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| DEX QUARTERLY REPORTS | | | | | | | | | |
| Reporting Period: January – March, 2015 | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Country Office: | Nigeria |  |  |  |  |  | |  |
|  | Annual Umbrella Authority: | Yes/No |  |  |  |  |  | |  |
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|  | Project Specific Authority | Yes/No |  |  |  |  |  | |  |
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|  | Substantive Reporting | Introduction:  The fight against the trafficking of small arms and light weapons continues to prove a major challenge to the growth and development path for many sub Saharan countries in spite of earlier initiatives undertaken by ECOWAS to provide support to its member states. The 2011 post-election violence in Côte d’Ivoire, recurrent armed violence in Guinea Forestière and the nature of the conflict in Mali are a manifestation of the easy availability of SALW in the sub region.  Subsequently, this project is aimed at Implementation of “Pilot Weapons Collection Programmes” (“Disarmament and Community Development” or “Weapons for Development”) in two clusters covering 6 countries, namely Northern Niger - Mali; and Mano River Union (West of Cote d’Ivoire; Guinée Forestière; East of Liberia; North-East of Sierra Leone). The project is an intervention under the Programme "EU Support to ECOWAS Regional Peace, Security and Stability Mandate" (EU-ECOWAS PSS) for the implementation of the “Pilot Weapons Collection Programmes” related to ECPF component 'Practical disarmament' in Member States (Results area 2) (act. 2.2.13, 2.2.14 & 2.2.15).The proposed pilot projects in Niger and Mali shall complement different initiatives already being implemented within the European Strategy for Security and Development in the Sahel. The capacity of the National Commissions on Small Arms will be enhanced under act. 2.2.12 of the Financing Agreement of the EU-ECOWAS PSS Programme. As a consequence, under this project capacity development of National Commissions in Small Arms will be limited to their capacity to coordinate the implementation of the pilot projects described above.  Specifically, it will create community awareness on the dangers associated with the illicit proliferation of small arms and armed violence; strengthen the capacity of security institutions and communities to enhance safety and above all encourage voluntary weapons surrender/collection in return for development community based development projects.  The project will be coherent with the "European Strategy for Security and Development in the Sahel", more particularly in strengthening ECOWAS capacities under the ECPF components Practical Disarmament (fight against the proliferation of small arms and light weapons).  The key activity that has been carried out since inception of the project as stated below:   1. **Recruitment of Project Personnel**: The recruitment of the project personnel is almost concluded with 7 of the 9 staff already assumed duty, 2 identified while 1 is in progress. 2. The technical committee meeting of the project met to review the progress recorded in the implementation of the project particularly with respect to the recruitment of the project personnel, the date for the launch of the project and the inaugural meeting of the Project Steering Committee. It was tentatively agreed that the launch and the inaugural meeting of the Steering Committee should be held immediately after the general elections. | | | | | | | |
|  | Accomplishments | 1. Recruitment of Project Personnel in progress. | | | | | | | |
|  | Capacity development | The project aims at strengthening national capacity and fostering national ownership. The bulk of implementation responsibilities rest on national government agencies, civil society and communities. This approach promotes national ownership of the project, as well as, builds national capacity. | | | | | | | |
|  | Exit Strategy | The project has just commenced. It has a well cut out exit strategy through the engagement and buy-in of governments and relevant agencies (NATCOMS) in the 6 participating countries. The civil society, as well as, women will also be engaged to foster sustainability and ownership. | | | | | | | |
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| Note: For the substantive reporting please provide a brief description on the achievements, efforts being made even with DEX to improve the national capacities and exit strategies to shift to NEX modality. | | | | | | | | | |
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| List of Projects | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
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| # | Programme Name\* | Project/Budget Number | Total Budget | 2013 Expenditures | Donor | Project Duration | Status |  | |
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| 1 | EU-ECOWAS Small Arms Project | 00091406 | 7,554,306 |  | EU | 36 Months | Active | 2015 | |
|  | **TOTAL** |  | **7,554,306** |  |  |  |  |  | |