



*MAG Technical Field Manager is surveying the area where 41 AP mines were discovered in Mabayi, Cibitoke province.*



*Members of the PNB mobile team are preparing the mines for transport to the demolition site*

**Reporting Period:**

**01 April 2009 – 30 April 2009**

**Summary of outputs:**

- **Destruction of 300 magazines** at the Weapons Destruction Workshop;
- **Collection of 25 weapons, 269 magazines, 3,329 ammunition and items of explosives and pyrotechnics** by the PNB mobile team;
- **Destruction of 20,000 SAA and 24 grenades** by the PNB mobile team;
- **Joint emergency mission with the Civilian Protection** in Cibitoke Province;
- **Refresher training on SALW collection and transport** given to the PNB mobile team.

The mixed MAG-Police Nationale Burundaise (PNB) mobile team, funded by the Dutch Government, received a refresher training following their leave period. In April, they collected 25 weapons, 269 magazines, 3,329 ammunitions (including 251 grenades and 41 AP mines) as well as items of explosives and pyrotechnics. They destroyed 24 grenades *in situ* due to their degraded state that prevented transport, and 20,000 Small Arms Ammunition (SAA) through burning. Moreover, 300 magazines were destroyed at the Weapons Destruction Workshop.

The mobile team also conducted a joint emergency response with a team from the Civilian Protection when 41 Anti-personnel mines (AP mines) were discovered by a cultivator in his newly cultivated field in Mabayi, Cibitoke province. The survey showed strong evidence of further contamination. This episode confirms the need to survey urgently the suspected hazardous areas around the Kibira forest – with the disarmament of the FNL, the population is putting the land to use and is confronted to the risks posed by mines and unexploded ordnance (UXO). The Direction General of the Civilian Protection and MAG are working together to develop a survey project.

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