

## Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin Beye de Bamako

## **SPECIAL EDITION** COVID-19 - DAC2020

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### EMP-ABB Anti-Coronavirus Apparatus DAC2020

On Monday 16 March 2020 at 3 p.m., following the instructions of the Director General of the EMP-ABB, Colonel-Major Mody Béréthé, a meeting was held to set up an action plan to develop a preventive mechanism adapted to respond to the threat of COVID-19.

Even though there is so far in Mali (Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 12 p.m.) not a single official declaration of any case tested positive; the EMP-ABB could not remain inactive regarding this global pandemic that has already affected many neighboring countries. Moreover, the EMP-ABB is also one of the large Malian organization to receive many international personalities and trainees, with a daily average of 200 people within its walls. In the case that this pandemic should arrive in Mali, it is obvious that it will unfortunately have a direct impact on the stability of the country.

In view of all these elements, the EMP-ABB could not remain passive and therefore decided to develop and implement the preventive mechanism identified under the name of **Anti-Coronavirus Apparatus** or **DAC2020**; and thus make its modest contribution to the national effort.

**The EMP-ABB Anti-Coronavirus Apparatus (DAC2020)** has been effective and active since Tuesday 17 March 2020 and its mission is to provide the school with the tools that will enable it to continue to guarantee a safe and secure environment for all its trainees, instructors, partners, visitors and staff.

**DAC2020** involves changing certain individual habits and modifying the internal organization, in other words, changing the usual operating procedures. This includes the installation of additional disinfection equipment - **disinfectant gel**, **bleached water and soap** - at all strategic points in the school, starting outside the main entrance. In addition to this equipment, the receptionists are equipped with the **IR Laser Infrared Thermometer**, in order to be able to identify temperatures exceeding **the official limit of 37.5 degrees**. At these strategic points, information on the various new measures to be adopted is also distributed and displayed, as well as the list of toll-free numbers set up by the government (**MSHP, CECOGEC, DGPC, fire brigade**). All these elements, but not only, are part of **the EMP-ABB Anti-Coronavirus Scheme (DAC2020)**.

This special edition of our usual monthly Newsletter is also part of the DAC2020. On the last page of this newsletter, you will find official instructions for new measures to be taken and toll-free numbers to call if you have any questions or medical situations related to COVID-19.



### Supporting the International Trainees and Instructors - DAC2020

On **Tuesday, March 17, 2020**, the EMP-ABB was delivering two (2) trainings: Disarmament, Demobilization, Reintegration (DDR) and Civil-Military Coordination (CIMIC). In addition to Malian personnel, these training sessions included 28 international trainees and instructors. On Wednesday 18 March 2020, following the instructions of EMP-ABB's Director General, the EMP-ABB Anti-Coronavirus Apparatus Unit (DAC2020) repatriated 23 people within 24 hours, bringing them back to their families. The process is ongoing in order to bring back the 5 remaining trainees (4 from Niger and 1 from Cameroon). In the event that they should stay in the country, the EMP-ABB has the infrastructure that can accommodate them all.

The EMP-ABB warmly thanks the embassies of the various international trainees and instructors supported by the EMP-ABB's Anti-Coronavirus Apparatus, DAC2020.

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> Germany supports the EMP-ABB in coping with unexpected expenses generated by the global pandemic - DAC2020



**On Thursday 19 March 2020**, through its Director of Communication and Institutional Development (**D.C.D.I**), in the person of the **Police Colonel Klaus-Dieter Tietz**, the EMP-ABB received the good news from **Germany**.

Barely a week after the signing of an agreement of nearly **one billion CFA francs** with the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, the **Foreign Office in Berlin** has pledged to **cover the additional costs** that Covid-19 would incur in connection with the **German-funded courses** at EMP-ABB,

# Working Session with the "Protection Civile"



On **Tuesday, March 17, 2020**, the EMP-ABB exchanged with Colonel Gisèle Villemur and Colonel Cheick Fanta Mady Koné of the "**Protection Civile**" in order to learn about the arrangements already made and to come.

The entire Anti-Coronavirus Apparatus Unit of the EMP-ABB (DAC2020) was able to benefit from first hand information on the best practices to follow in order to optimize the training center's apparatus in order to continue to guarantee the safety of people within the school and even beyond.



### Adapter les cours de Gestion des Risques de Catastrophes (GRC) de l'EMP-ABB - DAC2020

The working session held on **Tuesday 17 March 2020** with the **"Protection Civile**", was an opportunity for the EMP-ABB to identify and share the parameters for adapting its Disaster Risk Management courses (**GRC**) to the current realities on the ground in Mali and throughout the entire sub-region. These readjustments also incorporate the possibility of transposition and implementation adapted to the current situation. EMP-ABB's objective is to strengthen national skills in health crisis risk planning and management.

The Director General of EMP-ABB has asked the "Centre d'Analyse de l'Espace Sahelo-Sahelien" (C.A.R.E.S.S.) - which offers two Masters in Peacekeeping - and the Director of Instruction (D.I.), Colonel Aliou Bagayoko, to make the necessary additions to the GRC course to bring it in line with the needs and realities of the current situation in the entire region. The EMP-ABB, as a training centre of excellence and a reference centre of ECOWAS and the AU, must be able to respond in an appropriate and qualified manner to the needs of the countries, organizations and agents in charge of promoting, protecting and strengthening the culture of peace throughout the region.

These readjustments made to the Disaster Risk Management course (GRC) will enable the EMP-ABB to meet the current training needs of peacekeepers, in order to equip them with the tools to **produce** expertise adapted to the new environment that Mali and the entire sub-region are facing today.

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> THANK YOU AND REMEMBER TO REMAIN VIGILANT AND RESPONSIBLE!

### Campagne de sensibilisation DAC2020



The National Platform for Disaster Risk Prevention and Management, the Ministry of Security and Civil Protection, the Ministry of Defense and Veterans Affairs, the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of Mali, the Directorate General of Civil Protection (DGPC), The Federation of Artists of Mali (FEDAMA), the communication agency DFA and the Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin Beye (EMP-ABB) of Bamako are launching a major citizen awareness and information campaign on COVID-19 and the new good practices to adopt in response to this global pandemic.

Numerous officials, personalities and public figures have attended the EMP-ABB on **Monday, March 23, 2020** to put their fame to serve the collective interest.

#### ALL TOGETHER, LET'S STOP THE CORONAVIRUS!

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## The New Habits to Develop - DAC2020

