UNE updates its practice description on protection in Somalia cases

The UNE updated its practice description* on claims for protection by nationals of Somalia, including protection, expulsion and revocation. It also addresses certain issues related to the assessment of identity.

The UNE's practice is that the general security situation in Somalia does not, in itself, entitle an applicant to protection. The security situation in northern Somalia has remained stable over time, while in southern and central Somalia it varies both over time and between areas. The need for protection is assessed on a case-by-case basis.

The risk of circumcision (female genital mutilation/cutting), forced marriage or forced recruitment by al-Shabaab are among the circumstances that may entitle a person to protection following an individual assessment. The practice description also discusses the importance of clan affiliation and networks upon return, as well as the possibility of internal displacement.

* Practice descriptions outline practice in specific areas and are prepared by UNE's case-handling units. They are intended for board chairs and board members and are published publicly so that others can benefit from them.

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