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UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL HERVÉ LADSOUS AND CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC'S MINISTER OF DEFENCE INAUGURATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KASSAI CENTRAL ARMOURY

On 27 April, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, Hervé Ladsous, joined the Minister of Defence of the Central African Republic, Marie-Noelle Koara, to initiate construction of the Camp Kassai Central Armoury in Bangui.

As a key component of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA), UNMAS will deliver training in armoury management to the Forces Armées Centrafricaines (FACA). A select group of 12 FACA members, three police officers and three gendarmes will be assigned to complete the UNMAS-led course to become ammunition storekeepers. The armoury will hold one thousand weapons.



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USAID COMMITS US\$30 MILLION TO VICTIM ASSISTANCE IN AFGHANISTAN

Against the backdrop of a 25 per cent increase in casualties in Afghanistan over the previous year, UNMAS is expanding operations to meet the needs of victims. To provide immediate support to survivors, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has committed US\$30 million to UNMAS through its “Afghan Civilian Assistance Program (ACAP III)”. As implemented by the Mine Action Coordination Centre for Afghanistan (MACCA), a project of UNMAS, ACAP III will provide humanitarian assistance to nationals who have suffered loss or injury resulting from ongoing insurgency or remnants of conflict. This includes incidents resulting from unexploded mines, munitions and other hazards.

The main goals of ACAP III are to: 1) provide immediate medical and other non-monetary assistance tailored to meet victims’ needs; 2) train government ministries and institutions mandated to help war victims to better meet the needs of those affected by conflict; and 3) enhance public awareness and advocacy efforts.

UNMAS activities will include emergency and immediate care for victims of conflict, mobile orthopaedic workshops, psychosocial support and economic reintegration. Technical capacity-building and public education and outreach regarding best practices in victim assistance will also be provided to existing rehabilitation centres, Government agencies, NGOs and civilian populations.



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UNMAS PROVIDES SKILLS TRAINING AND OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTH SUDAN

Fifty-one year old Samuel has lived in Ronyi Boma, South Sudan, his entire life, surviving at least one civil war. Unable to walk for 40 years following an accident, he now ambulates with the help of a wheelchair. This affords him the mobility he needs to farm land nearly two miles away, increasing food security for his household of 12.

Samuel recently attended an agribusiness course, funded by UNMAS, which taught him to apply organic pesticides and fertilizers to grow a more diverse set of crops. A small nursery bed has been feeding his family ever since and yielding crops that he sells at market. In the future, he hopes to plant a wider array of crops, including sorghum, eggplant and groundnuts.



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