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Project to contribute to the sustainability of the Enhanced Joint Verification Mechanism (EJVM)

of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR)

The ICGLR has established operational and specialised mechanisms and tools at central and decentralised levels, including the Enhanced Joint Verification Mechanism (EJVM) in Goma- DRC

The EJVM's mandate includes:

- Routine inspections in border areas that are prone to tensions, and investigation of cross-border incidents that could lead to conflict escalation
- Monitoring armed groups and illegal armed movement across borders, preventing conflict escalation in border areas, and supporting crisis mitigation among ICGLR member States through the impartial investigation of cross border incidents
- As an important source of field information collection, feed into the ICGLR Early Warning System and will be encouraged to cooperate with the Peace and Security Directorate to that end

Its area of concentration is Eastern DRC, but its coverage is technically the entire Great Lakes region and beyond. With its 33 experts from all 12 member-states and the 3 observer institutions (AU, SADC, MONUSCO), the EJVM offers a unique opportunity to collectively contribute to peace and security among neighbours in the GL region.



Objectives of the project



- The global objective of the support project is to contribute to the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts and the consolidation of peace and security in the Great Lakes Region
- It contributes fully to the ICGLR Peace and Security Programme and is in line with the implementation of the ICGLR Pact on Peace, Security, Stability and Development and the ICGLR Protocol on Non-Aggression and Mutual Defence
- The support project's specific objective is:
'to strengthen the capacity of the EJVM to contribute to the creation of conducive conditions to security, stability and development in the Great Lakes Region'
- The focus will be on enhancing the efficiency and accountability of the EJVM



Scope



- The project implementation will take place from October 2023 to December 2026
- A training and capacity assessment was conducted in Oct.-Nov. 2023 and provided the ICGLR with a clear picture of the areas EJVM needs further development
- Several missions to Burundi are also foreseen to brief the Executive Secretary on a regular basis and consult with the EUD on progress made on implementation and discuss next steps
- The main target group is the 33 EJVM experts (based in Goma). Other partners such as the JIFC and other ICGLR sections such as the Levi Mwanawasa Regional Centre for Governance and Democracy (Lusaka) and the Regional Training Facility (Kampala) will be called upon to participate in various trainings and contribute to cross fertilization and greater exposure



Activities



- Over a three years period the project will strengthen the capacities of the EJVM by providing **training, coaching, technical support** and establish effective **partnerships**
- The project is **operated from Goma** by one lead expert, supplemented by guest trainers and experts per activity, and supported by TIs experts in the Netherlands
- So far two trainings took place, namely one with MONUSCO on: Safe and Secure approaches to field environments (SSafe), and one training workshop on : Managing electoral violence



Planned trainings

To give the EJVM experts the maximum opportunity to interact with other actors and institutions with similar goals of peace, security and stability in the Great Lakes Region, the trainings will be organised with other entities to favour cross-fertilisation.



Safety, security arrangements and protocols

Managing electoral violence (before, during and after)

Technical treatment of data reporting and Geographical Information System (GIS)

Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law

Mediation, negotiation, insider-mediation and dialogue

Disarmament Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR)

CVR and community security

Child protection and CAAFAG

Conflict prevention, management, resolution, and transformation

Self-care and emergency first aid assistance

Logistics, administration, and finance

Governance of the security sector

Monitoring, investigations, and intelligence

Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV)

Radicalisation, violent extremism, SPRR

Civil-military cooperation, including stakeholder mapping

Strategic planning and planning of operations

Collaborative leadership (including Simulation exercise)

Other trainings – based on needs



- All trainings will end in an action plan on how to use the skills and competencies obtained
- TI will assist in the monitoring of the implementation of these plans, provide further technical advice and mentoring
- The Team Leader would then also report back to the Commander of EJVM to provide advice and make recommendations
- The Team leader will undertake task and level-based coaching at the more individual level, to some experts or specific sections of EJVM to help them achieve their goals
- Continuous coaching on the functioning of the institution will take place, including in terms of operational management
- It will be ensured that the appropriate equipment and materials are made available to the various sections of the EJVM to improve their working conditions and efficiency. This “equipment package” will be provided by the Institute for Security Services (ISS)

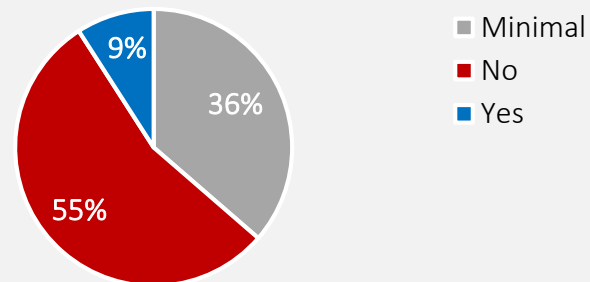


Partnership development and Confidence Building Measures



- TI will engage various organisations and institutions to explore opportunities for joint activities. These entities have their comparative advantages that EJVM could learn and benefit from (already started with the first two trainings, i.e. AU and MONUSCO)
- Develop knowledge and lessons sharing during trainings and consider sending EJVM staff to other existing trainings from partner organizations
- Confidence building measures might be rolled out, such as sport events, blood donations, CIMIC events etc.

Did you ever receive any training on communication, reputation analyses,
and undertaking Confidence Building Measures?





Indicator 1: *EJVM staff feel that their technical capacities have improved to fulfil their roles*

Indicator 2: *EJVM senior management confirms increased operational capacities due to the support received*

Indicator 3: *EJVM logistics, administrative and finance staff confirm being better equipped to run the back office of the organisation*

Indicator 4: *EJVM is doing further training with the provided training materials*

Indicator 5: *Stakeholders in the same field (creation of conducive conditions to security, stability and development in the Great Lakes Region) are better informed about EJVM and have established partnerships*



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