

Article 7 Report - 1 January to 31 December 2024

Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Annual Article 7 Reporting

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Cameroon

Reporting Period

1 January - 31 December 2024

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Summary report

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A. National implementation measures:

- ☒ changed
☐ unchanged

B. Stockpiled anti-personnel mines:

- ☐ changed
☒ unchanged
☐ non applicable

Last reporting year:

2023

C. Anti-personnel mines retained or transferred for permitted purposes:

- ☐ changed
☒ unchanged
☐ non applicable

Last reporting year:

2023

D. Areas known or suspected to contain anti-personnel mines:

- ☐ changed
☐ unchanged
☒ non applicable

E. Mine risk education and reduction efforts

- ☒ changed
☐ unchanged
☐ non applicable

F. Technical characteristics of anti-personnel mines:

- ☐ changed
☐ unchanged
☒ non applicable

G. Conversion or decommissioning of anti-personnel mine production facilities:

- ☐ changed
☐ unchanged
☒ non applicable

H. Victim assistance:

- ☒ changed
☐ unchanged
☐ non applicable

I. Cooperation and assistance:

- ☒ changed
☐ unchanged
☐ non applicable

J. Other relevant matters:

- ☒ changed
☐ unchanged
☐ non applicable

Add any additional information**Attachments (eg. Note Verbale)**

No attachment.

A . National implementation measures

Information on legal, administrative or other measures

Insert information on any legal, administrative or other measures, including the imposition of penal sanctions, taken during the previous calendar year, to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited under the Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under the State Party's jurisdiction or control.

Cameroon's legal, regulatory, administrative and judicial framework is sufficiently robust to prevent and suppress, as it stands, any activity prohibited by the Convention. This framework is based on a body of existing laws and regulations, including the Penal Code, legislation on weapons and explosives, anti-terrorism laws and national case law.

In 2024, no significant changes have been made, but discussions are underway to strengthen compliance with the Committee's best practices on compliance with obligations and tools such as the ICRC Checklist and Model Legislation.

Attach any relevant documents (e.g. new legislation, court decisions, etc).

No attachment.



E. Mine risk education and reduction efforts

1. Mine risk education activities

Insert information on mine risk education activities (e.g. methodologies used, challenges faced and results achieved, with information disaggregated by gender and age).

The Defence Forces, through specialised military engineering teams, continued their efforts to neutralise IEDs. Technical reconnaissance operations and targeted interventions were carried out in critical areas. In 2024, 24 missions were carried out in the regions concerned.

In 2024, twenty-seven (27) members of the army benefited from EOD training offered by CSIAP-GEN, UNMAS and France (CPADD).

The Defence Forces carried out 77 ad hoc EOD tasks in 2024 in the North-West (47), South-West (06), Far-North (22), North (01) and Centre (01) Regions, including 10 on improvised landmines, 48 on IEDs and 19 on explosive remnants of war.

2. Beneficiaries of assistance

Name of administrative division

Name of administrative sub-division	Women	Girls	Boys	Men
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Total women in this administrative area

Total girls in this administrative area

Total boys in this administrative area

Total men in this administrative area

Insert additional information on this administrative division (e.g. risk reduction activities)

Beneficiaries of assistance totals

Women

Girls

Boys

Men

3. Additional information

3.a. Insert information on how mine risk education activities are integrated into wider humanitarian, development, protection and education efforts, as well as with ongoing survey, clearance and victim assistance activities to reduce the risk to the affected population and decrease their need for risk-taking.

Efforts include :

- Organising training sessions for trainers in Cameroon;
- Incorporating the threat of IEDs into the curricula of defence and security forces schools and training centres;
- More training in IED detection techniques and safeguard measures;
- Training military and police personnel in operational searches;
- Managing the national and international movement of components;
- Optimising intelligence.

3.b. Insert information on efforts to ensure that mine risk education and reduction is provided to all affected populations and groups at risk and are context-specific, developed on the basis of a needs assessment, casualty and contamination data, anticipated population movements, that they are tailored to the threat encountered by the population, are sensitive to gender, age, disability and take the diverse needs and experience of people in affected communities into account.

Efforts include:



- Building collective awareness of the danger by raising awareness and training local people;
- Building the capacity of the players involved;
- Setting up a coordination mechanism leading to national action to combat IEDs;
- Implementation of a regional strategy for the stabilisation, recovery and resilience of areas affected by Boko Haram, including a de-radicalisation programme.

3.c. Insert information on the National Mine Action Standards in place for mine risk education.

3.d. Insert information on plans to ensure a sustainable national capacity for mine risk education.

- Local training centers;
- National instructors training;
- Creation of reporting channels and guarantee feedback to the population;
- Organisation of seminars to raise awareness on mine risk.

