CAPTURING LESSONS LEARNED FROM SECURITY SERVICES’ ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN EAST AFRICA

BONI FOREST EXPERIENCE
OPERATIONS IN BONI FOREST

- Situated on the north-east coast of Kenya near the Kenya Somalia border.
- The onset of ops in Boni forest 14 June 2014
- The multi-agency approach to operations – All govt approach
- Multi-Agency Comd Center
CIMIC ACTIVITIES

RELIEF FOOD

WATER DISTRIBUTION

SENSITIZATION OF THE LOCALS

ROAD CLEARANCE

REHABILITATION WATER PANS

MEDICAL CAMP

CASEVAC
CIMIC ACTIVITIES
- CASEVAC
- AFORESTATION
- SECURING VITAL INSTALATIONS

CVE OUTREACH

KLE
CHALLENGES

• Unwillingness of the locals to participate in activities fronted by the multi-agency teams
• Victimization of locals who collaborated
• Difficulty in distinguishing between an adversary and the locals
• Double agents
LESSONS THAT CAN BE LEARNED FROM BONI OPERATIONS

- A doctrine complete with SOPs is critical
- Some policies infringe on the locals’ lifestyle leading to hostility
- The adversary enjoys FOA/FOM when sy forces are not present
- Winning hearts and minds critical - CIMIC
- KLE is vital in collaborating with the locals
- Outreach programs are important
- Human intelligence is critical in counterterrorism…
- Double agents are always present – Kidnap of a foreigner