APRRP

From Inception to Achievement:
African Peacekeeping Rapid Response
Partnership-Medical Program Report

Executive Summary

In December 2022, U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin delivered a powerful speech at the second U.S.-Africa Leaders' Summit in Washington, D.C. He emphasized the vital importance of developing strong relationships that foster stability and security, stating, "Listening is paramount in this process." One shining example of such successful partnerships is the African Peacekeeping Rapid Response Partnership (APRRP), which stands as a testament to the shared interests and collaboration between nations.

APRRP, funded by the Global Security Contingency Fund (GSCF) and the Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI), is an initiative led by

the Department of State (DoS). It encompasses the APRRP-Medical program, a sustained effort executed by the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences' (USU's) Center for Global Health Engagement (CGHE) under the guidance of U.S. Africa Command (USAFRICOM). This program, in conjunction with the National Guard's State Partnership Program and support from the Services, has been instrumental in building and strengthening the peacekeeping capabilities of Rwanda,

Uganda, Senegal, and Ghana - the goal being to

enhance their ability to support the United Nations (UN), African Union (AU), and other regional peacekeeping missions.

APRRP serves as a vital pillar, reinforcing sustainable peacekeeping capabilities in Africa while building upon existing capacity-building programs established by the U.S. Government (USG), including GPOI. Supported by the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine (HJF) and overseen by USAFRICOM, CGHE drew upon expertise from various services to deliver specialized training in medical and related areas.

The selection of Partner Nations (PNs) for the APRRP-Medical program was based on their exceptional performance in UN missions, particularly in providing UN Level 2 Hospital (L2H) care. Recognizing the capabilities of these nations, CGHE approached the planning process as equal partners. While USAFRICOM priorities guided the CGHE's recommendations, leadership within each PN shaped the program to align with their specific needs, existing structures, and processes. This approach fostered a sense of ownership, resulting in greater buy-in and support. Bi-annual reviews with each PN ensured ongoing relevance and responsiveness to their realities



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and priorities, with necessary adjustments made in coordination with the DoS and USAFRICOM program managers.

To address specific capability gaps, training courses were also tailored to the individual needs of each country. The ultimate objective was to enable partners to swiftly deploy, sustain, and successfully redeploy an L2H. The Train-the-Trainer (ToT) model played a crucial role in building sustainable capabilities, empowering PN personnel to effectively organize and teach APRRP-Medical courses. The program's implementation began in December 2016 with the Medical Planners Course (MPC) delivered in Kigali, Rwanda, and the Field Sanitation Course (FSC) in Jinja, Uganda.

Since then, over 60 training courses and related activities were conducted in Rwanda, Uganda, Senegal, and Ghana, benefitting more than 1,000 students. Additionally, each PN has received, or will soon receive in Uganda's case, two L2Hs—one for operational support purposes and the other as a dedicated training facility. Notably, all APRRP-Medical PNs have committed to designating

at least one medical facility for inclusion in the UN's Peacekeeping Capability Readiness System (PCRS).

Ghana, Rwanda, Senegal, and Uganda each independently deployed their L2H to enhance their respective national COVID-19 response efforts. USAFRICOM highlighted the dual use of the APRRP-Medical program capabilities to assist during pandemic response.

Additionally, the APRRP Medical program helped prepare and deploy Rwanda Defence Force medics in support of a UN peacekeeping mission in the Central African Republic in 2021 as well as Ghana Armed Forces medics to the United Nations Interim Security Forces for Abyei mission in Sudan in 2022.

The purpose of this Report is to capture the insights and perspectives gained by CGHE during its unwavering commitment to support USAFRICOM's APRRP-Medical program from 2016 to 2022. This document and accompanying evaluation seeks to establish a reference point for future endeavors of comparable magnitude, while also capturing the many lessons learned that will serve to inform the Department of Defense (DOD) Global Health Engagement (GHE) enterprise.



Summative Outcomes-Ghana

Trainings Delivered from 2017-2022

Meetings and Workshops

Assessments and Site Visits

APRRP Trained GAF Instructors **ToT-led Trainings**

Participants Across all Lines of Effort

Synchronizaton Meeting

2018

4 Assessments or Site Visits

2 Meetings or Workshops

1 Training



1st Site Visit



L2H Deployment at El Wak Stadium in response to COVID-19. December 2020



Handover Ceremony for L2H between US government and GAF, February 2020



Milestone: MASCAL Training Exercise, February 2020



Milestone: Recognition of GAF military medical personnel by the American College of Surgeons as certified ATLS instructors, January 2020

