

EUROPEAN UNION – NIGERIA PROJECT SHEET

Project Title	Conflict Prevention & Peace Building				
Sector	Conflict Prevention				
Location	West Africa	Budget (€equiv.)	€5.5 Million		
Start Date (Est.)	August 2006	End date (Est.)	December 2010		
Implementing	ECOWAS Commission				
Partner					
Objective	Assistance to ECOWAS in building and maintaining stability and peace in West Africa, thus				
	contributing to the development of the sub-region.				

Description

Recognizing the crucial importance of peace as a prerequisite for development in West Africa, resources have been allocated to conflict prevention and peace building under the 9th European Development Fund (EDF). ECOWAS receives support in its efforts to preserve and consolidate peace and security and to promote good governance in West Africa, taking account of existing initiatives, ECOWAS' achievements in these areas and the important role of civil society, women and the media.

Support is to being provided so as to achieve following results:

- Elaboration of a comprehensive conflict prevention strategy which is mainstreamed into ECOWAS activities
- ECOWAS conflict mediation and facilitation strengthened
- Increased capacity in ECOWAS in the area of electoral assistance and election observation
- Activities to reduce availability /trafficking of small arms (ECOSAP Contribution Agreement with UNDP).

Throughout the implementation of this programme it is envisaged that the ECOWAS Commission will receive Technical Assistance for the Small Arms Unit and the Peace Fund.

Results Achieved

- Programme Estimate 01 has been signed and has undertaken following activities:
- i) International Roundtable on Conflict Prevention & Security in W-Africa, Lagos (5-6 September 2006)
- ii) Support to ECOWAS Mediation activities through the Offices of the Special Representative in Liberia, Guinea-Bissau and Togo
- iii) Regional meeting in Accra (13 October 2006) regarding the ECOWAS Handbook on Election Observation.
- iv) Acquisition of equipment for ECOWAS Electoral Unit.
- ECOSAP received the EC's first instalment of 879,415€
- Recruitment of short term technical assistant for capacity building of Small Arms unit. The TA is responsible for writing the Plan of Action for implementation of the ECOWAS Small Arms Convention.

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