

PROJECT & ACTIVITIES



UNODA collaboration

DDR WAM Training Course and SOP

Throughout Q3 AMAT supported UNODA in the context of the joint DPO-ODA project “Effective Weapons and Ammunition Management in a Changing Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Context”. AMAT adapted the course materials from ‘in person training’ to ‘online training’. The course to be held in November. In addition, AMAT has been tasked with developing a template Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for use by DDR WAM practitioners.

Standardised Training Materials for UN Peace Operations

In August, AMAT was selected by UNODA to support the project “supporting enhanced ammunition management in UN peace operations through standardized training materials (STM) as per the IATG”. The STM will be based on the UN Weapons and Ammunition Management Policy and UN Manual on Ammunition Management. The aim of the STM is to enable UN personnel to apply the guidance set out in the policy and manual.



UN SaferGuard Validation Process

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, UNODA decided to postpone the Spanish Validation Exercise to be held in Lima, Peru, to 2021. No specific date has yet been announced. So far, the candidates have undergone the pre-test and phone interviews.

Development of the IATG Version 3

In July, AMAT provided support to the review and revision process of IATG modules ahead of the virtual IATG Technical Review Board (TRB) meeting held on 27-30 July. Nine rewrites/amendments were approved by the TRB. Additional modules were amended following the TRB meeting.

Standardised Assessment Methodology

The development of the AMAT Standardised Assessment Methodology (SAM) started in Q3. As part of Phase I of the project, AMAT commenced a mapping of assessment methodologies applied by partner organisations.



EU AAMVS Project

Through its [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2020/979 of 7 July 2020](#), the EU decided to “support a project for establishing the feasibility of the development of an internationally recognised system for the validation of arms and ammunition management on the basis of open international standard”. In September, GICHD and the EU signed the grant agreement and the implementation of the project starts in October.

Requests for assistance

So far, AMAT received six requests for assistance from States to help improve their ammunition management. Below are illustrative examples of the type of assistance AMAT is providing.



MAURITANIA

In July, AMAT received a formal assistance request from the Mauritanian Ministry of Interior and Decentralisation. AMAT is planning to undertake an assessment mission to Mauritania in October 2020. The aim is to evaluate the current status of arms and ammunition depots used by the Ministry’s units and identify needs to improve their infrastructure, competencies and structures.



MOLDOVA

In August, AMAT received a request for assistance from the Ministry of Defence of Moldova. AMAT will carry out a mission to Moldova with the aim of taking stock of Moldova's physical security and stockpile management (PSSM) programme and highlighting lessons learned towards

implementation of the National Army Action Plan 2020–2024.



PERU

Due to the COVID 19 situation, the visit to Peru to address its request for assistance was postponed. AMAT has worked closely with the Peruvian Ministry of Defence to identify possibilities for remote support. AMAT initiated an assessment of current national regulations to gauge their compliance with international standards.

TOOLS & PUBLICATIONS

Ammunition Safety Management Guide

AMAT is undertaking the final review of the Ammunition Safety Management (ASM) E-Book. The e-book will be released in Q4, both desktop and mobile versions.



AMAT Insights, Issue #1

AMAT published the first issue of its AMAT Insights series titled “Reducing Risks Associated with Ammonium Nitrate”. The publication can be downloaded by clicking on the publication’s cover photo below.



STAFF

Two new staff members joined AMAT in September: Project Manager and Junior Programme Officer. AMAT is currently recruiting a new Technical Advisor. The job posting and application can be found on the [GICHD job portal](#).