Strengthening of EIFORCES Training and Operational Capacities in Cameroon

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BUDGET: US$300,000

KEY PARTNERS: Ministry of Defense (MINDEF), Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development (MINEPAT), Japan Embassy

OBJECTIVES
The project will contribute to maintain and upgrade the preparedness of security personnel from Cameroon and neighbouring countries in need of stabilization expertise. It will lead to better trained military, security personnel and civilian capable of dealing with integrated aspects of peace support operations missions, stabilization, crisis recovery and therefore help Cameroon to better implement its personal, sub regional and Africa agenda on human security, peace building or keeping.

PROJECT OUTPUTS
Output 1: Strategic and operational capacities for human security and collaborative actions for crisis recovery and sustainable peace are enhanced.

Output 2: Research capabilities of EIFORCES are consolidated.

CONTRIBUTION TO SDGS
The project will contribute to SDG 16.

DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES
Cameroon is continuously affected by worsening security trends evidenced by three immediate security threats and risks.

First, the Boko Haram insurgency is still active with serious consequences: periodic suicide bombings, mass movements of refugees and internally displaced persons within Cameroon.

Second, episodic resurgence of violence in the CAR has spill-over effect on Cameroon.

Third, while Cameroon is grappling with the above-mentioned security problems and double humanitarian crisis, it must deal with an internal strife that started late 2016. Uprisings have erupted in the two English-speaking regions of the country where activists have made a bid to change the political system through violence or the boycott of State institutions.

The armed separatist movements have, for the last months, targeted the civilian population and specifically children, abducted students, and teachers, as well as arson against education facilities in Kumba and Kumbo.