



Togo Maritime Maintenance and Logistics Advisor

The Togolese Navy's small boat inventory donated by the U. S. includes: 1) two 27-ft Defender series craft built by the U.S. based company Safe-Boats in 2009, 2) one 29-ft Metal Shark Defiant series craft built by Gravois Aluminum boats in 2013, and 3) the newest addition to the inventory, a 38-ft Defender series craft also built by Safe Boats in 2018 which was delivered in Oct 2018. Defender #1 and #2 with a 16-person capacity have been in operation for 9 years providing a quick reaction capability for local incidents. The Defiant, as it is named, has amplified the inventory for the last five years with near equal capacities and capability. With several years of operations already logged, these three craft show numerous signs of inadequate maintenance due mostly to a lack of funding for repair and parts.

Several areas of the interior and exterior small boat hulls, deck and fixtures exhibit extensive corrosion which has gone un-checked for several years. Fresh water wash-downs have not been accomplished and proper lubricants are not available in the engineering shop inventory. This is primarily the result of not having the proper procedures provided. The Togolese are eager to learn these processes and willing to develop new standard operating procedures (SOP) to address such issues. Engine guards have been destroyed by alongside queries of target vessels (vessel boarding search & seizure - VBSS) in rough seas. The guards were replaced with heavier incompatible metal, only to meet the same fate of destruction. Damage to the cabins have also occurred from the same mismatch situation which can only be prevented by a review of driving tactics and training. The new 38-ft Defender #4 has not begun operations as the automated information system (AIS) and very high frequency (VHF) radio are not properly working, and delivery technicians did not have required cables and programming equipment for operational functionality. Once introduced to the force, this craft will provide a 24-person payload delivered at 40+ knots, sea-state dependent. This luxury will be short lived without improved boat handling skills along with proper preventive and corrective.

In support of this, Crisis Response Company (CRC) is seeking a qualified Togo Maritime Maintenance and Logistics Advisor in CAR in support our contract with the Department of State, Bureau of African Affairs, Office of Security Affairs (AF/SA). The objective of the position is to institutionalize maintenance policies and procedures, as well as provide small boat operations and maintenance training to primarily assist the Togolese Navy to maintain its U.S. provided small boats.

Key Personnel Required Qualifications

- Ten (10) years' hands-on experience in operations and maintenance of Defender and Shark Boat watercraft required.
- Ten (5) years' experience repairing and maintaining inboard and/or outboard engines required.
- Two (2) years' experience developing and/or delivering training modules required.
- Two (2) years working in Sub-Saharan Africa or a post-conflict region required.
- Speaks and writes French at an intermediated level (2-2).

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About CRC

Crisis Response Company, LLC (CRC) is a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) formed in 2009 by leaders who have captured and led numerous and recent peacekeeping operations on behalf of DoS, DoD, United Nations, the African Union, and Private Industry. CRC's leadership formed the company with a single goal to enable Governments and Private Industry succeed in Security Sector Reform/Transformation, Subject Matter Expert Manning, and Defense initiatives around the globe.