



Burkina Faso



Validation workshop of the gender self-assessment report within the penitentiary administration

The institutional self-assessment report of the Penitentiary Administration was presented during a workshop in Koudougou between the 16 and 20 August. Carried out in collaboration with the National Council for the Promotion of Gender (CONAP Genre) and the United Nations Development Programme, the self-assessment is accompanied by an operational action plan that aims for institutional and structural changes. The self-assessment highlights gender inequalities within the prison administration, in particular the insufficient identification and lack of consideration of the specific needs of prisoners and prison staff, the weakness of the response to victims of gender-based violence (GBV) and the absence of strategies to prevent recidivism in terms of GBV. The defined three-year operational action plan must therefore make it possible to improve the quality of prison administration services from the perspective of promoting gender equality.



Development of training curricula on the prevention and management of gender-based violence (GBV) for the benefit of security sector institutions

With an aim to improving gender mainstreaming and promoting gender equality within the training schools and academies of the Burkina Faso security forces, a working group has been set up, bringing together the main representatives responsible for educational content within these institutions. In the framework of cooperation with the National Council for Gender Promotion and the United Nations Development Programme, a workshop was organised in Koudougou between 16 and 19 August, in order to develop, together with the members of the working group and representatives of the relevant structures, a specific training curriculum on the prevention and management of gender-based violence (GBV). The workshop brought together twenty-eight (28) participants, including three (3) women, from 10 training schools of the Defence and Security Forces (10 schools), the Ministry of Gender and Family, the Permanent Secretariat of the National Council for the Promotion of Gender, the Steering Committee for Continuing Education, the Regional Brigade for the Protection of Children in the Centre, as well as the General Directorate of Statistical Studies of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization. In the near future, a pool of trainers will be trained on this module in order to deliver it in schools and academies in an experimental phase during which comments and feedback on potential improvements will be collected.

Niger



Training of trainers from IGAGN and partner institutions on risk management and internal control

DCAF contributes to strengthening the mandate of the General Inspectorate of the Armed Forces and the National Gendarmerie (IGAGN) with a mission to reinforce accountability of the defense and security forces. Following two training courses organized in March and April 2021 for IGAGN inspectors, investigators and controllers, a training course for trainers was organized from 22 to 25 August. Future trainers from the General Inspectorate of Security Services (IGSS) and the Department of Public Security (DSP) of the National Police also took part of the training to ensure full ownership of training capacities on risk management and internal control by the Inspectorate. This training of trainers is part of a programmatic cycle aimed ultimately at setting up a professional internal control system within the units of the Ministries of Defense and the Interior, which will enable those in charge to make informed decisions and to mitigate risks (operational, financial, reputational, strategic, logistical, etc.). This training of trainers is thus an important

steppingstone in establishing a “hard core” of staff trained within inspectorates in terms of risk analysis and management.



Reflection workshop on human resources (HR) as an essential lever for the modernization of security institutions in Niger

The quality of staff is an important parameter in the efficiency of any institution. The human resource (HR) function is all the more complex as any security institution gets larger with a higher number of staff, a greater diversity of professions and a higher level of training requirements. In Niger, the modernisation of HR management in the defence and security forces has been underway for several years, taking different forms and modalities depending on the institution. A workshop to exchange experiences between the various Nigerien institutions was organised from 29 to 30 August. This workshop highlighted the importance of developing and implementing HR strategies within the defence and security sector. Such a tool contributes to the modernisation of the institution, to the reinforcement of the professionalism of the staff and to the improvement of the efficiency and quality of the service provided to the population. To this end the Human Resources Directors of the Ministries of Defence and Interior, the Armed Forces, the National Gendarmerie, the National Guard of Niger, the National Police, the Civil Protection and the Customs, as well as the heads of the schools of these different bodies exchanged on the HR tools already developed and implemented within their institutions as well as on their challenges, their needs and their prospects in terms of HR management.

Mali

Second meeting of the Security Advisory Committee in the district of Bamako

On 4 August, the governorate of the district of Bamako organised the second meeting of the Security Advisory Committee (CCS) of the district with the support of DCAF. A total of 102 actors, including 24 women, had the opportunity to take stock of the security situation in the Malian capital and its surroundings and to discuss the concerns and expectations of the population in terms of security. This meeting was an opportunity for the authorities, representatives of civil society and the media to discuss and jointly identify possible solutions to the security problems of the district of Bamako. The CCS meeting is also an opportunity to contribute to building a relationship of trust between the defence and security forces and the population.



Restitution workshop of the inspection of the Security and Civil Protection Services (ISSPC) report

Following the analysis of the Security and Civil Protection Services (ISSPC) inspection conducted in 2016, particularly through DCAF's support to supervision and internal control actors, an evaluation of the level of implementation of the recommendations of this analysis was conducted. The evaluation report was presented at a workshop held on 1 August in Bamako in the presence of 16 participants from the institutions. On the basis of the recommendations made in the evaluation report and during the workshop, an action plan was developed for the period 2022-2024. The overall objective of this latter is to improve the quality and effectiveness of internal control and to guide the restructuring of the ISSPC.



Foresight mission for the operationalization of the Security Advisory Committee of the region of San

From 15 to 19 August, the Office of the Security Sector Reform Commissioner and DCAF conducted a preparatory mission to the San region, in anticipation of the launch of the San Region Security Advisory Committee. The mission sensitised important actors from local authorities and civil society organisations to defence and security forces on the basic principles of security sector governance, including participation, transparency and accountability. In addition, the members of the mission exchanged views with all these actors and collected their perspectives and expectations regarding the operationalisation of the Security Advisory Committee in the San region. They expressed their availability and their commitment to the establishment and running of the Security Advisory Committee in the coming weeks.



Short clip following the establishment of a "citizen oversight committee" in Burkina Faso

As part of its support to security sector governance in Burkina Faso, DCAF works with various civil society organisations to strengthen citizen participation in governance mechanisms. This short video follows the establishment of a "citizen oversight committee" in the Centre-Nord region in March 2022 and also captures the reactions of some of the participants. Two other committees were set up under this programme in the towns of Fada N'Gourma (East) and Dédougou (Boucle du Mouhoun).

DCAF in Sub-Saharan Africa

Sub-Saharan Africa has been a long-standing geographical priority area for DCAF and its engagement on the continent has steadily grown year on year in the past decade. DCAF's team of experts from HQ across all three departments (ISSAT, Operations and Policy and Research) is complemented by field offices in, Addis Ababa, Banjul, Bamako, and Niamey as well as presences in Kinshasa and Ouagadougou. Providing medium and long-term support to develop effective security institutions that are accountable to the state and its citizens, while promoting the principles of good governance, human rights, rule of law and gender equality is at the heart of our work in the region. **We invite you to read more about our work here.**



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