

UN SaferGuard Validation Process Project brief

UN Office for Disarmament Affairs

UN SaferGuard Programme

- UN SaferGuard promotes and assists States, upon request, in the safe and secure management of ammunition in line with the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG).
- <https://www.un.org/disarmament/un-saferguard/guide-lines/>

IATG

- 2011- UN developed IATG at the request of the General Assembly
 - Managed through UN SaferGuard Programme
 - Risk management; accounting, handling, accident reporting and investigation; operational support
 - “Risk-Reduction Process Levels” (RRPLs)
- 2015 - Version 2 released, including new module 01.90 - Ammunition Management Personnel Competences

IATG 01.90

- Provides a series of competences for various generic roles in ammunition management
- Introduces the concept of competences, competency and occupational standards
- The development of the IATG competencies was based on available 'best practice'.

Validation project rationale

- IATG provide a frame of reference for conventional ammunition stockpile management.
- In many developing and post-conflict settings, national authorities lack the capacity and resources to develop and implement effective ammunition management practices based on the IATG.

Project rationale, cont.

- UN General Assembly resolution 70/35 welcomed the establishment of a **UN SaferGuard quick-response mechanism**, which allows ammunition experts to be deployed rapidly to assist States in the urgent management of ammunition stockpiles
- This illustrated the need for a **standardized set of ammunition staff competences** and subsequently, for an **objective methodology** for the recognition of such competences on an equitable basis across all regions

Project partners

- Project launched in March 2016.
- ‘UN SaferGuard Validation Process’ Project is being jointly implemented by UNODA and the Geneva Centre for International Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), with support from the Small Arms Survey.

Project objective

- UN duty of care to States dictates that adequate, standardized ammunition staff expertise is available to ensure that assistance provided is reliable, highest quality, and adheres the IATG.
- 2 key strategic approaches apply:
 - **Validation of equitable expertise** based on different military school education systems should be recognized in the context of the IATG.
 - **Capacity building to the highest achievable level:**
 - Development of ammunition life-cycle management expertise from basic to the highest level.
 - Participation by candidates of high potential in developing countries is encouraged.

Project outcomes

- The international community will have at their disposal an **IATG expert validation process** aimed at building an international **UN SaferGuard roster** of highly-experienced and maximally-diverse ammunition personnel available to provide international assistance and support Member States, where required and requested.
- Donors, project partners, and interested states will have at their disposal **ammunition management courses** tailored to the different levels of qualification that are **in line with the IATG**.

Project implementation

- **Phase I (delivery from 1st Mar 2016 to 14th Feb 2017)**
 - Development of detailed competences and requirements on ammunition life-cycle management for personnel across different specialisations (inspector, regulator, manager, etc.), with a priority focus on implementers providing international assistance.
 - Mapping of these competences to existing training courses, in partnership with national authorities of interested States.
 - Development, with interested States, of tests for various specialisations leading to the validation of an individual's competence to an international standard, in accordance with the IATG.

Project implementation

- **Phase II – (delivery from 15 Feb 2017 to 31 Dec 2019)**
 - Roll-out of the validation of competences in interested States that wish to validate their own national implementers.
 - Pilot testing of the validation process and methodology.
 - In partnership with implementers and trainers on the ground, engage in capacity building.

QUESTIONS

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