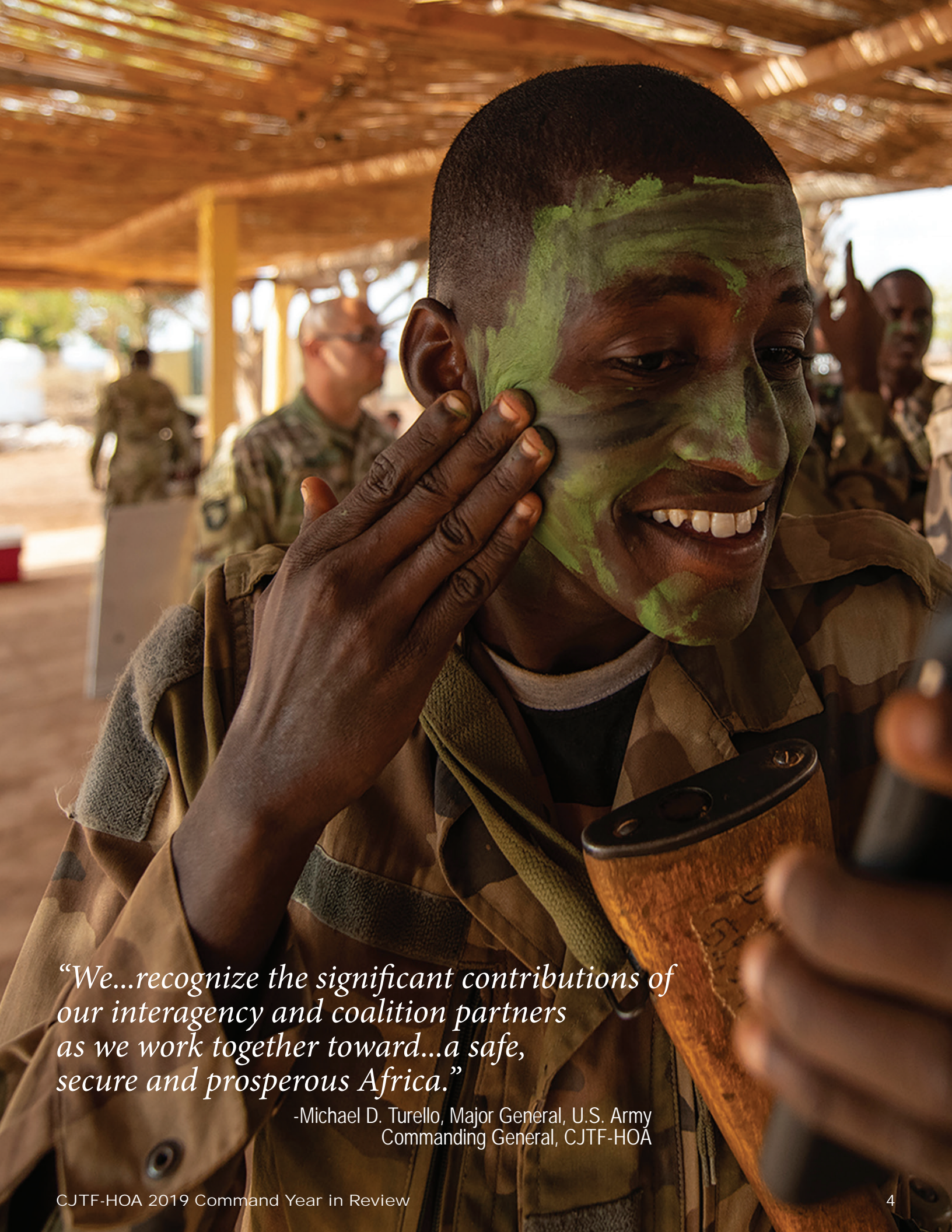
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-Michael D. Turello, Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding General, CJTF-HOA

LETTER FROM THE COMMANDING GENERAL

As we embark upon a new decade, this is an appropriate time to highlight the significant achievements of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and civilians assigned to Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA) in 2019. We also recognize the significant contributions of our interagency and coalition partners as we work together toward the goal of a safe, secure and prosperous Africa.



A sampling of the command's accomplishments are featured in this Year in Review. During 2019, CJTF-HOA played an integral role in the United States' whole-of-government approach while also participating in efforts that often were African-led, French-assisted and U.S.-supported.

