MULTI-NATIONAL JOINT TASK FORCE (MNJTF) against Boko Haram

OVERVIEW

When? 1/07/2016 – 31/12/2019
Where? Lake Chad basin (region bordering Niger, Chad, Nigeria and Cameroon)
How much? EUR 50 million
With whom? African Union Commission
Why? Increasing regionalisation of Boko Haram threat
How? Support a Multi-National Joint Task Force against Boko Haram

OBJECTIVES

- Contributing to restoring a safe and secure environment in the areas of the Lake Chad basin that are affected by Boko Haram, through increased regional cooperation.
- Reinforcing the ability of the Multi-National Joint Task Force (MNJTF) to coordinate, command and conduct joint multinational operations in the region by providing it with the necessary assets (infrastructure, communication, transportation, etc.) to do so.
HIGHLIGHTS

- **2014**
  - Established by the Lake Chad Basin Commission in 1998 to fight highway banditry and other cross-border crime, the MNJTF was reactivated and authorised by the African Union to conduct combat operations against Boko Haram, intercept trafficked weapons, free hostages and encourage defections.

- **2015**
  - Attacks of MNJTF headquarters in Baga (Nigeria) by Boko Haram militants led to a new political impetus for the expansion of the MNJTF: more troops, expansion of mandate, relocation of the headquarters to N’Djamena, Chad.
  - The European Council concludes that ‘The increasing regionalisation of Boko Haram’s threat requires a collective and comprehensive response to defeat terrorism in full respect of human right

- **2016**
  - Agreement between the European Commission and the AU Commission.
  - Although Boko Haram’s insurgency continues to drive terrorism threat in the region, MNJTF operations have resulted in considerable progress in the fight against the extremists and helped diminish their combat capacity.

APF FUNDING

- **Used for:**
  - Personnel costs: 22%
  - Operational/logistical costs: 78%

BENEFICIARIES

- The MNJTF (10,000 uniformed elements).
- African Union Commission.
- Populations of the Lake Chad Basin.

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