



Peacekeeping School Alioune Blondin Beye de Bamako

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Discussion with
the Director of Training of the EMP-ABB
Colonel Aliou Bagayoko

The EMP-ABB, like other schools and training centers, has acknowledged the decisions taken by the **High Defense Council** in response to the COVID-19 threat. Although training activities have been reduced, the School continues to operate as an entity of the Ministry of Defense and Veterans Affairs. However, we have developed a COVID-19 protocol to allow us to continue our training while protecting ourselves and the trainees. Barrier gestures were strictly observed during all training sessions. It is within this framework that we, with the support of the Federal Republic of Germany, conducted four training sessions on **UNPOL**, **PC BAT**, **DIH** and **CONFON** for the benefit of **Gendarmerie Superior Course**, the "**Ecole d'Etat major Nationale de Koulikoro**" and the "**Ecole d'administration de Koulikoro**" respectively.

Through these different activities, we have demonstrated that the School has the capacity to work in a **constrained environment while keeping the same quality standards** both in terms of content and the way in which we facilitate our sessions. As a result, we have strengthened the capacities of **one hundred and forty-six (146)** trainees including **sixty-six (66)** international trainees in the above-mentioned fields.

The EMP-ABB will continue to conduct training sessions for the benefit of the **Malian Armed Forces**, the structures involved in the **management of COVID-19** and also for the benefit of **foreign armed forces** that request it. This period of slowdown in our activities will have **shown the need to operationalize our online training project** which, we hope, will enable us to reach the greatest number of international trainees without altering the quality of the face-to-face training that is indispensable for practical skills.

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Discussion meeting with the Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces



On Tuesday, March 31, 2020, discussion meeting between the Director General of the EMP-ABB, Brigadier General Mody Béréthé and the **Chief of General Staff of the Armed Forces, Major General Abdoulaye Coulibaly**. The exchanges focused on the different types of training adapted and adjusted to the current situation of high risk of health disasters due to COVID-19 that the EMP-ABB could provide to **FAMAs staff officers**.

These adaptations and adjustments concern in particular courses such as knowledge of the new dynamics on terrorism (Human Factors & Terrorism); Civil-Military Coordination (CIMIC) applied very concretely to the current field contexts, as well as the setting up and implementation of programs adapted in the area of Command and Leadership possible at the EMP-ABB thanks to its Sahelo-Saharan Space Analysis and Research Centre (CARESS). The Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces also stressed the importance of enrolling available officers in the next Master's degree in Post-Conflict Reconstruction at **the CARESS** of the Alioune Blondin Beye Peacekeeping School in Bamako.

This training support for staff officers will be provided while respecting the measures to combat coronavirus and in accordance with the security protocol put in place by the **Ecole de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye (EMP-ABB)** in Bamako.

The Military Attaché of the Kingdom of Denmark

On Friday 17 April 2020, exchanges between the Danish Defense Attaché and the Director General of the EMP-ABB on the new avenues of partnership in times of COVID-19 crisis. Among the various topics discussed were the third phase of the "Peace and Stability" program of the Kingdom of Denmark for the G5 Sahel countries; the consideration of new conflict dynamics and the adaptation of existing modules to the current situation.

The Kingdom of Denmark is a strategic partner of the school, a member of its Board of Governors, funding the "DDR" and "APE" courses, and that has deployed in the past, high-level instructors and provides support and advice on the strategic direction of the school.

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UNPOL

From April 14 to 24, 2020, the "UNPOL" course was held at the **École de Gendarmerie de Faladiè** and delivered by one of the EMP-ABB's **Mobile Training Teams**. The aim of the training course was to strengthen the knowledge of police and gendarmerie officers in the predeployment of **United Nations police**. This "UNPOL" course at the Alioune Blondin Beye Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB) in Bamako, funded by the **Federal Republic of Germany**, enabled the training of a total of **36 trainees from Togo, Niger, Guinea Conakry and Mali**.

PC Bataillon 2020

From April 14 to 24, 2020, the "PC Bataillon 2020" course of the Alioune Blondin Beye Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB) in Bamako took place at the "**École d'État-major Nationale de Koulikoro**". The goal of this training course, delivered by one of the EMP-ABB's Mobile Training Teams, was the acquisition of knowledge and know-how indispensable to Battalion Staff Officers engaged in a UN or African Union peace support operation. The "PC Bataillon 2020" course funded by the **Federal Republic of Germany** trained **21 trainees** from 7 countries: **Côte d'Ivoire; Congo; Guinea Conakry; Niger; Senegal; Chad and Mali**.

