

### Lead Nation



United States

### Other Contributors



Germany



Spain



Switzerland



Turkey

### Milestones

- March 2014: Request for Assistance of Mauritania to NATO
- 06 May 2015: Phase I project plan presented to EAPC
- 21 October 2015: Implementation Agreement between Mauritania and NSPA
- 19 November 2015: Financial Management Agreement between USA and NATO
- January 2016: Executing Agent Agreement between USA and NSPA
- February 2016: Start of project implementation in Mauritania
- April 2017: NSPA and US signed the first addendum to the project proposal

### Financial information

- The total forecasted cost of Phase 1 is 2 MEUR over 30 months
- The financial threshold of 650,000 EUR has been reached
- Current contributions are at 1.63 MEUR.

The Mauritania II project will contribute to the security and safety of the civilian population while enhancing the operational efficiency of the Mauritanian National Army (MNA) followed by a request for assistance from Mauritania in March 2014 in continuation of the first Trust Fund in Mauritania. The project will also contribute to strengthening the relationship between NATO and Mauritania and to changing the civilian population's perception of NATO.

The 3 initiatives to be implemented are:

1. Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM)
  - Ammunition Stockpile Security (ASS)
  - Ammunition Stockpile Management (ASM)

2. Destruction, Demilitarisation and Disposal (D3)
  - Destruction of unserviceable and obsolete ammunition
  - Destruction of decommissioned military ordnance and engineer vehicles
3. Defence Reform (DR)
  - Reintegration of Redundant Military Personnel
  - Enhancing Education and Training for gender integration
  - Local civil – military collaboration

The Trust Fund project is divided in 3 phases in accordance with fund raising, each of them implementing the described initiatives.

### Objectives and Achievements



(a) Reference Ammunition depot built in Aleg and Akjoujt



(b) Ammunition training

#### 1. Physical Security and Stockpile Management

##### Ammunition Stockpile Security

In the first phase of the Trust Fund, a new ammunition depot will be built near Néma and delivered to Mauritania Armed Forces. The Lead Nation and NSPA signed a first addendum to the project proposal to revise the project scope, timeline and budget to include the construction of an additional ammunition depot near F'Dérik. These depots will meet current NATO safety and security standards and will store ammunition from different depots that will be closed. The design is based on the reference ammunition depots built during the first Mauritanian Trust Fund.

##### Ammunition Stockpile Management

This phase of the project will provide funding for enhancing MNA Training and Education Programme to ammunition depot management to include dedicated course and curriculum.

## 2. Destruction, Demilitarisation and Disposal (D3)

### Destruction of unserviceable and obsolete ammunition

The first phase of this Trust Fund contributed to the destruction of 1,322 tonnes gross weight of obsolete and unserviceable conventional ammunition (CA) and 159 MANPADS by means of Open Burning and Open Detonation (OB/OD). The consumables were delivered during the first Mauritania Trust Fund.



(a) MANPADS destruction



(b) Open Detonation of MANPADS and CA



(c) Conventional Ammunition (CA) Destruction

### Destruction of decommissioned military ordnance and engineer vehicles

This first phase supported the MNA in the destruction of 82 decommissioned military ordnance and engineer vehicles, including mortar systems, light howitzers, anti-aircraft, radar vehicles and tanks. The decommissioned weapon systems have been demilitarized and dismantled in Nouakchott (70 items) and Nouadhibou (12 items).



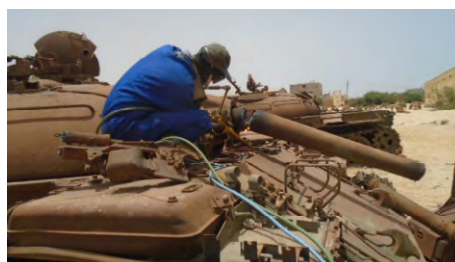
(a) Mortar systems



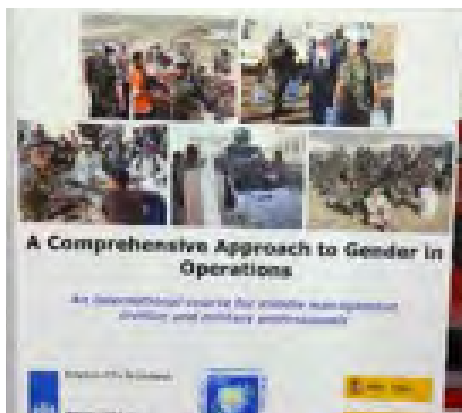
(b) Anti aircraft gun



(c) Light howitzer gun



(d) Tank T55



(a) Information screen of the XIII edition of the "Comprehensive approach to Gender in Operations" course in Madrid.

## 3. Enhancing Education and Training for gender integration

The Trust Fund supported the participation of 4 Mauritanian officials to the international course titled "A comprehensive approach to Gender in Operations". The course is based on the comprehensive approach to integrated missions and crisis management, and builds on synergies between defence, diplomacy and development with regards to gender and human rights aspects. The first course was organized by US AFRICOM at the Peace and Conflict Studies School (PCSS) in Karen, Nairobi, Kenya. The second course was in Madrid organized by the Bi-lateral Spanish-Dutch Initiative (BSDI) on Gender in Operations under the aegis of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC).

### For further information

Mr Tom Van Beneden NSPA +352 3063 6890, [tom.vanbeneden@nspa.nato.int](mailto:tom.vanbeneden@nspa.nato.int)