

UNMAS Weapons and Ammunition Safety Project to Enable the Implementation of the UN WAM Policy in Peace Operations

Brief description of the project

- The Objective of the project is to increase ammunition safety in peace operations and build the national capacities of P/TCCs to adhere to the UN WAM policy and the UN Ammunition Management Manual. This effort builds on the currently developed Specialized Training Material (STM) for WAM.
- As part of DPO and as a member of the UN SaferGuard programme, which oversees the dissemination of the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG), UNMAS has contributed on an expert level to the drafting of the UN WAM Policy, the UN Ammunition Management Manual and is supporting the current development of the WAM STM. The close cooperation with DOS and the LCM ensures a coherent approach to the delivery and wide use of the STM on Ammunition Management in Peace Operations and the coordination of training, assessment and support activities for peace operations. UNMAS successfully employed this same collaborative approach to the development of policy and training in the area of IED threat mitigation.
- The new WAM framework for UN peace operations, the UN WAM Policy (2019) and the UN Ammunition Management Manual (2020), is referenced for the first time in the updated COE Manual 2020 and requires the implementation of new standards by all T/PCCs in current and future peace operations. After the completion of the development of the WAM STM and the publication of the third version of the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG) in 2021, the training and support of national experts and contingents, who must implement and use the standards in missions immediately, requires additional expertise and support to enable national ammunition technical experts to fulfil the new tasks and requirements. The COVID-19 pandemic delayed implementation of the WAM framework by P/TCCs as travel to monitor and investigate ammunition in the contributing country is restricted.
- UNMAS will fill this gap by providing expertise in peace operations, and supporting the implementation of the STM to enable P/TCC national contingents to improve the safety of ammunition stockpiles and build a sustainable national capacity to implement the UN WAM policy in the long term.
- The expected impact of this project is improved peacekeeper safety, security and performance as a result of: 1. Training of national ammunition technical experts in compliance with the UN WAM policy and the IATG; 2. implementation of the UN WAM policy in all peace operations in line with newest IATG references; 3. Establishment of standardized ammunition registries and a reference library in all peace operations; 4. fewer incidents, injuries and fatalities related to ammunition failures or accidental explosions of ammunition stockpiles in peace operations.

Expected Outcomes, Outputs and Proposed Activities

Outcomes	Outputs	Proposed Activities
Outcome 1. Implementation of the UN WAM Policy and the Ammunition Management Guidelines in Peace Operations.	Establishment of Weapons and Ammunition Advisory Board (WAAB) in all peacekeeping operations with UNMAS support, Mission SATOs and P/TCC ammunition technical experts trained, supported and competent on the UNMAM.	Conduct assessments and provide support, with UNMAS expertise already established in missions, or with a mobile advisory and support team when necessary, in close coordination with the mission SATOs, DOS and the LCM.

Outcome 2. Clear overview of ammunition stockpiles in all peace operations over all contingents, including logistic information and status.	Creation of a standardized, central ammunition registry in all peace operations.	Development and mission-integration of a simple and standardized software solution for an ammunition registry and reference for all missions and available to all P/TCCs.
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- **Implementation Timeline**

This project is designed to be implemented over a period of two years, but this proposal is budgeted for one year, with the option of extending to a second year if funding is made available.

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

In support of the A4P agenda, this initiative will improve the safety and security of peacekeepers through the safe and secure storage of ammunition in field missions and improve peacekeepers performance and accountability by building capacity in the security sector of troop-contributing countries to deliver training on ammunition management in line with the new UN WAM policy.

- **How gender aspects been included in the design and implementation of the project? How does it help the Department to implement their Women, Peace and Security and Gender Parity commitments?**

The United Nations employs gender mainstreaming and gender parity to achieve the objective of gender equality. UNMAS incorporates gender considerations into all mine action initiatives and operations. UNMAS is working to promote an inclusive environment, through the implementation of the DPPA-DPO Gender Parity Strategy, as requested by the Secretary-General in his Gender Parity Strategy and will ensure all necessary considerations for this project.

- **Brief explanation of any risks that the implementation of the project may face and how to mitigate them, including with regards to the impact of COVID-19 (if relevant).**

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. Risks are assessed and reviewed at each stage of the project cycle which includes: initiating, planning, delivering, controlling and closing activities. While risks cannot be eliminated, especially during the COVID19 pandemic, project management best practices will be applied to enable project teams to mitigate risks, manage constraints and reduce uncertainty. Travel restrictions in relation to COVID19 will be included in the risk assessments and emphasis on online learning modules will facilitate capacity building, albeit less effective and ultimately requiring additional in-person sessions.

- **Proposed Budget**

Item	Brief Description	Total
Personnel	Personnel costs for this project are based on a requirement for 1 HQ staff (P4) and 1 mobile field staff (P4) for one year.	\$510,550
Travel	Costs of conferences, engagements and field missions.	\$72,000
Training/Software development	Development of a UN ammunition registry/reference library for all POs, based on existing software and provided to missions and P/TCCs (A previous proposal resulted in a partial donation from Germany of 220,000 Euros which will be applied to the initial development; this year's proposal is to continue development, distribution to all missions and P/TCCs, and sustainment for 1 year)	\$450,000
PSC (13%)		\$134,232
TOTAL		\$1,166,782