DIH

From April 27 to 29, 2020, one of the EMP-ABB's Mobile Training Teams delivered the "DIH" training course at the "**École Militaire d'Administration**" (EMA) of **Koulikoro**. During this course financed by **Japan**, **30 trainees from 12 countries** were trained: **Togo, Gabon, Cameroon, Niger, Guinea Conakry, Benin, Senegal, Madagascar, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Central African Republic and Mali**. The objective of this "DIH" course was to strengthen the capacities of defense and security forces in International Humanitarian Law.

CONFON

From April 6 to 10, 2020, a **Mobile Training Team (M.T.T.)** of the EMP-ABB delivered the "**CONFON**" course at the "**École Militaire d'Administration**" (EMA) of **Koulikoro**. The objective of this training was the acquisition of fundamental knowledge related to **peacekeeping operations (PKOs)**; a prerequisite for United Nations deployment. This training course financed by **Mali** brought together **30 military and gendarmes**, including 27 men and 03 women from 12 countries: **Togo, Republic of Guinea, Chad, Cameroon, Congo, Gabon, Niger, Côte d'Ivoire, Benin, Central African Republic, Madagascar and Mali**.



Donation from Japan

On Friday 01 May 2020, Japan donated a 15-seat minibus to the Alioune Blondin Beye Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB) in Bamako.

A long-standing strategic partner, Japan is also on the Board of Directors of the EMP-ABB and has, among other things, financed numerous training courses such as "DDR", "CIMIC", "RSS", "JT", "Genre", "DIH", "GRC"; as well as seminars, such as the one on the "Development of Northern Mali" for the benefit of the C.N.J.V.R., a contribution of \$4 million in 2019, for more than 651 civilian, military and police trainees from a dozen different countries, including peacekeepers from UN missions and the African Union. In 2020, Japan has also funded "Genre" and "DIH", courses for the **G5 Sahel Joint Force**.

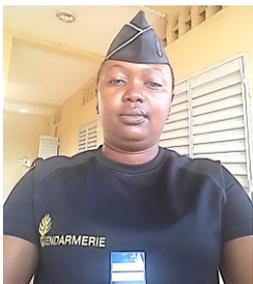
The acquisition of this new 15-seat minibus, in addition to the 4X4 vehicles also donated by Japan in 2019, reinforces the **EMP-ABB's declining vehicle fleet**.

The Masks of the Foundation Princess Esther Kamatari



On Wednesday 15 April 2020, the EMP-ABB received a visit from the **Burundian Princess Esther Kamatari**. That visit was part of the continuation of the anti-coronavirus measures taken by the EMP-ABB. The Esther Kamatari Foundation symbolically donated 100 masks to the EMP-ABB for its staff. The 100 masks were made locally from Malian cotton and transported in bags made of braided dah fibers, also locally and organically produced. As a result of this donation, **EMP-ABB subsidized the production of 1,033 masks** in order to firstly distribute free masks to EMP-ABB staff and their families; and secondly, to be able to provide masks to all the instructors of the school's Mobile Training Teams. In accordance with the instructions of Brigadier General Mody Béréthé, Director General of the EMP-ABB and in accordance **with the safety protocol put in place by the school**, each instructor and trainee must have a mask **provided by the EMP-ABB**.

On Saturday, April 25, 2020, at 12:15 pm (Bamako time), the media **France24** broadcasted an item dedicated to the situation of COVID-19 in some African countries, including Mali. The section devoted **to the local manufacture of masks by the Esther Kamatari Foundation and recorded from EMP-ABB** is available via the link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXJD_M7JSsQ



From April 6 to 29, 2020, the Alioune Blondin Beye Peacekeeping School (EMP-ABB) in Bamako provided 04 training courses via its Mobile Training Teams (M.T.T). Given the anti-coronavirus measures and arrangements put in place at the School, EMP-ABB considered that the use of its mobile teams to continue to deliver training courses externally and to police and military trainees would be beneficial. The following is the feedback from some national and international trainees:

•**Lieutenant Mapouka Adèle Aïdora from the Central African Republic** (CONFON course at the "École Militaire d'Administration de Koulikoro"): I was impressed to learn about the fundamentals of peacekeeping, its role and what peace officers do in the field during these types of missions. This training has allowed me to learn a lot, because back home in the Central African Republic, we had a crisis and I had to work with some United Nations police officers (UNPOL), but I did not know exactly what their mission was. Now that I have this basic knowledge, I will be able to work with them better. The CONFON course really impressed me because I was able to exchange ideas and benefit from instructors' field knowledge and experience.

