



Destruction of the 20,000th hand-grenade



Mine Risk Education session in Kayanza province

Reporting Period: 01 July 2010 – 31 July 2010

Summary of outputs:

- **Collection of 981 weapons, 1,225 magazines, 1,909 ammunition and 389,849 SAA** by the MAG-CD mobile team;
- **Destruction of 1,787 ammunition and 48,050 SAA** by the MAG-CD mobile team;
- **Destruction of 478 weapons and 1,897 magazines** at the Weapons Destruction Workshop;
- **Improvement to the physical security of 2 large PNB SALW storage sites** by the MAG physical security team;
- **Training of 8 Civilian Defence personnel in Humanitarian Mine Action non-technical survey techniques and Mine Risk Education (MRE) delivery;**
- **Investigation of 48 Suspected Hazardous Areas (SHAs)** by the MAG-CD survey team;
- **Delivery of 11 basic MRE sessions to over 600 beneficiaries** by the MAG-CD survey team.

Thanks to the support of the Swiss Government, this month saw the beginning of the survey of areas suspected to be contaminated by landmines or unexploded ordnance (UXO) in the Kibira forest area in North-West Burundi. A team of 8 personnel from the Civilian Defence (CD) have been trained in non-technical survey techniques and in the delivery of Mine Risk Education (MRE) by a MAG Community Liaison Manager (CLM), following which they investigated 48 Suspected Hazardous Areas (SHAs) which had been previously identified by the *Direction de l'Action Humanitaire contre les Mines* (DAHMi). They also delivered 11 basic MRE sessions to over 600 beneficiaries. The survey is expected to last until mid-September and the information collected will allow for the development of a clearance plan for areas that have been confirmed as contaminated.

The comprehensive Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) project with the Police Nationale du Burundi (PNB) continued in Region West with funding from the Swiss Government. Both the MAG-CD mobile team and the physical security team have worked in Bujumbura Mairie this month. On 22 July, the MAG-CD mobile team destroyed the 20,000th hand-grenade since the beginning of MAG's support to Burundi in reducing the threat posed by Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW). Considering the wide use of hand-grenades for crimes in Burundi, this destruction marked a milestone in the work towards reducing armed violence in Burundi. This PSSM project is expected to start next month in the Police Region Centre with funding from the Belgian Government.

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