The successes that CJTF-HOA experienced during the past year were the result of the highly skilled, talented and committed units and staff who have trained and worked tirelessly on behalf of and with our African partners on such efforts as security operations, subject matter expert exchanges, English discussion groups, training evolutions and more. In 2019, the command executed missions as diverse as disaster relief, counter illicit trafficking training, road repair and construction of a soccer field for local youth as a volunteer effort. To say that I am proud of what our team accomplished last year would be an understatement.

As we move into the new decade, we face unprecedented uncertainties here on the African continent, but one thing remains constant: the commitment of the CJTF-HOA team to our African partners, our no-fail missions and each other.

It is my extreme privilege to lead you.

Very respectfully,

Michael D. Turello
Major General
United States Army
Commanding General





EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA) 2019 Year in Review is a record of CJTF-HOA's activities and accomplishments during 2019. CJTF-HOA's mission statement defines the direction for CJTF-HOA and describes the command's purpose and value to the East Africa region.

In support of the mission, the CJTF-HOA 2019 lines of effort (LOEs) aligned command activities and efforts and ensured resources were focused on moving the command in the desired direction.

These LOEs focused on strengthening regional military relationships, enhancing the capabilities of partner nations, conducting theater security cooperation activities, enabling access and freedom of movement within East Africa, and executing crisis response when needed.

This review outlines the command's successes and achievements in five primary categories: Operations, Training, Crisis Response, Key Leader Engagements, Force Protection and Partnerships.

CJTF-HOA At-A-Glance

CJTF-HOA is responsible for protecting American interests and strengthening, in partnership with coalition partners, the defense capabilities of African nations.

CJTF-HOA measures its mission success, efforts, and activities using five LOEs which ensure the command is moving in the desired direction:

1. Maintain U.S. Influence
2. Enhance Partner Capability
3. Support to Security in Somalia
4. Set the Combined Joint Operations Area
5. Protect U.S. Interests

More than 5,000 personnel are assigned to CJTF-HOA headquarters and contingency locations throughout the Horn of Africa. The team is uniquely diverse and is represented by personnel from different service branches and partner nations making CJTF-HOA truly a joint forces command.

We are proud to be on the same team building a safe and secure Africa with our coalition partners from Djibouti, Burundi, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, South Korea and Spain.

CJTF-HOA is staffed by service members from the U.S. Army, with the greatest number of personnel, followed, in descending number, by civilians and contractors, Marine Corps, Air Force, Navy, coalition partners and Coast Guard.

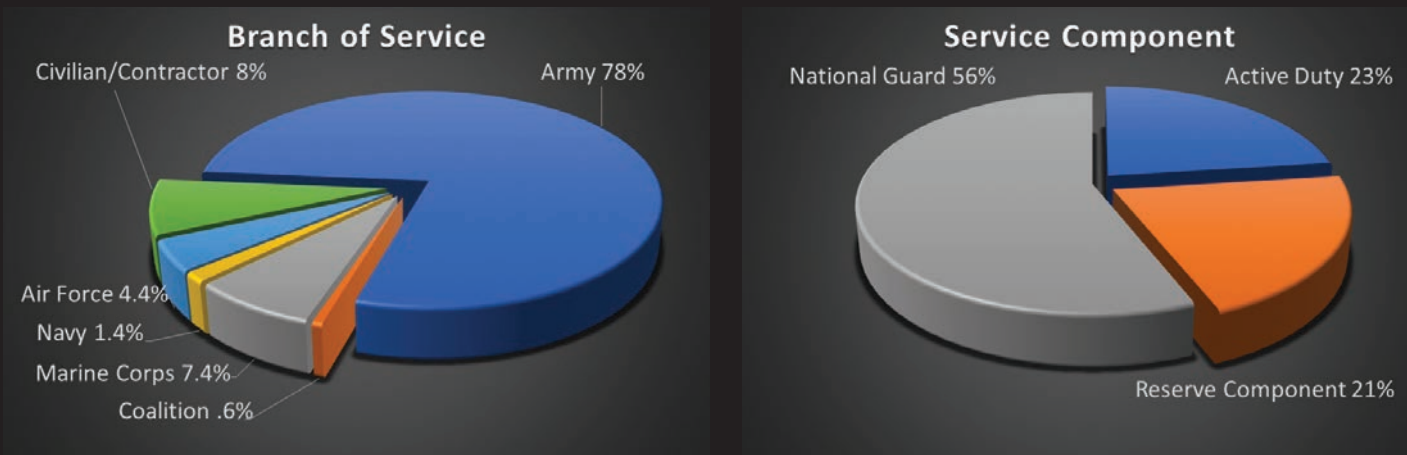
U.S. military forces are composed of 56% National Guard, 23% active duty, and 21% Reserve Component (RC), with RC personnel making up 77%.

