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INTRODUCTION

My name is SANAILA RALIMALIMA ROQARA and I am originally from The Republic of the Fiji Islands. I am a Police Officer in the Fiji Police Force and I am currently working here on a one (1) year tour of duty at United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) of which I will end on 07th May, 2017. I am currently stationed at the Rumbek Field Office, and have been holding the post of United Nations Police (UNPOL) Rumbek Field Team Leader since 11th Nov. 2016.

UNMISS MANDATE

Our mandate is Protection of civilians, monitoring and investigating human rights, creating the conditions for delivery of humanitarian assistance and supporting the implementation of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement.

EXPERIENCE OF WORK IN UNMISS

When our team arrived into the mission, we had to go through two weeks of induction training, of which the first was in Entebbe, Uganda and the second in UNMISS Compound, Juba. In this periods of inductions new officers into the mission were briefed on the history of South Sudan, United Nation history and its purpose, UNMISS and its mandate. We are also introduced to other arms of UNMISS, from administrations, Civil affairs, Human Rights, Gender, Communication and Public Information, Military, NGOs and others.

INITIAL DEPLOYMENT

I have had the privilege to experience working in the Protection of Civilian Sites or Camp. These are camps set up for Individual Displaced Persons (IDPs) which are protected.

These IDPs are people, predominantly South Sudanese who have fled their homes and villages due to the Civil war. I have had to experience for the first time work in appalling conditions that no human being is to live in, in my opinion. They are given makeshift materials like tarpaulins to make temporary homes but are also given the freedom to make their own improvements. To see children be allowed to live in such conditions is heart

breaking. On top of these living standards, I witnessed the people try their very best to live normal lives. Amongst the struggles, some fortunate ones have been able to find employment outside the camp and improve their family living standards. Children are able to attend schools set up in the camps and it can be under a shed or a common hall which are also used as meeting halls. Children are required to bring their own chairs but the majority, sit on the dusty floor. Water and food is scarce but thankfully NGOs do provide the same to the IDPs whether it is to be the only source or subsidies for what they could provide for themselves.

FIELD OFFICE RUMBEK

I was deployed to UNMISS Rumbek Field Office on 15th June in which I worked as Patrol Officer and it mostly involved mobile patrol into the community and municipality of Rumbek. Rumbek is located in the Lakes State in the center of South Sudan. Our work also involved visiting Police Stations and Police Post. During these visits we took the opportunity to sensitize the officers on good working practices, patrol for visibility for the purpose, assessing the security situation and get details and observe any violations of human rights and violations against women and children.

We were also involved in long duration or short duration patrol, either initiated by UNPOL or any other arm of UNMISS. Visits are done to follow up on reports received, monitor violations of human rights, monitor road conditions, monitor security situations, attend UNMISS organized programs and conduct training and courses.

I was appointed as the UNPOL Field Team Leader in October, 2017 and my main job is to manage reporting systems and process of UNPOL operations and manage administration of UNPOL resources and its records. Our team currently includes officers from India, Ukraine, South Africa, Senegal, Bangladesh, The Gambia, Uganda and the beautiful Islands of Fiji. On average I am leading a team of over 200 yrs worth of experience of Police work put together. It is an added bonus and also a big challenge for me as a young officer, having one of the lowest terms of police experience to my name. It is a bonus in the sense that our team here has the wealth of experience, policing is in their blood. It is what they had chosen to do and have grown to love and cherish. The highest ranking officer is an Assistant Commissioner of Police and a woman officer she is but in all UN missions as Police Advisors, are no rank missions. Our operations officer and I do not need to directly supervise them on their daily work but from time to time direct and advise to areas that need to be addressed.