

Strengthening P/TCCs Explosive Ordnance Capabilities through the UNMAS Mobile Team

- **Brief description of the project**

- Objective of the project

The Entebbe-based UNMAS Mobile Threat Mitigation Advisory Team (TMAT-M) works to support and strengthen P/TCCs C-IED capabilities. In line with the A4P agenda and supporting the recommendations of the Independent Strategic Review (ISR) on the UN Response to Explosive Ordnance (EO) Threats, the TMAT-M mandate provides a regionally focused support mechanism to empower peacekeeping troops of Member States to deploy safely in missions with explosive threats by enhancing their national EO capabilities. Supporting the Light Coordination Mechanism, TMAT-M works directly with relevant Member States and also seeks to enhance the training efforts of bilateral partners to achieve greater harmonisation of IED Threat Mitigation activities with UN standards.

- Why is the project required?

Since 2014, there have been 643 peacekeepers or UN staff injured or killed by EO devices. The missions of MINUSMA, MINUSCA and MONUSCO are most affected. The negative impact on mandate delivery caused by explosive threats goes far beyond the fatalities metric. The loss of freedom of movement erodes the P/TCC ability to conduct proactive operations and impacts mandate delivery. The key finding of the ISR on the United Nations Response to Explosive Ordnance Threats was that more coherency is needed and advocated for regional approaches. While the HQ based TMAT officers work to support the Office of Military Affairs and Integrated Training Service in the development of policy doctrine and training standards, TMAT-M works at the field level to advocate for and support the adoption of this doctrine. Crucial to these efforts is the UN-developed EO Specialised Training Material (STM) created to support Member States preparing to deploy to peacekeeping missions. This project, through early engagement and focused pre-deployment training, aims to better prepare P/TCCs to operate safely in the face of EO threats.

- What is the expected impact of the project?

Improved safety and security of peacekeepers through improved preparedness. By supporting “upstream” training efforts at national level, the standard of personnel deploying as peacekeepers will be higher, requiring less in-mission support to become operational. Improved regional analysis of the EO threat will also better inform missions of the requirements for operating safely in spite of the EO threat they face.

- **Expected outcomes, outputs and proposed activities**

Outcomes	Outputs	Proposed Activities
P/TCC deploying on peacekeeping missions are better prepared to face EO threats. The burden of in mission training is reduced allowing for P/TCC to be operational for longer when deployed	Members states national EO curriculum is in line with the UN expectations. Key training centres act as centres of excellence providing train-the-trainer support regionally Training centres receive training recognition for delivering courses in line with the UN EOD Specialised Training Material	Mentoring of national and regional centres of excellence in EO capacity building programmes. Providing technical guidance to Member States on EO mitigation measures required for peacekeeping operations. Conducting of train-the-trainer support to Member States building capacity to support peacekeepin

Coherent guidance in the relevant UN standards related to EO and training conducted in a standardized manner which supports the interoperability of UN peacekeeping troops	<p>Advocacy within UN and partners for adoption of the relevant UN standards and training</p> <p>Bilateral Partners EO training receives quality assurance from UN to support coherence of international efforts</p>	<p>Support the development of doctrine related to peacekeeping operations¹</p> <p>Support operational assessments of P/TCC in AAV, PDV, and MPET processes</p> <p>Support bilateral training partners to ensure their training is reflective of the mission specific threats</p>
Greater understanding of the EO threat facing UN missions is achieved to support programme planning at both strategic and operational levels	<p>Regional EO threat pictures developed and maintained to support situational awareness of missions</p> <p>Detailed analysis of EO events targeting UN personnel is undertaken</p>	<p>Detailed EO analysis is conducted in mission areas and the regions</p> <p>Deployable capability is available to support EO investigations</p>
Senior leadership is supported by a flexible response mechanism which can deploy globally	Enhanced UN capability to respond rapidly to EO threats and trends through analysis, technical advice and training support	Develop a standing capacity which can respond as required to support EO related activities for the UN

- Implementation timeline**

This is an existing project funded initially through the 2020 DPO-DOS Appeal and supported by other donors through to the end of 2022. This proposal seeks to support the project requirements for 2023.

- Explain how the project will further the implementation of the A4P+ priorities.**

This project directly supports Priorities 2 and 3 of A4P+. Expanding the training support provided by member states already engaged with UNMAS and creating a strengthened IED analysis capability will provide a greater understanding of the EO threat both in missions and regionally, thus enabling strategic and operational integration. The training effort will directly increase the capabilities of P/TCC and give them increased confidence to plan and conduct operations in hostile environments, and thus enhance mandate delivery. In addition, this project will support the A4P+ efforts to achieve a geographic balance of peacekeeping contributors.

- How have gender aspects been included in the design and implementation of the project? How does it help the Department implement its women, peace and security and gender parity commitments?**

The upstream nature of this project allows UNMAS to integrate gender considerations within Member States EO capacity development projects. From the start through to the successful deployment on peacekeeping operations, UNMAS advocates for gender mainstreaming and gender parity.

¹ OMA Manuals & Standards, Evaluation criteria for MPET, Missions & Bilateral Partners, Statement of Unit Requirements

- **Brief explanation of any risks that the implementation of the project may face and how to mitigate them.**

UNMAS takes a proactive approach to risk management throughout the project management cycle. Risk management of activities funded by this project will be subject to detailed risk assessment, associated mitigation measures and maintenance of a risk register.

- **Proposed budget**

Item	Brief Description	Total Amount
Personnel	Personnel costs for 6 personnel (<i>at HQ: 1 Team Leader P4, and 1 admin. G4; at 4 Entebbe: 2 trainers P3, 1 analyst P3, and 1 admin. G4</i>)	\$1,043,805
Travel	Costs of engagements, field missions and conferences	\$436,280
Equipment	IT equipment, vehicle	\$46,000
Operating expenses	Costs such as office/accommodation costs, security costs, office and transportation costs, communication	\$83,759
Programme Support Costs (13%)		\$209,280
Total:		\$1,819,124