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Peace Building Process in Burundi: ONUB Supports a Fishing Project in Nyanza-Lac to Empower a Local Community

Bujumbura, Burundi – As part of the peace building process in Burundi, the United Nations Operation in Burundi (ONUB) launched today [24-06-06] a fishing project intended to empower ex-combatants in Nyanza-Lac, a small fishing town in the southernmost province of Makamba.

Today's project was part of a larger initiative whose goal is to ensure lasting economic empowerment of Burundians with the commitment of Burundian businessmen to support long-term economic prosperity for all the people in post-war Burundi.

The current project is an initiative of ONUB Force, and was developed in association with the local representation of Yamaha Company. Under the aegis of ONUB, Yamaha Company donated an outboard (motor) to an ex-combatant who started a fishing business after his demobilization, and has since recruited some 15 other fishermen to work under his supervision. It is expected that with improved equipment, these fishermen will be able to increase their productivity, and in the process, generate more employment.

The launching ceremony took place in the presence of ONUB military Chief of Staff, Col Krishna Abhay, representing the Force Commander, and Brig Gen Pontien Gaciyubwenge, Fifth Military Regional Commander of the National Defense Force.

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