

Strengthening DDR Support to Special Political Missions and Non-Mission Settings

- **Brief description of the project**

- Objective of the project

Under this project, DPO/OROLSI/DDR Section provides substantive support on Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) as well as Community Violence Reduction (CVR) to Member States, SPMs, UN Regional Offices, Special Envoys, and Resident Coordinators in 2023.

The project will continue to facilitate: i) DDR support to SPMs and non-mission settings, as institutionalized through the Secretary-General's reform of the UN Peace and Security Architecture and the A4P agenda; and ii) to contribute to the operationalization of the Integrated DDR Standards (IDDRS).

- Why is the project required?

In line with its new role as system-wide service provider which has been formalized in the context of the UN Peace and Security Architecture reform, the DDR section currently provides DDR/CVR backstopping support to 15 SPMs and non-mission settings¹. However, despite this fact and in line with the ongoing reform process which calls for “zero growth” at present, no additional resources have been provided to the DDR Section by the Peacekeeping Support Account or Regular Budget for this new pillar of work. Thus, the project is necessary to ensure coherence of the UN approach to DDR and compliance with the IDDRS. Furthermore, it will function as a catalyser for field components, improving UN performance on DDR/CVR and support peacebuilding and sustaining peace.

- What is the expected impact of the project?

If DPO could profit from the requested funding, then it could sustain and expand its support to SPMs operational back-stopping support to DDR components/focal points. The provision of technical support and guidance will increase the capacity of SPMs and RCOs to support DDR processes and contribute to stability, conflict prevention and post-conflict recovery (early peacebuilding), including confidence-building measures in the target areas.

- **Expected outcomes, outputs and proposed activities**

Outcomes	Outputs	Proposed Activities
DDR/CVR support to SPMs and non-mission settings sustained and enhanced	DDR/CVR strategies and project documents	DDR/CVR remote technical assistance and facilitation of training opportunities for UN staff and national counterparts
DDR/CVR activities in SPMs and non-mission settings improved	DDR/CVR PBF project proposals	DDR/CVR technical assessment missions with findings reports and recommendations

¹ IDDRS currently provides support to the following SPMs: BINUH, OSESG-Great Lakes, OSESG Syria, OSESG Yemen, UNAMI, UNOAU, UNSMIL, UNSOM, UNVMC as well as in these non-mission Settings: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone.

- **Implementation timeline**

1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023. Donors are encouraged to provide two-year funding to ensure predictability and stability of impact but in line with the objectives of the DPO-DOS Appeal, the budget included below is annual.

- **Explain how the project will further the implementation of the A4P+ priorities.**

Support provided in the context of this project is in line with the A4P agenda, specifically its people-centred approach and focus on politics, partnerships, peacebuilding and sustaining peace (including sub-commitments 1 on advancing political solutions; and sub-commitments 37 on enhancing collaboration and planning between the UN and relevant international, regional and sub-regional organizations and arrangements).

- **How have gender aspects been included in the design and implementation of the project? How does it help the Department implement its women, peace and security and gender parity commitments?**

Gender responsiveness and inclusivity is a guiding principle of the IDDRS. Women are increasingly involved in combat or are associated with armed groups and forces in other roles, work as community peacebuilders, and play essential roles in DDR processes. Technical assistance under the project framework is thus implemented under the framework of UNSCR 1325 (2000).

- **Brief explanation of any risks that the implementation of the project may face and how to mitigate them.**

A successful implementation of the project may be constrained – but certainly not entirely hindered – in case of a serious deterioration of the security situation in one of the beneficiary countries. IDDRS in close cooperation with DPPA-DPO will constantly monitor the situation on the ground to identify potential threats and adapt/adjust activities on the ground accordingly. Furthermore, COVID-19 has disrupted DDR-related activities in DDR field operations as well as at UNHQ. The impact of the pandemic can be mitigated by adjusting project timelines, and re-prioritizing activities which can be conducted remotely.

- **Proposed budget**

Item	Brief Description	Total Amount
P4 Post	Project staff for 1 year	\$254,160.00
Travel costs	4 DDR/CVR field visits to SPMs and non-mission settings per year	\$90,000.00
Programme Support Costs (13%)		\$44,740.80
	Total:	\$388,900.80