



Pictures: Training of a civilian defence team in basic EOD

Left: Civilian Defence students learning to make knots to link or ignite explosive charges under the supervision of a MAG Technical Field Manager
Right: Civilian Defence students with the Director of the Burundi Mine Action Centre (DAHMI) after the demolition of 69 AP mines

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Summary of outputs:

- Training of 9 Civilian Defence personnel in basic EOD and first aid;
- Collection of 5 weapons, 10 magazines, 69 AP mines, 30 other ammunition and 201,700 SAA by the MAG-PC mobile team;
- Destruction of 334 ammunition by the MAG-PC mobile team;
- Improvement to the physical security of 6 PNB armouries by the MAG physical security team.

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. Physical security was improved in 6 armouries, however, due to the unavailability of the PNB personnel of the MAG-PNB mobile team, the collection and destruction of surplus SALW was on hold this month. Because this unavailability is expected to last for a few months, a new team, this time from the Civilian Defence, was trained in basic Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD). The Civilian Defence, and more precisely its *Direction de l'action humanitaire contre les mines* (DAHMI) is in charge of dealing with mines and Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) and this training represents the first step of a long-term capacity building project for the Civilian Defence. During the training, 85 hand-grenades, 69 AP mines, 158 mortar shells, 15 rockets and 7 artillery shells were destroyed in practical exercises. It is important to note the destruction of the 69 AP mines which had been seized by the police; the destruction of all AP mines is mandatory according to the Ottawa Convention of which Burundi is a signatory.

The collection of PNB surplus SALW resumed on 30 June with the collection of 5 light-machine guns and 140 boxes of Small Arms Ammunition (SAA) from Kirundo and Ngozi thus completing fully work in Police Region North and officially closing the Dutch Government grant. MAG would like to take this opportunity to thank the Dutch Government for the essential support it has offered to MAG Burundi in the last two years.

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