



# GUINÉ BISSAU MISSION 2023

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**OUTPOSTS:** LAGOS, ALGARVE, PORTUGAL

**OPERATIOS:** Logistical support; financing; training; creation of Local TCI Unit; International Cooperation

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## DESCRIPTION

Following the success of the Cape Verde mission by Templar Corps Vice-National Commander Portugal Jorge Amador in 2023, the Templar Corps has prepared an ambitious program that aims to deploy equipment, train and certify local first responders, firefighters and paramedics in Portuguese speaking African countries.



“It’s very important that we contribute with this knowledge transfer”, says Commander Rui Herdadinha; “Portugal has a very long and friendly relationship with these young nations, where we find a friend on every corner. For one, the hospitality and kindness of the people of Guine Bissau is unsurpassed. We should do our best to help them develop their skills in every sector. The Templar Corps is especially interested in Humanitarian work.”

“Our training follows European standards and certifications”, explains Vice-National Commander Amador; “Our aim is to create local teams, ready to respond to crisis situations, be it urban fires, basic life support or natural disasters. The era of big international heavy NGO’s is coming to an end. We need to train smaller teams, give them good equipment and help them to be ready to cope with uncertainty and disaster, because when something extreme happens, they are the first ones on the ground. Always”.

To fulfill this mission, the **Templar Corps International** is preparing a list of material and human resources, to offer to the Guiné Bissau government.



## MATERIAL TO TRANSPORT AND LEAVE IN GUINÉ BISSAU AS A DONATION

### Vehicles:

- 1 ambulance, fully equipped
- 1 Light Firefighting car – Urban fire and Rescue

### Cargo:

- Manuals and other documents indicated in the bibliography
- Uniforms, technical gloves and boots for 30 people
- Simulation and training material for each trainer/trainee group:
  - Adult BLSV simulation dummy;
  - Pocket mask with one-way valve and per-former filter.
  - Defibrillator monitor
- Five Intervention Bags (one for each group of six trainees), containing:
  - Aneroid sphygmomanometer;
  - Stethoscope;
  - Thermometer;
  - Pupillary assessment flashlight;
  - Scissors;
  - Disposable gloves;
  - Isothermal blanket;
  - Dressing material, 10x10 bandages and adhesive;
  - Emergency tourniquet.
- Five sets of Traumatology Equipment (one for each group of six trainees), containing:
  - Set of padded wooden splints;
  - Cervical collars;
  - Hard plan with head immobilizers and spider type belt;
  - Orthopedic removal stretcher (Pluma/Scoop);
  - Vacuum stretcher;
  - Extraction vest;
  - Motorcycle helmet

### People:

8 volunteers

- 2 General Coordination
- 1 Diplomatic Coordination
- 1 Logistical and Operational Coordination
- 2 Advisory and Cooperation
- 2 Certified Trainers on the ground

### NEEDS:

The Government of Guiné Bissau will be requested to contribute by:

- Paying for full airfare for 2 Certified Trainers
- Paying for Vehicles and Cargo transportatio fees from Portugal to Guiné Bissau
- Paying for Local Transportation, Secutrity, Food and Boarding for the 2 Certified Trainers for 7 days
- Arranging for 30 trainees from their First Responders units
- Ensuring 2 more Training Actions during 2023/2024



The **Templar Corps International** will finance all preparatory work, including exploratory trips to Guiné Bissau, vehicle acquisition and cargo acquisition as described.

All volunteers will donate their skills, working hours and availability for free.

It is projected that the **Templar Corps International** will need to raise funds from public and private sources.

Please help and donate. Ask for more information at [secretary@templarcorps.org](mailto:secretary@templarcorps.org)

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The **Templar Corps International** declares its adherence to the International Humanitarian Principles, namely:

### **The Principle of Humanity**

Human suffering must be addressed wherever it is found.

### **The Principle of Neutrality**

Humanitarian actors must not take sides in hostilities or engage in controversies of a political, racial, religious, or ideological nature.

### **The Principle of Impartiality**

Humanitarian action must be carried out based on need along, giving priority to the most urgent cases of distress and making no distinctions based on nationality, race, gender religious belief, class or political opinions.

### **The Principle of Independence**

Humanitarian action must be autonomous from the political, economic, military or other objectives that any actor where humanitarian action is being implemented.

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