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# Enhancing National Capacities for Counter-Violent Extremism, Anti-Piracy and Protection of Civilians Project

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## Development Challenges

Over the past decade, Nigeria has been confronted with the influence and attacks of terrorists cloaked as Boko Haram in the northeast. The activities of these terrorists have resulted in the loss of lives and properties, displacement of millions of the local population and a colossal economic loss. In recent times, these terrorists have expanded their areas of influence to the northwest and other parts of the country and operated under different nomenclatures, such as, banditry, kidnapping and Fulani herdsman. The success of these groups was alleged to have been largely aided by the local communities which facilitated intelligence and logistics for them. The efforts of the security agencies to convert the influence and activities of these organized crime groups have yet to yield the desired results. In some cases, military kinetic operations against the terrorists resulted in civilian casualties and severe injuries, and damages. There is an urgent need to sharpen the capacities of the security agencies on counterterrorism and protection of civilians for more effective response and reduction in civilian casualties.

## Project Objectives

The 'Enhancing National Capacities for Counter-Violent Extremism, Anti-Piracy and Protection of Civilians Project' is formulated to improve the national capacities of Nigeria, ECOWAS and Gulf of Guinea (GoG) countries' efforts to decrease the influence and activities of violent extremism and pirates, as well as protect civilians in armed conflicts. It therefore assists the MLAILPKC to conduct high-quality courses for participants from GoG/ECOWAS countries and relevant institutions to prepare them for peace operations, strengthen the network and enhance regional capacities to prevent and combat maritime crime, counter violent extremism and protect civilians.

## Project Outputs

Enhance capacities of security agencies and relevant stakeholders for counter-violent extremism, anti-piracy and protection of civilians in armed conflicts enhanced.

## Partnership

Martin Luther Agwai International Leadership and Peacekeeping Centre (MLAILPKC)

## Contribution to SDGs