These joint forces oversee the Combined Joint Operations Area (CJOA) which includes 12 countries within 2.4 million square miles, with 6,189 miles of coastline, and a combined population of 176 million people of diverse backgrounds and ethnicities.

CJTF-HOA is headquartered at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti.



CJTF-HOA Unit & Staff Composition



2019 LINES OF EFFORT

LOE 1 - Maintain U.S. Influence: *Strengthen regional military relationships in key areas across the Combined Joint Operations Area to improve capabilities, and identify and mitigate behaviors that destabilize the region.*

LOE 2 - Enhance Partner Capability: *Enhance the capabilities of partner nations to better provide effective security in the region.*

LOE 3 - Support to Security in Somalia: *Focus on support to Troop-Contributing Countries (TCCs).*

LOE 4 - Set Combined Joint Operations Area: *Provide security, communications and protection operations support to contingency locations, improving efficiencies and processes to support operations.*

LOE 5 - Protect U.S. Interests: *Focus intelligence and information collection on anticipating crises and understanding the operational environment, and be prepared to respond to crises.*

MISSION:

CJTF-HOA, with coalition partners, develops and enhances influence, conducts military engagement and security force assistance in support of security cooperation, on order executes crisis response and contingency operations, and sets the Combined Joint Operations Area (CJOA), in order to promote regional stability and protect U.S. interests while maintaining operational access and supporting security capabilities on the African continent.

12 countries, 176 million people,
2.4 million square miles & 6,189 miles of coastline

COMBINED JOINT OPERATIONS AREA

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- Djibouti
- Burundi
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Rwanda
- Seychelles
- Somalia
- South Sudan
- Sudan
- Tanzania
- Uganda

OPERA

CJTF-HOA is a good steward of U.S. Taxpayer Dollars:

>>>Managed \$31 million in construction projects across five contingency locations in Somalia.

>>>Built 55 construction projects and facilities supporting U.S. and coalition forces counter-terrorism operations and enhanced CJOA's protection of U.S. interests through intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR).

>>>Provided Base Operating Support and supply services to more than 825 forward deployed Service Members at five Contingency Locations (CLs).

>>>Saved \$3.1 million by implementing alternative methods of providing service support to CLs over the course of the service contracts.

>>>Oversaw 141 support services through the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP) contract and an additional 10 local service contracts at five CLs in support of forward deployed units.

>>>Initiated LOGCAP construction of new \$1.9 million Dining Facility (DFAC) and Waste Water Treatment Facility.

>>>Managed \$1.5 million in humanitarian assistance and humanitarian civic assistance projects, providing four schools, three medical clinics, and one water project throughout Djibouti, impacting 1,400 students, 600 outpatient clinic customers and providing clean water, respectively, for a community of 700 people.

>>>Oversaw the shipment and transfer of arms and ammunition to partner nations through the Foreign Military Sales program. This included the receipt, storage, freight forwarding, and aircraft loading of more than \$264,000 of assets.

>>>Coordinated air movement of more than 6,000 passengers and 4,178 tons of cargo in coordination with three joint command elements.

>>>Planned 26 surface movement missions throughout Africa. These missions accounted for over 1.6 million pounds of cargo totaling over \$1.1 million worth of needed warfighting assets.



ATIONS

“We at CJTF-HOA work to facilitate programs that support the development of capable, professional African partner military forces. Our continued commitment to their training and equipping is an important part of that development.”

-U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Michael D. Turello,
Commanding General, CJTF-HOA

Trained, ready, & capable!



T R A I

“We appreciate the support from the U.S. government. You have helped us sharpen our ability to cut off the poaching, cut off the wildlife threats and help our staff survive longer because one of the challenges of being a Ranger is actually facing death every day.”

