



# Building Capacity Through the RASR Initiative

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## Question for all to consider:

**What can be done to coordinate and improve training and capacity-building activities in support of RASR goals?**

# Training and Building Capacity: Status quo and first steps

- Explore already established and used training capacities
- Analyze national diversity and needs of existing training capacities
- Streamline and consolidate existing training capacities/programmes
- Evaluate logistical impacts and conditions of possible centralisation of RASR training
- Definition of national/governmental/NGO contributions (personnel, money, facilities..)

# SEE: Current Resources in the Region

- US Government
  - Stockpile Reduction Workshops (e.g., Zagreb May 2008)
  - US Defense Dept.'s Defense Threat Reduction Agency projects in SEE (8 yrs.)
- SEESAC (UNDP)
  - Training courses on stockpile management
- OSCE
  - Joint Consultative Group
    - arms control treaties and their implementation
  - Forum for Security Cooperation
    - military aspects of security of OSCE member states, including SEE
- NGOs (involved in de-mining and stockpile education)
  - Positive Play
  - Roots of Peace
  - Etc.
- ITF
  - Training of field experts

# Training and Building Capacity: Possible Topics for Courses and Seminars

- Ammunition technical training, including related destruction processes
- Principles for the destruction of ammunition
- Safety regulations while handling/destroying ammunition
- Methods for the destruction of ammunition, including practical education
- Demolition ammunition, means of initiation and ignition devices
- Hazard zones and net explosive qualities
- Procedure of ammunition destruction
- Order of destruction and planning of destruction
- International standards for ammunition storage
- Safety and security regulations
- Exposed sites, potential explosion sites and safety distances
- Organizational measures in case of an accident
- Organization and management of ammunition stockpiles
- Media awareness

# RACVIAC (experiences)

- New Challenges, Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) Courses
- Conference on Better Management of Defense Resources
- Parliamentary Oversight of the security sector
- “STARLINK” Training of Trainers Course on Security
- The Recent De-mining Processes – National and Regional Approach
- Other Seminars and Courses  
(OSLO Convention, OTTAWA Convention, Chemical Weapons Convention, etc.)

# RACVIAC (possible contribution)

- Establish coordination between governments and organizations to serve as an “information clearinghouse” for training that supports RASR objectives
- ◆ Create syllabi for RASR initiated courses, workshops, round tables and working groups for technical, medium and high level participants
- ◆ Organize workshops, courses, and seminars with subject matter experts about physical security, stockpile management and conventional weapons and related matters
- ◆ Organize courses/workshops/conferences in order to educate lawmakers and policymakers about the threat from stockpiles
- ◆ Create a permanent expert/lecturers’ body in order to accelerate and improve the training process
- ◆ Contribute to real life exercises on this matter
- ◆ Provide accommodation/facilities for periodical meetings of informal working groups, meeting or conferences
- ◆ Establish a Mobile advisory group
- ◆ Create and maintain Data base(s)

# RACVIAC (finance)

- RACVIAC can provide facilities (conference/seminar rooms and accommodation) for mentioned activities for very competitive prices
- RACVIAC can not provide financial support for RASR activities.
- RACVIAC needs funds to cover RASR activities (not covered by current budget)



# RACVIAC (conclusions)

- ◆ RACVIAC is committed to the RASR initiative and will contribute to the developmental process
- ◆ RACVIAC is willing and able to develop a comprehensive training programme in cooperation with partners to cover RASR's needs.
- ◆ RACVIAC can serve all parties by coordinating between governments and organizations to serve as an “information clearinghouse” for training that supports RASR objectives

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QUESTIONS ?

# RACVIAC (references)

- SEESAC web
- International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance, web
- NAMSA, web
- US Department of State
- RACVIAC
- German experience in Cambodia

## Case Study:

# Integrated Project on SALW Control and Improved Safe Storage of Ammunition and Explosives in Cambodia



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- Joint Project of the German Verification Center (GVC) and German Society for Technical Cooperation (GTZ)
- **Objectives:** Capacity building of the National Commission for the Reform of Management of Weapons and Explosives (NCWMR) and of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF)
- **Training:** Courses on Stockpile Management and Stockpile Reduction and medical training for accident situations
- **Target group:** Members of the National Commission, staff members within relevant ministries and agencies as well as military personnel
- **Duration:** July 2007 to December 2008 (6 Phases)
- **Preparation:** Fact finding mission by GVC and GTZ (15.10.-31.12.2006)
- **Estimated budget:** 505.000 EUR (Phase I-III), 800.000 EUR (Phase IV-VI)
- **Sponsor:** German MFA

# Workshops on Physical Security and Stockpile Management in Cambodia - Contents

## Phase I (24.09.-27.10.2007), Ammunition Technical Training

**Total training time: 20 days**

- **Ammunition**

Global problems with SALW and ammunition; small arms and related ammunition; effects of ammunition and explosives; principles of ammunition technology; classification of ammunition into hazard divisions and compatibility groups; ammunition transport; identification of ammunition

- **Storage / Stockpile**

International standards for ammunition storage; organization and management of ammunition stockpiles; working with ammunition checklists

- **Safety & Security**

Safety and security regulations; exposed sites, potential explosion sites and safety distances; structural security measures concerning the security of ammunition storage facilities; organizational measures in case of an accident; safety and security regulations related to ammunition handling;

- **Inspections**

Inspection of ammunition storage facilities;  
Inspection of a 'model' ammunition storage facility



## Phase II (12.11.-21.12.2007), Ammunition Technical Training

**Total training time: 25 days**

- General Safety and security regulations while handling
- Ammunition principles of ammunition technology
- Identification of ammunition
- Examination of ammunition – practical training
- Inspection of new ammunition storage facilities
- Transport of ammunition (practical application of Phase I content)
- Recording ammunition in practice
- Transfer of ammunition – practical training
- Working with ammunition checklists



## Phase III (08.01.-22.02.2008), Ammunition Technical Training

Total training time: 30 days

- Identification of ammunition
- Ammunition technical training, including related destruction processes
- Principles for the destruction of ammunition
- Safety regulations while handling/destroying ammunition
- Methods for the destruction of ammunition, including practical education in the sand bin
- Demolition ammunition, means of initiation and ignition devices
- Hazard zones and net explosive qualities
- Procedure of ammunition destruction
- Order of destruction and planning of destruction





Phase IV (03.2008): Multi-Item Demolition Training

Phase V (05-08.2008): Inspections of Stockpiles in Cambodia

Phase VI (06-12.2008): Practical Destruction of Ammunition by Explosion



## Further facts and figures

- Budget of Fact Finding Mission: EUR 45,000
- Number of GVC ammunition instructors: 5-6 (including Project Director)
- Number of German medical instructors: 3
- Number of Cambodian students: 31
- Services provided by GTZ: Transport and guidance in Cambodia