3.e. Insert information on efforts to consider the different needs and perspectives of women, girls, boys and men, including mine survivors and affected communities, to ensure their meaningful participation in all Convention related matters.

The Government of Cameroon has made gender equality and women's empowerment a priority, as illustrated by the development and implementation of Cameroon's second Action Plan (2023-2027). This plan is in line with the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (Women, Peace and Security) and related resolutions.

Activities to combat mines and explosive devices are also part of this approach. With this in mind, Cameroon has accepted the role of Gender Focal Point within the Cooperation and Assistance Committee of the Ottawa Convention in 2025.

3.f. Insert information on how mine risk education activities are integrated into national plans (e.g. development plans, poverty reduction strategies, humanitarian response plans) and your State's national financial and other commitment to implementation.

Cameroon has adopted large-scale multi-year programme for education and protection in crisis-affected areas. For example, the #EducationCannotWait Programme.

3.g. Insert information on challenges in implementation, including in cooperation and assistance.

Difficulties in establishing a connection with those operating in rural areas for example, so as to share information.

3.h. Insert any other relevant information on mines and mine risk education and reduction efforts.

Attach any relevant documents

No attachment.

H. Victim assistance

1. Victims during the reporting period

1.a. Insert the number of individuals killed or injured by anti-personnel mines during the reporting period.

	Women	Girls	Boys	Men	Total
Killed	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Injured	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Total	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

1.b. Insert additional information on mine casualties during the reporting period.

2. Injuries caused by anti-personnel mines and other explosive remnants of war

Insert information on individuals injured by anti-personnel mines and other explosive remnants of war since entry into force of the Convention.

Year	Women	Girls	Boys	Men	Totals
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Totals	Women	Girls	Boys	Men	Totals
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3. Challenges in implementation

Insert information on challenges in implementation, including in cooperation and assistance.

4. Assessment

If relevant, insert information on latest assessment/survey carried out to map out the needs and living situation of mine victims.

5. Plan

Insert information on your State's specific, measurable, realistic and time-bound (SMART) objectives to support mine victims.

6. Integrated approach

Insert information on multi-sectoral efforts made to ensure that the needs and rights of mine victim are effectively addressed through national policy and legal frameworks related to disability health, education, employment, development and poverty reduction.

Cameroon is working to integrate survivors' rights into its national health, social protection and rehabilitation policies.

Intersectoral coordination between the relevant ministries has been put in place to respond to the needs of survivors in a holistic manner.

7. Focal point

Insert information on the relevant government entity assigned to oversee the integration of victim assistance into broader national policies, plans and legal frameworks.

8. Central database

Insert information on efforts to establish or strengthen a centralised database that includes information on persons killed by mines as well as on persons injured by mines and their needs and challenges, disaggregated by gender, age and disability as well as efforts to ensure that this information is available to relevant stakeholders.

A multi-sectoral consultation platform has been set up for this purpose, with the aim of creating a dedicated mechanism.

9. Emergency response

Insert information on availability of first aid and other medical emergency services and ongoing medical care in mined-affected communities, including in rural and remote areas.

Extension of the National Fire Brigade for first aid.

10. Healthcare

Insert information on mine victims' access to affordable healthcare services including in rural and remote areas.

Cameroon has continued to implement a multi-sectoral victim assistance system by improving the health map and hospital technical facilities, with more psychiatry and traumatology in the affected areas.

11. Physical rehabilitation

Insert information on availability of and increase made in providing assistive technology such as prostheses, orthoses, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and all other assistive devices, including outreach services in rural and remote areas.

Creation of a new center for disabled people in Maroua.

Strengthening the capacity of regional medical centers to care for victims, including the provision of prostheses, orthoses, physiotherapy and psychological care.

People living with disabilities also benefit from specific legal protection and social measures.

12. Psychological and psychosocial support

Insert information on availability of services to meet psychological needs of mine victims, including the availability of peer to peer support.

13. National referral mechanism

Insert information on the national referral mechanism to facilitate access to services for mine victims including efforts to create and disseminate a comprehensive directory of services.

Cameroon has an invalid military complex dedicated to post-hospitalization care of soldiers injured, including physical and moral rehabilitation.

14. Social and Economic inclusion

Insert information on efforts to ensure the social and economic inclusion of mine victims, such as access to education, capacity-building, employment referral services, microfinance institutions, business development services, rural development and social protection programmes, including in rural and remote areas.

Specific programme: Working with local NGOs to provide community support and promote awareness of survivors' rights.

15. Safety and protection

Insert information on measures in place to protect the safety and protection of mine victims in situations of risks and emergencies, including situations of armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.