- Mr. Sam Mwandha, executive director,
Uganda Wildlife Authority



NINING

What we did:

U.S. Army Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, Texas Army National Guard, Task Force Alamo, conducted Counter Illicit Trafficking Junior Leadership Course for 25 Uganda Wildlife Authority Rangers.

U.S. Army Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry Regiment, New Jersey National Guard, Task Force Warrior, conducted an annual Noncombatant Evacuation Operation (NEO) multinational exercise with CJTF-HOA Surgeon Cell, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) and foreign liaison officers from France, Germany, Italy, Comoros, Kenya, Djibouti, Uganda, Spain and South Korea.

U.S. forces participated with French, Djiboutian and Italian forces in a static line jump in celebration of St. Michael's Day, patron saint of paratroopers.

U.S. Army Soldiers and French Marines from the 5th Overseas Intermarines Regiment participated in combatives exchange training.

U.S. Army Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), East Africa Response Force and 403rd Civil Affairs Battalion participated in combatives training with soldiers from the JGSDF.

CJTF-HOA shared new teaching doctrines during a five-day exchange at Burundi's Senior Command Staff College to heads of state from East African Community countries. Senior officers and cadre from Burundi, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania participated, as well as representatives from Burundi National Defense Force (BNDF), World Health Organization and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Soldiers from the U.S. Army and the JGSDF held a two-day joint tactical combat casualty care training.

Why it matters:

PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES: BOOSTS UGANDA'S CAPABILITY TO DEFEND AGAINST CRIMINAL AND EXTREMIST ORGANIZATIONS PLUNDERING ITS NATURAL RESOURCES.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE: INCREASES JOINT MULTINATIONAL INTEROPERABILITY RESPONSE CAPABILITIES IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, DISASTER RESPONSE AND NEO.

MULTINATIONAL INTEROPERABILITY: FOSTERS TRUST AND JOINT OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES WITH COALITION PARTNERS AT THE TACTICAL LEVEL.

MULTINATIONAL OPERATIONS: FOSTER INTEROPERABILITY AND INCREASES ABILITY TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT JOINT MULTINATIONAL COMBAT OPERATIONS.

JOINT COMBATIVES TRAINING BUILDS INTEROPERABILITY: SOLDIERS TRAINING ONE-TO-ONE LEARN HOW TO WORK TOGETHER FOR REAL-WORLD SCENARIOS.

FUTURE LEADER ENGAGEMENT: SENIOR OFFICERS AND CADRE OF THE BNDF LEARNED OPERATIONAL PERSPECTIVES AND SHARED THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES WITH THE AIM OF DEEPENING STRATEGIC KNOWLEDGE AND BUILDING BRIDGES AND PARTNERSHIPS TOWARD FUTURE COLLABORATION.

OVERCOMING LANGUAGE BARRIERS: INCREASING JOINT COMMUNICATIONS AND GAINING A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF EACH COUNTRY'S METHODOLOGIES.

CRISIS RE



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FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

RESPONSE

“Faced with a humanitarian disaster on this scale, it was imperative for the U.S. to respond to the appeal from the Mozambican government for assistance in saving lives and alleviating suffering ... the U.S. is committed to doing all it can to help Mozambique with the massive relief and recovery challenges it now faces. I think the American public would be extremely proud of what we’ve tried to do to help the Mozambicans through this epic tragedy, and we’ll continue to support them in every way we can.”

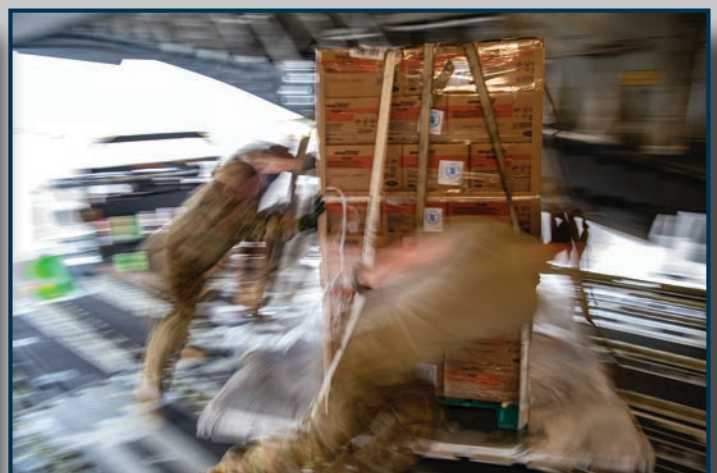
- Dennis Walter Hearne,
U.S. Ambassador to Mozambique