•**Captain Yacouba Idi Moumouni from Niger** (PC Bataillon 2020 course at the "École d'État-major Nationale de Koulikoro"): Despite the constraints of the VIDOC-19 pandemic, the PC Bataillon 2020 course has been a tremendous asset for the trainees. It has helped to educate future troop commanders on the challenges ahead and the direct consequences that mismanagement or failure to address them can have on operations and even on the entire mission.

•**Staff Sergeant Adizatou Idrissa from Mali** (UNPOL Course at the "École de Gendarmerie de Faladié"): Thanks to this training I have a better understanding of the role, mission and importance of MINUSMA. What is its mandate and the importance it attaches to diversity among its components.

•**Lieutenant Amadou Touré** (UNPOL course at the "École de Gendarmerie de Faladié"): I already had the opportunity to put into practice in Koro and Kangaba, for the management of inter-village conflicts, the teachings received at the EMP-ABB training courses and thus see their effectiveness in real situations in the field. It helped me a lot because the training was a determining factor that allowed me to control and manage the men in the field and to stabilize the area. It would be a good idea to extend the training of the EMP-ABB's Mobile Training Teams (M.T.T.) in the various regions of Mali, because they are really necessary given that they strengthen operational capacities. The instructors present at the Gendarmerie School in Faladié were really up to the task because all the trainees felt involved and everyone fully participated. Big hats off to the instructors!

Good Practices to Maintain DAC2020



GESTES À ADOPTER

Lave-toi très régulièrement les mains, toutes les heures avec de l'eau et du savon ou utilise une solution hydro-alcoolique.



Évite de serrer la main et de faire la bise.

Couvre-toi la bouche et le nez avec un mouchoir en cas d'éternuement.



Au besoin se couvrir le nez avec un masque

Utilise un mouchoir à usage unique, jette-le dans une poubelle fermée et lave-toi les mains



Maintiens une distance d'au moins un mètre avec les autres personnes qui toussent ou qui éternuent

Sans mouchoir, tousse ou étourne dans le pli du coude (pas dans tes mains)



Évite de toucher le visage, le nez, les yeux et la bouche. Ce sont des portes d'entrée pour les virus et nos mains leurs transports en commun.

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#Covid-19

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APPEL GRATUIT



- 1- Qu'est ce que le coronavirus, appelé Covid-19?**

Les coronavirus constituent une famille de virus, à l'origine, chez l'Homme, de maladies allant d'un simple rhume à des pathologies respiratoires graves. Un nouveau coronavirus à l'origine d'infections pulmonaires a été détecté en chine en fin décembre 2019
- 2- Quelles sont les zones à risque ?**

Les premiers cas ont été détectés dans la ville de Wuhan (chine). Avant tout voyage, s'informer des zones concernées.


- 3- Quels sont les modes de transmission ?**

Les infections pulmonaires à coronavirus se transmettent par voie aérienne (postillons, toux...) lors d'un contact étroit et rapproché avec une personne malade. Aucune transmission via des objets n'a été rapportée à ce jour.
- 4- Quand une personne est-elle contagieuse ?**

Une personne est contagieuse le plus souvent à l'apparition des symptômes.
- 5- Quels sont les premiers symptômes ?**

Fièvre, toux, difficulté à respirer survenant dans les 14 jours après le retour d'une zone à risque.
- 6- Comment peut-on se protéger ?**

Pour les personnes malades. Le port du masque chirurgical est recommandé afin d'éviter de propager la maladie par voie aérienne.

Pour les personnes non malades, le port de ce type de masque n'est pas recommandé et son efficacité n'est pas démontrée

Pour les professionnels de santé en contact étroit avec les malades, ils doivent utiliser des équipements de protection spécifiques.

Le lavage des mains est recommandé dans tous les cas.
- 7- Que doit faire une personne de retour d'une zone à risque ?**

Au retour d'une zone où circule le coronavirus

En cas de fièvre, de toux, de difficultés à respirer dans les 14 jours après le retour

Rester chez soi et contacter le numéro vert 36061 en signalant ce voyage

Ne pas aller chez le médecin ou aux urgences de l'hôpital et éviter tout contact avec son entourage.
- 8- Quels sont les traitements ?**

La prise en charge repose sur le traitement des symptômes mis en œuvre dans les établissements de santé identifiés.