EDITO

COVID-19: PARLIAMENTS IN THE SAHEL

The COVID-19 crisis has highlighted the need to strengthen democratic oversight in the Sahel region. While the health sector faces challenges, it has also illustrated the capacity to achieve unprecedented, large-scale cooperation. This has become particularly important in the Sahel region where the pandemic has shown all too clearly the limits to public health capacities.

BURKINA FASO

[Covid-19] Parliament
Parliamentarians have an important role to play in tackling the scourge of pandemic-related disinformation in the Sahel region. However, reliable, fact-based information is still not necessarily available to the general public.

[Strategic support] Assisting in the organisation of an ASCE-LC workshop
In accordance with Organic Law No. 082/CNT/2015, the Higher State Supervision and Anti-Corruption Authority is the supreme body responsible for conducting internal administrative audits and tackling corruption in... [read more]

[Private security] Conducting a study in Burkina Faso
The importance and influence of private security companies have grown considerably in recent years throughout Africa, including in Burkina Faso. The Business and Security Division of DCAF and the Private Security... [read more]

MALI

[Covid-19] Parliament
The wide range of health measures adopted during the March/April 2020 legislative elections, which went ahead despite the pandemic and security crisis, seriously affected the work and campaigns of parliamentarians.

In light of the health crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the government of Mali imposed a curfew throughout the national territory under an emergency decree. In order to enforce the curfew, Domestic Security Forces... [read more]

In view of the recent spike in allegations of human rights violations, DCAF has worked alongside the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) to carry out fact-finding missions in the regions of Kayes... [read more]

NIGER

[Covid-19] Parliament
During the health crisis, parliaments are key to ensuring the balance of powers. They make sure the emergency powers of the government and SDF are kept in check and monitor any situations where human rights come under serious threat.

[Defence and Security Commission] End-of-term review of parliamentarians
As Nigerien representatives officially come to the end of their term in 2020, they would like to pave the way for incoming members of the future commission to pick up where they have left off. To this end, DCAF is helping them... [read more]

[Police services] Covid-19 inspection report issued by IGSS
Following inspections from 27 April to 02 May of the services and mechanisms implemented to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in Niger, the Inspectorate-General for Security Services (IGSS) has liaised with DCAF... [read more]

[Ethics] Radio programme on police ethics and conduct
In partnership with network of Nigerien radios, Studio Kalangou, DCAF has produced a programme on police ethics and conduct, which will be broadcast in 5 languages across 40 radio stations throughout Niger... [read more]

NEW POLICY BRIEFS

Inspectorates-general (IG) and the promotion of good security governance
DCAF works with the IGs in Niger, Mali and Madagascar to strengthen their oversight and monitoring capacities. Our initiatives are geared towards internal procedures, professionalism and staff’s areas of responsibility. It is hoped they will have a lasting impact on good security governance. Find out more here.

[Ethical] What role do military mediation institutions play?
In the Sahel region, the role of armed forces mediation institutions has received considerable attention. If successful, their missions can contribute to trust-building and ultimately help to reduce the number of attacks on civilians and security personnel without military and police institutions working together harmoniously, their impact can fall far short of what is possible. Find out more here.

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