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Follow-up workshop on the implementation of the human rights defenders protection program

Tuesday, August 20, 2013-The West African Human Rights Defenders (WAHRDN/ROADDH) hosted the workshop on "follow-up of the implementation of human rights defenders protection program," which was held from August 7 to 14, 2013 in Lomé (Togo)

The workshop brought together protection officers and security manager officers from West African Human Rights Defenders Network (ROADDH/WAHRDN) and from the Central Africa Human Rights Defenders Network (REDHAC) and aimed, to evaluate successes and challenges of the implementation of the Human Rights Defenders protection program in the two networks. They have benefited from East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Project (EHAHRDP) protection team and the International Protection (IP) expertise.

Participants received advanced training on security information management (Martus) and on safety management elements. The workshop was conducted under the protection program of the Pan African Human Rights Defenders Network (PAHRD-Net), which is constituted of all sub regional African human rights defenders networks.

The program aims at providing every sub-regional network with a protection program and security management program, able to respond effectively to the needs of defenders at risk by providing appropriate protection through the management of their security.

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