



**January – March 2023**

**PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Standardised Assessment Methodology Project**



In March, the U.S. European Command (EUCOM) and Golden West Humanitarian Foundation invited AMAT to observe the training provided to the Georgian Ministry of Defence and Armed Forces on how to use Standardised Assessment Methodology (SAM) for Ammunition Storage Areas and Explosive Storehouses, developed with funding from the Swiss Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport. Based on the feedback from the practical application of the tools, the SAM project team will continue developing a SAM Tool User Training Course.

**Open-ended Working Group on Conventional Ammunition**



On 13-17 February, the third substantive session of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) on conventional ammunition was organised at the UN Headquarters in New York. The meeting provided a platform for the GICHD-AMAT to contribute to the multilateral process by delivering a statement during an informal meeting. The statement reiterated GICHD's support to the efforts towards the Global Framework to address existing gaps in through-life management of conventional ammunition in all its calibres and categories. AMAT also co-sponsored and attended "Women's Meaningful Participation in Ammunition Management" online side-event organised by the Small Arms Survey.



**Ammunition Inventory Management System**



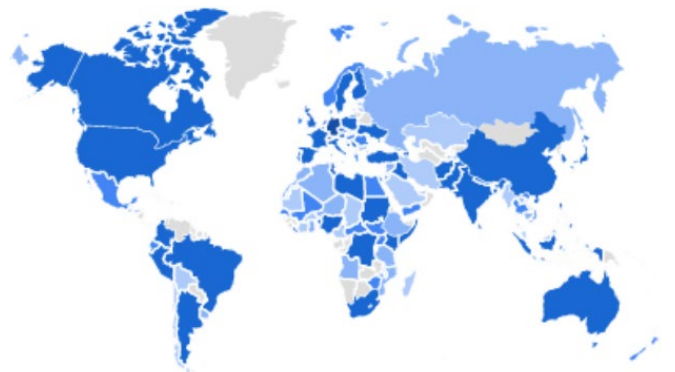
Following an extensive tender process, the internal stakeholders working group identified a consultant company specialised in the development of inventory systems that will support AMAT in adapting a prototype ammunition inventory system, so that it will meet basic user requirements. This system will allow states to determine current and future ammunition holdings, assess required storage capacity per hazard division and compatibility group, recognise surplus per ammunition types, and enable the segregation of serviceable from unserviceable ammunition.

**Ammunition Management Activity Platform**



Until present, the Ammunition Management Activity Platform (A-MAP) has been visited by over 2400 users from 134 countries around the world. The platform is available at: <https://a-map.gichd.org/>.

Users by country:



## ASSISTANCE TO STATES AND PARTNERS

### BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

On 7-9 March, AMAT travelled to Sarajevo to meet with the BiH Army J4 and EUFOR. The meetings were focused on two main lines of discussions: updates on the development of the BiH Ammunition, Weapons and Explosives (AWE) Master Plan which has been implemented since 2014; and exploring of the possibility of working together on the Ammunition Inventory Management System (AIMS) project. Whilst in Sarajevo, AMAT also met with the representatives of the Norwegian People's Aid.



### PERU

In response to an assistance request from the Peruvian Army, following an accidental explosion at an ammunition storage area in the Cusco region on 5 February, AMAT deployed a team of experts to the explosion site to assist with assessment of the incident, as part of the UN SaferGuard Quick Response Mechanism. The assessment team, jointly with the Peruvian Army, identified further explosion Hazards of ammunition and other energetic materials through a rapid assessment on the ground; determined the likely causes of the incident; and advised national authorities, emergency relief coordinators, and organisations with Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) capabilities on the type and extent of explosive ordnance contamination and the scale of need for explosive risk reduction (EORE, area clearance, EOD).

Moreover, AMAT delivered the 11th IATG Introductory Course, that was successfully completed by 22 officers from the Peruvian Army, Navy, Air Force, and National Police.

### MOLDOVA

Under the framework of ongoing assistance provided to the MoD of the Republic of Moldova and National Army, on 23-27 January AMAT organised a Strategic Planning and Review Workshop in Geneva. The programme of the workshop consisted of the review and update of the 'National Army Action Plan on PSSM 2020-2024', preliminary discussions of the Training Needs Assessment and reintroduction of the concept of Ammunition Through-life Management (TLM) according to the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG). The Moldovan delegation also were familiarised with the Swiss ammunition management system and attended the laboratories of the armasuisse Science and Technology Explosives and Ammunition Surveillance Centre in Thun.

## ARMS AND AMMUNITION MANAGEMENT VALIDATION SYSTEM

### Phase III

Phase III of AMAT's Arms and Ammunition Management Validation System Project (AAMVS) started on 1 January 2023 for three years with a budget of EUR 1.79 million to develop an AAMVS to prevent illegal proliferation. AMAT will collaborate with states and organisations to test, enhance and promote the AAMVS and its tools. In the first year, the project team will work with EU stakeholders to tailor the AAMVS to the EU's policies, standards, and practices.

### First Planning Meeting

On 13-14 May, AMAT held the first planning meeting of Phase III. The team clarified the scope of the AAMVS and developed a work plan, focusing on the self-assessment tool, the AAMVS system, project management, and outreach. The primary purpose of the AAMVS is to transfer information between states about their capabilities to manage arms and ammunition safely and securely. The project team will develop a framework for the EU for the first year's output.

### GICHD-AMAT meetings with EU agencies

On 27-28 March, AMAT travelled to Brussels to hold first meetings with various European Union agencies: European External Action Service (EEAS), the European Commission's Directorate General (DG) Home and the European Peace Facility (EPF) to present and discuss the workplan for the development of the AAMVS in phase III. EEAS and AMAT discussed outreach efforts within the EU and plans for providing briefings and holding bilateral meetings with member states. EPF also expressed its willingness to collaborate with AMAT to test and finetune the tool.

**AAMVS** / Arms & Ammunition Management Validation System

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