



# MAG Burundi Programme Update Oct. & Nov. 2010



*Due to a lack of infrastructure at the Gitega Provincial Commisariat, in Police Region Centre, MAG has adapted and equipped a container to serve as an armory.*

**Reporting Period:**

**01 October 2010 – 30 November 2010**

**Summary of outputs:**

- **Collection of 306 weapons, 548 magazines, 1,695 ammunition and 39,425 SAA** by the MAG-CD mobile team;
- **Destruction of 2,567 ammunition and 220,000 SAA** by the MAG-CD mobile team;
- **Improvement to the physical security of 19 PNB armouries** by the MAG physical security team;
- **Training of 4 militaries in SALW depots security and management techniques;**
- **Training of 4 Civilian Defence Staff in demining techniques to reach EOD level 1 certification.**

The Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) project with the Police Nationale du Burundi (PNB) continued in Region Centre with funding from the Belgian Government. Activities were implemented in the provinces of Mwaro, Gitega and Ruyigi. The MAG-CD mobile team collected 306 weapons, 548 magazines, 1,695 ammunition and 39,425 Small Arms Ammunition (SAA) and destroyed 2,567 ammunition and 220,000 SAA. During the suspension of activities for 2.5 weeks in October, the team received complimentary training in Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA) which allowed 4 operators to become certified Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) level 1 according to the International Mine Action Standards (IMAS). The physical security team improved the security of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) in 19 PNB sites.

In addition, the training of the Army SALW survey team started at the end of October. With funding from the Swiss Department of Foreign Affairs, and with support from the MAG Burundi Technical Operations Manager, the team will conduct an assessment of the Army SALW stocks, draw conclusions and make recommendations to improve the safety of armament in order to reduce the risks of thefts, leakages and accidents.

Moreover, the final report for the non-technical survey of areas suspected to be contaminated by landmines or Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) around the Kibira forest, funded by the Swiss Government, was officially handed-over to the Executive Director of Civilian Defence during a workshop on 24 November 2010.

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