Humanitarian Disaster Response Mozambique Cyclone Idai:

CJTF-HOA was critical in reaching areas affected by Cyclone Idai in Mozambique with urgently-needed humanitarian assistance in the wake of the catastrophic flooding that damaged homes, public infrastructure and farmland. CJTF-HOA, with its specialty crisis planning capabilities and logistics, supported disaster relief efforts, working with USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team, United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations experts and aid workers.

CJTF-HOA flew 120 missions, delivering 782 metric tons of relief supplies consisting of food, equipment and medical supplies, to five airfields across Mozambique.

In addition, more than 200 CJTF-HOA personnel, working at multiple locations, assisted with logistics, the immediate distribution of supplies that continued for several weeks, and laying the foundation for Mozambique’s long-term recovery from the natural disaster.



ENGAGEMENTS



>>>CJTF-HOA attended the **Africa Senior Enlisted Leader Conference in Germany, attended by 63** senior enlisted leaders from 27 African countries. The conference focused on multi-range team building, and the importance of empowering noncommissioned officers (NCOs), strategic outlook on enlisted development, Security Force Assistance Brigade (SFAB) operation review, curriculum development, women and leadership, and international enlisted engagement program.

>>>CJTF-HOA Religious Affairs conducted more than 54 religious support missions ensuring the spiritual care for U.S. military members, coalition forces, civilian personnel, and refugees throughout the CJOA.

>>>Office of the CJTF-HOA Staff Judge Advocate (OSJA), in collaboration with the Defense Institute for International Legal Studies (DIILS) and Kenya Border Protection Unit, provided training in several areas of human rights, including the use of law enforcement; gender violence and trafficking in persons in a non-international armed conflict; focus on the law of armed conflict; law against torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment; international armed conflict legal issues; and the African Charter with focus on human rights, and rules of engagement.

>>>French Air Force Maj. Gen. Éric Gernez, commanding general of French Forces Djibouti (FFDJ), visited CJTF-HOA for a French Senior Leader bilateral meeting to discuss interoperability between CJTF-HOA and FFDJ.

>>>FFDJ hosted the the French Institute for Higher National Defense Studies (IHEDN), a study course and live-fire training attended by 35 French and American senior civilian and military leaders.

>>>CJTF-HOA hosted newly-selected flag officers to a two-day field trip portion of Capstone Military Leadership Program, part of a five-week Congressionally-mandated training course in the fundamentals of joint doctrine and operational art, and integration of power to accomplish national security and defense, and military strategies.

>>>CJTF-HOA attended Fundamentals of Global Health Management (FOGHE) to raise awareness of DoD global health initiatives. Attendees explored the complex components surrounding DoD global health initiatives, including diverse social, economic and cultural considerations. U.S. Government agencies led 20 health-related events with African partners, focused on short and long-term capabilities, supporting regional stability and security throughout Africa.

>>> OSJA supported DIILS for a human rights mission to Somalia to train members of the Danab Brigade stationed at Baledogle Military Airfield in Somalia.

>>>Exercises in 2019 that CJTF-HOA participated in:

AFRICAN LION
CUTLASS EXPRESS
FLINTLOCK
JUSTIFIED ACCORD
OBANGAME EXPRESS
PHOENIX EXPRESS
SHARED ACCORD
UNITED ACCORD
UNITED FOCUS

FORCE PROTECTION

The September 30 attack on BMA by al-Shabaab proved ineffective due to base hardening efforts and the preparedness and training of U.S. forces.

Force Protection repels attack at **Baledogle Military Airfield**

Recognizing the need to improve security at contingency locations in East Africa, Maj. Gen. Michael D. Turello, commanding general of CJTF-HOA, provided guidance and oversight of extensive base hardening and force protection improvement efforts.

Part of these efforts resulted in the deployment of the first Tethered Aerostat Radar System on the African continent. The aerostat system extended surveillance and communication ranges to provide force protection for U.S. and coalition personnel conducting outside-the-wire security patrols at Baledogle Military Airfield (BMA).



