Combined Joint Task Force -Horn of Africa

Our Mission: CJTF-HOA, in partnership with our joint, interagency, and multinational teammates, conducts theater security cooperation activities to enable regional actors to neutralize violent extremist organizations and enables regional access and freedom of movement within East Africa in order to protect and defend United States interests. Plan, prepare, and on order execute crisis response within East Africa in order to protect and defend United States military, diplomatic, and civilian personnel, facilities, and interests.

People from each military branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, civilian employees, and representatives of Coalition and Partner countries make up CJTF-HOA. Currently, CJTF-HOA encompasses a 10 country area of responsibility and an 11 country area of interest.

Area of Responsibility:

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

Central African Republic

Area of Interest:

- Chad
- Comoros
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Egypt
- Mozambique
- Madagascar
- Mauritania
- Sudan
- South Sudan
- Yemen

Combined Joint Task Force -Horn of Africa Commander's Intent

CJTF-HOA protects and defends the national security interests of the United States from violent extremist organizations and other potential threats in East Africa to create a secure environment that promotes stability, good governance, and continued development.

Through shared trust and understanding, we will continue to build an effective joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational (JIIM) team, ensure regional access and freedom of movement, and enable East African partners to neutralize VEOs. We will enable regional solutions to regional problems. While our efforts will always include tactical tasks and processes, they will increasingly focus on improving our partners' combat support and combat service support capabilities; strengthening their defense institutions; and fostering the further development of the Profession of Arms. Our actions and behavior must serve as constant examples of a professional military force at the individual, unit, and institutional levels. When directed, CITF-HOA will respond to crisis and protect US citizens and interest and our African partners.

Building The Team African Solutions To

African Challenges



"Africa doesn't need strong men, it needs strong institutions." President Barack Obama, July 2009 Speech in Ghana

Building the Team

Our decisive effort is to develop and strengthen the joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational (JIIM) team. CJTF-HOA is creating lasting and meaningful relationships, founded on trust and collaboration with all regional partners to address security threats of shared concern and create an environment that enables continued economic growth, democratic consolidation and sustainable broad based development.

US Forces with Uganda People's Defense Forces.



Plan, Prepare, and Execute Crisis Response

The protection of United States citizens from transnational threats is an enduring priority for CJTF-HOA. As a result, CJTF-HOA plans and prepares for a multitude of contingency operations throughout East Africa. Additionally, CJTF -HOA works with our interagency and intergovernmental partners in order to be prepared to respond to natural and man-made disasters.



US Forces with Burundian National Defense Force.

Enable Regional Access and Freedom of Movement

The United States of America and CJTF-HOA respect the sovereignty of our East African partners. CJTF-HOA will work with our partners to ensure our actions and movements are in accordance with international norms and the laws of our hosts. CJTF-HOA service members will be good teammates, and accountable and respectful, as we execute missions together.

US Forces with Ugandan Soldiers.



Enable Regional Actors to Neutralize Violent Extremist Organizations

CJTF-HOA is committed to enabling our East African partners to defeat regional threats. While our efforts are almost always indirect in nature, the impacts are longer lasting and carry a higher value. CJTF-HOA serves as a conduit for information, provides limited and focused military training to our partner nations, and during crisis response can provide strategic support. Our actions, together with the capabilities of our East African partner militaries, enables our team to counter a wide variety of threats to regional security.



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