

Strengthening the Capacities of the Rwanda Peace Academy



FACTSHEET

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BUDGET: US\$210,000

KEY PARTNERS: Ministry of Defense and the Rwanda Peace Academy (RPA)

OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the capacities of the Rwanda Peace Academy to become a center of excellence in peacekeeping training within the region by among others improving its training and financial sustainability capacities

Capacity building in peace building and peacekeeping will go a long way in addressing capacity gaps and will in the long run contribute to the attainment of sustainable peace in the region.

This is crucial as the Academy is increasingly receiving a big number of requests for training in peacebuilding and peace support operations. As a result of this project, the training and research and financial capacities of the RPA to provide high quality training in peace building as well as in conflict prevention and management will be strengthened.

PROJECT OUTPUTS

Output 1: Capacities of regional and national actors in peace support operations enhanced.

CONTRIBUTION TO SDGS

The project will contribute to SDGs 5, 10 and 16.



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DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

In 2016, a five – year strategic plan (2016 – 2021) for the RPA was developed and shared with the various stakeholders and partners.

The plan identifies five strategic areas that need urgent action: institutional and capacity development of the RPA; strengthening and delivery of training programmes; research development; mainstreaming of cross cutting issues especially gender, human rights and environment; and public relations and networking.

Due to limited funding, most of the set targets are lagging and affecting the performance of partner institutions and beneficiaries towards peacebuilding in and outside Rwanda.

There is therefore an urgent need to accelerate the implementation of the plan before the set timeline elapses.

Fast tracking its implementation will require both financial and technical resources to respond to the increasing need by Eastern Africa countries to quickly and adequately respond to emerging threats to peace and security in the region.