

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Requests for assistance



EQUATORIAL GUINEA

A series of explosions occurred on 7 March 2021 in the city of Bata inside army barracks due to improper storage of explosives and ammunition. The explosion resulted in over 100 deaths, 600 injuries and total destruction of at least 243 buildings, including private housing, a hospital and a conference centre, and the ammunition depot.



In response to the assistance request from the Minister of State, AMAT travelled to Bata on 11 March, four days after the tragic incident. The mission consisted of risk analyses of the blast site and its surrounding areas; interviews with the members of the affected community and officers-in-charge of the military camp; meetings with the Ministry of Defence, the UN Resident Coordinator (UN RC) and states and international actors providing assistance on the ground; convening of blast site clearance coordination meetings between the national authorities and the assistance-providing international parties involved; daily reporting to UNODA and the UN RC; drafting of the interim and a final reports on the findings and recommendations to the UN and Equatorial Guinean government.



PERU

Upon the request of the Peruvian Armed Forces, AMAT delivered an Introductory Course on the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG) in two phases to 40 armed forces personnel, the first one from 8 February to 22 March. This course is one of the first steps towards the implementation of the IATG in Peru. The course was delivered online via zoom.



EU AAMVS Project

During the first quarter of 2021, the project's Expert Working Group met twice to map technical and legal issues in relation to the validation system for arms and ammunition management. Several experts were recruited to contribute to the project by developing background papers on various related topics and issues. A preliminary report was presented to the EU in April. The report highlights initial research findings, challenges and key questions for moving forward.



Standardised Assessment Methodology Project

The first phase of the project is ongoing with background research and analysis on available methodologies for assessment within the fields of arms control, mine action and related fields.

The draft background documents will be presented and discussed in an expert working group meeting scheduled in May 2021.



IATG Training Project

AMAT finalised the review and validation of the IATG comprehensive training program. The lesson plans and supporting documents will be published in Q2 and made available to the sector through the GICHD website.



UNODA collaboration

Standardised Training Materials for UN Peace Operations

The Training Needs Analysis is ongoing. AMAT will participate in 3 working groups to finalise the training materials and the delivery of the pilot course before the end of 2021.



UN SaferGuard Programme

IATG TRB and IATG Version 3
AMAT continues to support UNODA and the IATG Technical Review Board and Strategic Coordination Group in the final review of the updated IATG. The release of Version 3 is expected in the second quarter of 2021.

PUBLICATIONS

Ammunition Safety Management Guide

The Ammunition Safety Management E-Book is finalised and can be accessed on the AMAT website via this link: [Ammunition Safety Management Guide \(gichd.org\)](https://www.gichd.org/AMMUNITION-SAFETY-MANAGEMENT-GUIDE)