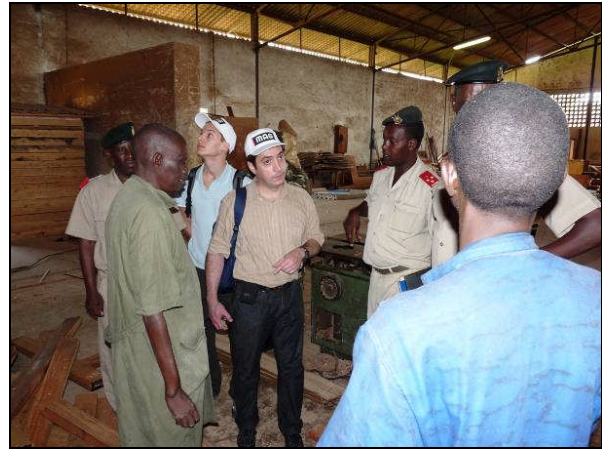


# MAG Burundi Programme Update November 2009



*The MAG-PNB mobile team registers weapons handed-over to the CDCPA during the civilian disarmament campaign, Bujumbura Mairie.*



*Professor P.Coste and Q.Pinault visit the wood workshop of the FDN to research the scrap metal recycling project which will take into account existing resources and infrastructures.*

## Reporting Period:

**01 November 2009 – 30 November 2009**

## Summary of outputs:

- **Collection of 18 weapons, 23 magazines, 356 ammunition and 9,310 SAA** from PNB stocks by the MAG-PNB mobile team;
- **Collection of 559 weapons, 1,470 magazines, 1,055 ammunition and 40,602 SAA** handed-over by the population to the CDCPA by the MAG-PNB mobile team;
- **Destruction of 1,342 ammunition** by the MAG-PNB mobile team;
- **Improvement to the physical security of 15 PNB armouries** by the MAG physical security team;
- **Refresher training on weapons transport and first aid** for the MAG-PNB mobile team.

This month MAG was pleased to receive a contract from UNDP to collect and destroy Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) handed-over by the population to the National Commission for Civilian Disarmament and SALW (CDCPA) during the civilian disarmament campaign. The MAG-Police Nationale du Burundi (PNB) mobile team collected in just one week 559 weapons, 1,470 magazines, 1,055 ammunition (including 1,034 hand-grenades) and 40,602 Small Arms Ammunitions (SAA) from police stations in Bujumbura Mairie.

Implementation of the comprehensive Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) project with the PNB continued in Region North with funding from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The MAG-PNB mobile team collected surplus and obsolete PNB-owned SALW: 18 weapons, 23 magazines, 356 ammunition and 9,310 SAA. During the same period, the Physical Security team improved security in 15 PNB armouries. Work is almost complete in Police Region North, it is expected the teams will move to Region East in January 2010.

Finally, thanks to funding from the Swiss Government, MAG hosted the visit of a Professor and a student from the French Engineering College *Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Arts et Metiers* (ENSAM) to conduct a feasibility study for recycling in Burundi the scrap metal originating from weapons destruction by smelting it to produce agricultural tools and other objects. This project could eventually employ former combatants to support their reintegration in civilian life.

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