2020

2 Assessments or Site Visits

1 Meeting or Workshop

4 Trainings





Milestone: Tabletop MASCAL Exercise, March 2022



Milestone: Selection of ToT Instructors, March 2022



Milestone: MASCAL Training Exercise, February 2022



Milestone: Continued training TNC 1.0 ToTs, February 2022

2022

2 Meeting or Workshop 8 Trainings

2019



Workshops 1 Training

Facility, June 2019

Milestone: Completed Renovation of **Medical Training**

Milestone: Selection and Training of ToT Instructors. November 2019

2021



Workshops 8 Trainings



Milestone: Selection and Training of ToT Instructors, November 2021

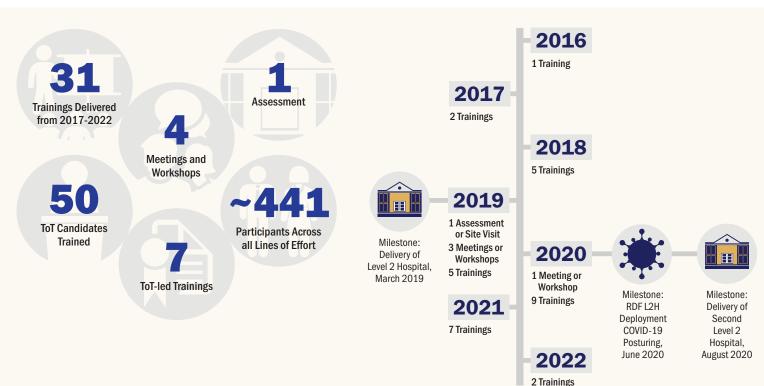
Milestone: Capstone Simulation Exercise, November 2021



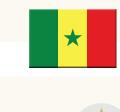
Milestone: Selection of ToT Instructors, December 2021



Summative Outcomes-Rwanda



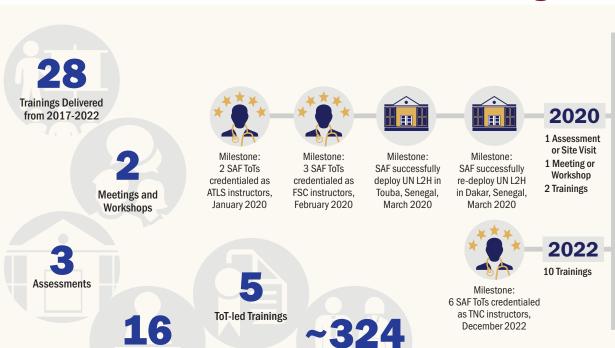
Summative Outcomes-Senegal



Milestone:

2019 2 Assessments or Site Visits

1 Meeting or



Participants Across

all Lines of Effort



SAF Trained

Instructors



Summative Outcomes-Uganda

Trainings Delivered from 2017-2022

Meetings and Workshops

Assessments

APRRP-Trained UPDF ToT Instructors

ToT-led Trainings

all Lines of Effort



2017 1 Assessment

Training of ToT Instructors (FSC 2.0 Refresher Course), September 2017

or Site Visit 1 Meeting or 2 Trainings

2016

2 Meetings or Workshops 1 Training

2018

1 Assessment or Site Visit

2 Meetings or

Workshops

3 Trainings

Selection and Training of ToT Instructors,

December 2021





Milestone: Mass Casualty Instructors (Trauma (MASCAL) Nursing Course (TNC) Exercise, 3.0 Refresher Course), February 2019 February 2019

Milestone: Delivery of classroom equipment, February 2019

2019

6 Meetings or Workshops 7 Trainings



Milestone: MASCAL Exercise. May 2019



Training of ToT Instructors (Field Sanitation Course (FSC) 2.5 Refresher), August 2019



Selection and Training of ToT Instructors, November 2019



Milestone: Virtual SWIFT INTERVENTION TTX, March 2021

3 Trainings



2 Meeting or Workshop 1 Training



Milestone: Selection and Training of ToT Instructors (Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) 1.0),

April 2018



Milestone: Renovation of AHNS Skills Lab, July 2018



Milestone: MASCAL Exercise, August 2018



MASCAL Exercise, September 2018



Milestone: Delivery of L2H, December 2018



1 Assessment or Site Visit 3 Meetings or Workshops



Milestone: Training of ToT Instructors

January 2020

Milestone:

April 2022

Milestone: Certification of **UPDF** medical doctors as ATLS providers, January 2020



Milestone: Training of ToT Instructors (FSC 3.0 Refresher), Febuary 2020



Milestone: FSC delivered to a deploying Battle Group, March 2020



Milestone: L2H deployed to military barracks north of the capital to support COVID-19 Response, May 2020



3 Trainings



Milestone: Training of ToT Instructors MASCAL (Refresh for CCC 2.5), Exercise, April 2022



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