OUR COMMITMENT...

RESPONSE TO CRISIS

PARTNER TO STRENGTHEN

CONTRIBUTE EXPEDITIONARY FORCES & EXPERIENCE

OUR CONTRIBUTION...

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United States Marine Corps Forces, Africa, is committed to building partner capacity and interoperability with partner nations through the use of rotational forces and providing the premier crisis response force for U.S. Africa Command.

THE CHALLENGE

Africa's constantly shifting economic, demographic, environmental, and political climates have prevented its populations from experiencing stable and prosperous lives. The sheer size and environmental complexities of Africa pose humanitarian needs and requirements for effective governance that in the past seemed beyond resolution by either individual governments or regional organizations.

Ethnic and religious divisions produce frequent and unfortunate incidents of disorder.

Transnational entities seeking sanctuary to export terrorism or to exploit political weakness and exacerbate existing instability. Such conditions breed discontent and attract extremists. These problems will increasingly impact U.S. interests and prevent African populations from producing and maintaining a climate of safety and prosperity.

OUR ROLE

In a continent full of challenges, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Africa (MARFORAF) provides Crisis Response and Security Force Assistance (SFA) in support of U.S. Africa Command's mission to promote a safe and stable Africa.

In this undertaking, MARFORAF contributes the only continually assigned forces to U.S. AFRICOM, serving on the forefront of crisis response.

Beyond the command's role as a force provider, this economy of force headquarters integrates activities and exercises, through partner nation relationships, that contribute towards security, stability and prosperity on the African continent.

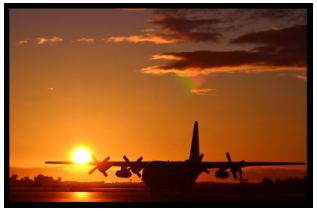
In breaking new ground, MARFORAF builds upon partnerships to facilitate conflict prevention, mitigation, and resolution.

These efforts directly result in unparalleled expeditionary reach to deter and, if required, defeat transnational threats.

MARFORAF's innovation, operational excellence, and value allow the command to adhere to its service conviction to be "the most ready when the nation is least ready."

OUR CONTRIBUTION

- We maintain an expeditionary rotational Special-Purpose MAGTF comprised of Marines and sailors trained and ready to conduct crisis response, theater security cooperation and military to military engagements across Africa.
- We provide a scalable Marine Corps Security Cooperation Task Force with partner forces under the auspices of Africa Partnership Station (APS) Together, the SCTF conducts tailored security force assistance to advance partner sub-regional response capabilities in littoral Africa.

- We support U. S. AFRICOM's "Operation Onward Liberty" mission, the State Department's five-year program for the development and maturation of the Liberian Ministry of Defense, Liberian Coast Guard and Armed Forces of Liberia until Dec 2014.
- We lead "Africa Lion," one of the largest exercises on the continent, and one of many joint and combined events held on a regular basis.
- We reinforce AFRICOM's joint exercises intended to enhance U.S. and African forces' capabilities.

By building strong partnerships facilitated by outstanding personnel and engaging in continuous field exercises, MARFORAF stands ready to respond to crisis and the many complex challenges found in the majestic continent of Africa.