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Project to Support Peace Consolidation through Capacity Building of the Post-Conflict Demining Training Center (CPADD)

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Development Challenges

The issue of mines in Africa is an urgent development problem, particularly affecting vulnerable groups, especially women and children. The urgency of reinforcing demining activities is particularly justified in view of the scale of the explosive damage against civilians, especially women and children innocently killed or maimed. According to the Landmine Monitor report, casualties from mines and explosive remnants of war are on the rise. In addition, with the persistence of terrorism in countries of the sub-region such as Burkina Faso, Niger and Nigeria (countries bordering Benin), and the overall deterioration of the security situation in the region is starting to have serious repercussions in countries such as Benin. Enhanced capacity of demining officers to be easily available, trained and equipped in the best possible conditions, will therefore not only serve countries in the region but is also needed in Benin itself.

Created in 2001, the CPADD is a regional cooperation mechanism for the application of the Convention on the prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel mines and their destruction. It trained more than 3000 trainees. African countries that face mine issues need more competencies to protect civilians.

Project Objectives

The ultimate goal of the project is to reduce the number of mine-related deaths and disabilities and discourage the use of these mines, through strengthening the capacity of the Center. The project aims to:

Improve the organizational/environment capacity of the Center

Acquire vehicles in order to enhance the Center logistical capacities

Reinforce the technical capacities of its instructors by updating MINANTINKPON's explosives implementation areas to better take into account new international requirements

Project Outputs

The organizational/environmental and logistical capacity of The CPADD is strengthened.

- Rehabilitation of the interior courtyard of the center
- Acquisition of 2 vehicles for Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Intervention

The CPADD has technical and operational capacities to carry out its mission.

- Updating MINANTINKPON's explosives implementation areas to better take into account new international requirements.
- Upgrading the site to health standards, acquiring evacuation vehicle and medical equipment.
- Upgrading the site to phytotechnical standards consisting of building a shooting shelter; acquisition of evacuation vehicle; installation of a fire-fighting device; repair of the site's storage warehouses (ammunition supports, ventilation and reinforcement, etc.) and rehabilitation of the access road to the site.

Partnership

Ministry of National Defense, ECOWAS

Contribution to SDGs