There is a structure in Cameroon (ONACAM) dedicated to war victims that provides help to widows and minor orphans.

16. Participation and inclusion

Provide information on efforts to ensure the full inclusion and effective participation of mine victims and their representative organisations in all matters that affect them, including in rural and remote areas.

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Intersectoral coordination between the relevant ministries has been put in place to respond to the needs of survivors in a holistic manner.

17. Gender and diversity

Insert information on efforts to consider the different needs and perspectives of women, girls, boys and men, including mine survivors and affected communities, and to ensure their meaningful participation in all Convention related matters.

The Government of Cameroon has made gender equality and women's empowerment a priority, as illustrated by the development and implementation of Cameroon's second Action Plan (2023-2027). This plan is in line with the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (Women, Peace and Security) and related resolutions.

Activities to combat mines and explosive devices are also part of this approach.

18. National commitments

Provide information on national commitments including financial commitments and other progress or efforts, as relevant.

19. Attachments

Attach documents, policy, action plan or law, as relevant.

No attachment.

I. Cooperation and assistance

1. Cooperation

Insert information on cooperation (e.g. cooperation and assistance provided by your State, requirements for cooperation and assistance and cooperation received (e.g. financial, technical advice, exchange of experiences, etc.) and partnerships for completion forged.

In its fight against anti-personnel mines and IEDs, Cameroon, in 2024, was able to count on its traditional partners in this field, namely France and UNMAS.

There were no new donors in 2024.

2. Efforts to strengthen national coordination

Insert information on efforts undertaken by your State to strengthen national coordination including by ensuring regular dialogue with national and international stakeholders on progress, challenges and support for implementation of your State's obligations under the Convention including through, where relevant, the establishment of an appropriate national platform for regular dialogue among all stakeholders.

Cameroon regularly organises government-funded training seminars on the fight against anti-personnel mines, mainly to raise awareness and provide information on the humanitarian risks and safety measures to be taken.

The Ministry of Defense has set up a national mine action programme which includes training on the humanitarian impact of mines, the technical aspects of mine detection and clearance, and international mine action initiatives. These seminars have three main objectives: to raise awareness and inform the population about the risks associated with anti-personnel mines, the dangers they represent and how to avoid encountering them; to prepare local players (army personnel, security forces, NGOs, communities) to manage the risks associated with mines, mine detection, evacuation of contaminated areas and prevention; and to strengthen cooperation with international partners in the field of mine action.

Coordination between the Ministries of Defence, External Relations and Justice has ensured rigorous application of national standards aligned with the Convention, in collaboration with other stakeholders.

It should be noted that as part of the 2025 Budget Law, the Government of Cameroon has made funding the fight against IEDs a national priority.

3. Efforts to integrate mine action activities

If your State is a beneficiary of assistance, insert information on efforts to integrate mine action activities into other frameworks (e.g. humanitarian response plans, strategies for the inclusion of persons with disabilities) and the financial commitment of your State to implementation.

4. Gender and diversity

If your State is a provider of assistance, insert information on how the different needs and perspectives of women, girls, boys and men, including mine survivors and affected communities, is considered in the provision of cooperation and assistance.

5. Efforts to develop and promote cooperation

Insert information on efforts undertaken to develop and promote bilateral, regional and international cooperation and sharing of best practices.

With the Mines Advisory Group (MAG), a workshop was held in Nigeria in October 2024, financed by MAG, with a view to setting up a joint action plan for the countries bordering Lake Chad (Cameroon-Niger-Nigeria-Chad).

Cameroon also took part in the regional workshop on information management for mine action in Senegal, in partnership with the GICHD's Regional Francophone Cooperation Programme. This workshop, which was held in Dakar from 1 to 3 October 2024, aimed to increase participants' knowledge of the importance of information management in mine action, the IMSMA Core system and its applications, and to assess regional needs in terms of information management. The participation of the Focal Point was funded by the GICHD.



J. Other relevant matters

Other relevant matters

Insert information on any other relevant matters concerning implementation.

As at 31 December 2024, the number of incidents involving Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) recorded in Cameroon stood at 77, including 19 involving IEDs detonated by the victim, 37 IEDs detonated remotely by radio remote control, 3 IEDs detonated by pressure, wire or cables and 18 by other explosive remnants of war.

Cameroon regularly expresses a need for training on the mine and explosive ordnance action information management system (data collection, incident monitoring, monitoring of ad hoc tasks, etc.).

In addition, Cameroon plans to establish a sub-regional Centre of Excellence for mine action within the Military Engineering Training Centre and would welcome support from bilateral and multilateral partners and other stakeholders for this project.

Attachments

Attach relevant documents. (e.g. photos)

No attachment.