CJTF-HOA staff ensured the timely transfer of five surveillance assets valued at \$7 million to BMA and Mogadishu, enabling the deployment and installation of radar systems providing the ability to pinpoint hostile fire within a vast area. Additionally, the command facilitated the expedited delivery of numerous other force protection assets that enabled engineers and security forces to achieve superior hardening and automated defense readiness for assigned forces at BMA.

As part of the hardening efforts, CJTF-HOA also coordinated and contracted the delivery and installation of additional T-walls, identified and coordinated delivery of multiple mission-critical mine-resistant ambush protected all-terrain vehicles (M-ATV), four high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMWV), and a number of counter radio-controlled improvised explosive device (RCIED) electronic warfare (CREW) systems to the CJOA in support of a heightened security posture for forces at BMA.



These efforts, coupled with rigorous planning and training, proved to be highly effective in the successful defense against a coordinated complex attack by al-Shabaab fighters at BMA on Sept. 30, 2019, resulting in only minor collateral damage and all attackers neutralized.

PARTNER



“It’s a great opportunity for us to upgrade our knowledge of managing a disaster with the whole team of army presence in Djibouti; Americans, French, Japanese, Spanish, etc. It will be an exchange of knowledge, but also an exchange of contact to know who’s who and to be better prepared in the future for any kind of disaster.”

- Fatouma Awaleh Osman,
Mayor, Djibouti City



ERSHIPS



What we did:

CJTF-HOA service members provided critical support in a multinational effort to combat a fire at Doua Landfill in Djibouti City.

CJTF-HOA's 403rd Civil Affairs Battalion and Surgeon Cell led the first-ever English language classes during the BNDF's Senior Command and Staff 45-day college course to 28 students representing Burundi, Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya.

CJTF-HOA's Surgeon Cell and 403rd Civil Affairs Battalion performed an on-site survey and subject matter exchange at Kenya's Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya. The survey was used to determine a future partnership between CJTF-HOA and Aga Khan University Hospital.

Reaffirmed U.S. and CJTF-HOA commitment to the African island nation of Seychelles as a key partner towards increasing security and regional stability in the Indian Ocean.

U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. James Kriesel, deputy commanding general, CJTF-HOA, met with key leaders from the U.S. Embassy Rwanda and Rwanda Defense Force headquarters and visited the Kigali Genocide Memorial during the 25th anniversary of the tragedy.

CJTF-HOA's Surgeon Cell hosted the military tropical medicine course (MTM) and partnered with the Navy Medicine Professional Development Center (NMPDC) to share knowledge and experience gained from their work in Africa and around the world.

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Why it matters:

Disaster Relief: Preventing fire from obliterating a local village and airport in host country of Djibouti, working alongside Djiboutian, French and other international personnel.

Building Collective Strengths: The first-ever instruction of doctrine in English cultivates relationships and advances collective joint strengths.

Partnership in Medical Capabilities: Aga Khan University Hospital's capabilities can provide treatment for service members with serious injuries.

Maritime Security in the Indian Ocean: Helping Seychelles, a group of 115 islands, in its fight against illegal fishing, piracy, trafficking of weapons, commodities, narcotics, and human beings through increased information sharing and force capability to police the Indian Ocean.

Human Rights: The Kigali Principles were established to provide for the protection of civilians during peacekeeping and frame a core commitment, endorsed by many member states of the United Nations, to prevent genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity.

Medical Capability: Supports regional stability and security in East Africa and fosters mission capability of African partner forces through sharing of global health practices.



THE WAY FORWARD

A safe, stable and secure Africa is in our national interest.

In 2020 and beyond CJTF-HOA will continue to work in alignment with the U.S. Administration's strategy in Africa to advance trade and commercial ties with key African partners to increase American and African prosperity; protect African partners from cross-border health and security threats and support our African partners' progress toward stability, citizen-responsive governance and self-reliance.

We remain vigilant and prepared to respond to crises and protect U.S. citizens and activities in East Africa.

We are dedicated to assisting our partner nations, working by, with and through military-to-military activities and security cooperation and assistance programs.







“We value the friendship with our African partners, and we are proud to respond immediately to the request for assistance when they need us. The United States and the other nations involved in this effort have a shared interest in promoting a secure, stable and prosperous Africa.”

**-Michael D. Turello, Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding General, CJTF-HOA**

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