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# Support the Mali Peacekeeping School to strengthen the conflict prevention and management capacities of ECOWAS countries

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## Development Challenges

Some international forces, notably the French, have left Mali. The country has also withdrawn from the G5 Sahel. According to MINUSMA, this context is likely to create a vacuum in certain areas that could be exploited by armed terrorist groups. In this context of non-state or weak state presence, the population is increasingly vulnerable and exposed to the consequences of insecurity from terrorists and armed groups, as evidenced by the number of security incidents (682) that have had a direct impact on the civilian population. To mitigate these multiple challenges, it is urgent to strengthen countries' peace support on the ground by training defense and security forces and civilians.

The proposed project will contribute to the holistic approach of cross-cutting, integrated or specialized protection, based on human rights through capacity building of actors (gender, peace and security, protection of civilians, civil-military coordination, risks and disasters, UNPOL, etc). Despite the limited logistical capacity for accommodation and work (90 applications on average for 25 places available), the Alioune Blondin Beye Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB) will have to redouble its efforts to improve the technical skills of its trainees. It is also necessary for the school to equip itself with adequate, high-capacity infrastructures that will enable it to respond more appropriately to needs and challenges.

## Project Objectives

The overall objective of the proposal is to contribute to the strengthening of the capacities of ECOWAS States in terms of peace support in a context of increasing insecurity in the region. More specifically, the project will have the following objective:

The military, police and civilian personnel of ECOWAS countries are better able to prevent conflicts and violent extremism from a perspective of respect for human rights thanks to the strengthening of their capacities in the areas of conflict prevention and management as well as risks and disasters.

## Project Outputs

The technical capacities of military, police and civilian personnel of ECOWAS countries are strengthened in the areas of conflict and disaster prevention and management and can better protect civilians, participate in gender-sensitive peacekeeping operations

The quality of the courses is improved, and the school offers up-to-date and recognized training (certification)

## Partnership

Government of Japan

## Contribution to SDGs

