

# Programme Office in Bishkek

<u>Project Title:</u> Improvement of SALW and CA life-management capacity of Ministry of Defense of Kyrgyz Republic

#### **General Information**

Type of project: EXB

Project No.:

OSCE Dimension: Politico-Military

Thematic Category: Physical Security and Stockpile

Management of SALW and CA

Geographical Area: Central Asia (CA)

**UB Programme Name:** B.1 Politico-Military Dimension

Multi-unit/Executive Structure: No

Starting Date: 12 January 2023 Ending Date: 31 December 2025

Total Financial Requirements (in Euro): 2,483,108

**GENDER MARKER: Score 1** 

**SDG Contribution:** 16a Strengthen institutions to prevent

violence and combatting terrorism and crime and 16.4 Reduction illicit arms flows and combatting all forms of organized crime

**External Partners: N/A** 

Implementing Partner: Yes No

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Defense of the Kyrgyz Republic

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signed by the Fund Manager)

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### **Project Overview:**

The project aims to assist the Kyrgyz Republic to reduce security and safety risks posed by stockpiles of small arms and light weapons (SALW) and conventional ammunition (CA) of the Ministry of Defence (MoD) of Kyrgyzstan due to potential pilferage, sabotage and unplanned explosions, by improving SALW and CA lifemanagement capacity of MoD in Kyrgyz Republic.

The OSCE intervention to improve life-management of SALW and CA has been conducted through phased approach. During the first phase, the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek (POiB) implemented an Extra-Budgetary project "Upgrading Kyrgyz Republic's capabilities for storage of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and Conventional Ammunition (CA) in Buzhum, Gulcha and Koy-Tash" (2012-2017). The project focused on upgrading the storage facilities and infrastructure, creating the national capabilities for destruction of surpluses of SALW and ammunition, enhancing the national legal framework on Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM,) considering the OSCE best practices and international standards, improving capability of record keeping and tracing of arms and ammunition as well as building capacity of the MoD personnel in PSSM through provision of practical training courses.



The current Project will seek to strengthen MoD's SALW and CA life-management capacity through review of existing legislation and elaborating recommendations for improvement, developing a training system for PSSM, conducting feasibility study on necessity to develop CA propellant chemical testing capability, and constructing two CA storage facilities in Ala-Buka, Buzhum and Kok-Dzhangak.

## **Project Objectives:**

To assist the Kyrgyz Republic to reduce security and safety risks posed by the MoD stockpiles of small arms and light weapons (SALW) and conventional ammunition (CA)

#### Project Results: (max. 10 lines)

Result 1: Regulative framework of life-cycle management of CA in the Kyrgyz Republic is improved

Result 2: Personnel capacities in life-cycle management through development of training programme of the

MoD of the Kyrgyz Republic is improved

Result 3: Storage of SALW and CA capacity of the MoD in the South of the Kyrgyz Republic is enhanced

Result 4: Demilitarization and CA stockpile management capability of the Kyrgyz Republic is enhanced

## **Summary of Project Strategy:**

The project was developed in response to a practical assistance request of Kyrgyzstan in the field of SALW and SCA on behalf of the Ministry of Defence at the 988th meeting of the OSCE Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) on 13 October 2021 (FSC.DEL/375/21).

The project is the second phase of the OSCE efforts to improve life-cycle management of the SALW and CA in Kyrgyz Republic. During the first phase, the OSCE POIB implemented an Extra-Budgetary project "Upgrading Kyrgyz Republic's capabilities for storage of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and Conventional Ammunition (CA) in Buzhum, Gulcha and Koy-Tash" that dealt with review of legal framework, provision of training and support to destruction of surpluses of SALW and CA.

Current project will target following directions: (1) constructing new storage facilities in Ala-Buka, Buzhum and Kok-Dzhangak in accordance with the OSCE best practice guides in the field of SALW and CA; (2) conducting feasibility study on development of CA propellants testing capability and thus strengthening the life-cycle management system; (3) reviewing and updating the regulative framework in PSSM, especially, when it comes to facility maintenance and inventory management; (4) reviewing the existing training program and development of a train-the-trainer programme on SALW and CA life-cycle management.

The Project will be implemented by the OSCE POiB with the support of the Conflict Prevention Centre/Forum for Security Co-operation (CPC/FSC) Support Unit.