

DDR surge capacity to support regional offices and non-mission settings

(a) Brief description of the project

The objective of the project is to provide surge capacity for the DDR Section's increasing support to regional offices which have now acquired their own DDR capacity (e.g. the Office of the Special Envoy for Great Lakes) and issues in non-mission and other settings that cannot be supported otherwise (e.g. requests from the World Bank to support the development of a DDR strategy in Iraq, request from the UNOWA to support the development of the DDR strategy for the Congo). As highlighted in the Action for Peace (A4P) Thematic Consultations on Partnership, *"regional organizations and actors have taken on increasingly important roles in peace and security, and the UN has strengthened its cooperation with a broad range of organizations, such as the African Union, European Union, Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Organisation for the Security and Cooperation in Europe, League of Arab States, and others."* In a context of increased regional focus (e.g. recent work on DDR-like process for Boko Haram) as well as a growing recognition of the work by the DDR Section in areas where no UN mission exists, the trend for such requests is expected to increase. Having not received any additional staffing since 2010, the seven professional posts in the DDR Section (incl. one budgetary GTA) is unable to absorb additional workload. DDRS has not received posts to establish its stand-by / rapid response capacity similar to other OROLSI units (e.g. Police standing capacity) and while the Section is always striving to respond present to requests from regional offices and other UN entities, such responses have recently been done ad hoc and impacted on the work flow within the Section. With dwindling budgets, a possible alternative of sending a field-based expert has become unviable as heads of components refuse such arrangements faced with their own operational challenges.

The project, proposed as a temporary measure, aims at bridging the important gap in DDRS support to issues of regional significance and in non-mission settings. It is a direct response to the increased priority given to both supra-state level in various reform initiatives by the Secretary-General, including the reform of the peace and security architecture which underscores OROLSI DDR Sections' role as system-wide service provider, as well as their other aspect such as prevention. The DDR Section has attempted in the past to address regional issues (e.g. by developing in 2014 a set of SOPs for DDR of the Lord Resistance Army). These initiatives have however been thwarted by the necessity of working with country-specific PKOs (in case of the LRA SOP, they had to be developed separately for – and endorsed consecutively by – three missions in the LRA area of operation: MONUSCO, BINUCA and UNAMID). Request from contexts without a mission but with urgent DDR needs have been addressed on a case-by-case basis.

The implementation of this project will contribute to the increased agility of the United Nations at regional levels and in increased attention to prevention in areas having no peace operation. Most immediately, it will contribute to the development of the DDR-like programme for Boko Haram and better response to the needs in MENA region including Iraq.

(b) Expected Outcomes, Outputs and Proposed Activities

Outcomes	Outputs	Proposed Activities
DDR expert capacity to support issues of supra-state relevance	Three regional strategies on DDR supported	Establishment of surge capacity to support regional DDR issues (Brindisi is a location to consider due to lower operational expenses)
Support on DDR to United nations' regional presence sand offices	SOP on regional approaches to DDR in the context of transnational	Three official travel (based on specific requests) to support United Nations

	(incl. terrorist) armed organisms	regional entities on issues of regional relevance
	DDR expertise provided to regional security-related conferences and events	Development of required regional guidance and thematic guidance of regional application
	DDR programmes in two countries for which no PKO exists	

(c) Implementation Timeline¹

The project is initially proposed for one year, following which its outputs will be assessed before a decision is made on possible extension.

(d) How does this project relate to internal (DPKO and DFS) and external United Nations partners (ie. DPA, DM, etc)?

DDR is always implemented in partnerships. In implementing this project, partnerships with the World Bank or UNDP on reintegration-related issues will be most likely sought.

(e) How gender aspects been included in the design and implementation of the project?

N/A

(f) Brief explanation of any risks that the implementation of the project may face and how to mitigate them.

The United Nations has for a long time operated in country-focused manner. Operations at supra-state level are relatively new and pose a greater challenge, yet contribute to geographically broader and thus potentially stronger impacts. At this point, operational risks cannot be fully defined but the DDR section is one of few DPKO components that possess their own risk-management methodology which will be applied to the project.

(g) Proposed Budget

Item²	Brief Description	Total Amount
1 P4 for 12 months	Surge capacity (based in NY/Bridinsi) to provide support to regional offices / issues	USD 242,995
3 trips to the areas covered	Trips to the Great Lakes Region, Boko Haram area of operation and MENA region as required (flexible, as a response to an identified need)	USD 30,000

¹ Determine whether the project will be implemented in a calendar year or longer and whether there are any dated events that may limit the timing of the funding. For instance, the project will fund a conference already schedule and therefore the funds are required before the conference. There is no need to provide a detailed timeframe of events.

² Post estimates need to include salary for the period together with standard costs, which include the following costs: (i) Rental Premises; (ii) Office Supplies; (iii) Telephone and Fax; and (iv) Computing Services. For the most recent scale of salaries and standard costs, please consult with the Executive Office. If you need a salary list, please contact OCOS or the EO.

Programme Support Costs (13%) ³		USD 35,489
		Total: 308,485

³ Mandatory Programme Support costs to be calculated against the subtotal of the programme support costs.