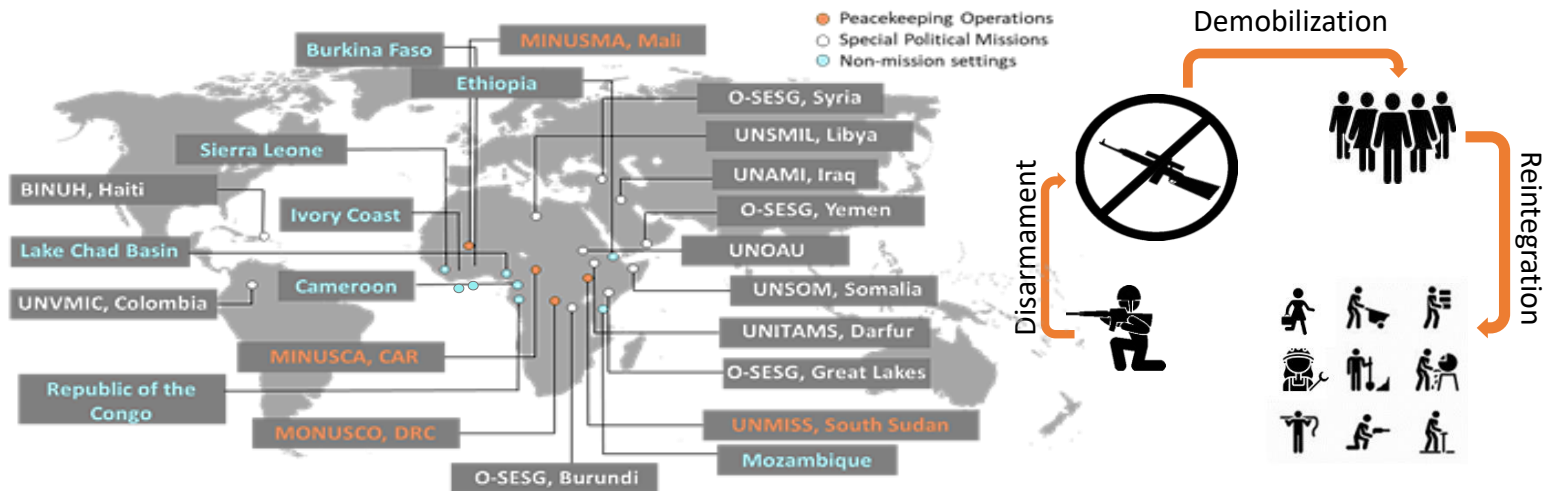




# Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) Section

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The **Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR)** Section is part of the Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions (OROLSI) within the Department of Peace Operations (DPO). DDRS works across the entire peace continuum with UN entities, Member States, regional organizations and other partners towards the development and implementation of integrated local, national and regional DDR processes. Through its HQ office and the DDR Standing Capacity in Brindisi, DDRS provides technical support and guidance as well as back-stopping mechanisms to mitigate the threat posed by armed groups, encourage their members to lay down their arms, demobilize and reintegrate into civilian life. The Section supports efforts in diverse contexts, including Peacekeeping Operations (4), Special Political Missions (11) and Non-mission settings (8).

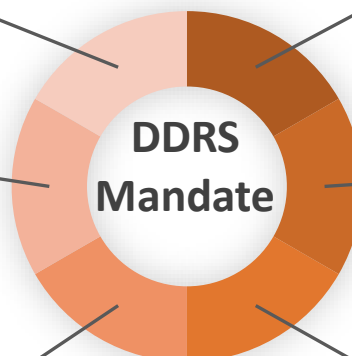


In 2021-22, DDRS will continue to enhance its role as the leading civilian United Nations entity in designing and implementing DDR processes for managing the risks posed by armed groups and their members in fragile, conflict and post-conflict settings. Through **DDR**, **Community Violence Reduction (CVR)** and **Weapons and Ammunition Management (WAM)**, the **DDR Section** provides support on managing non-state armed groups, including groups associated with violent extremism, and on prevention of (re)-recruitment. It also supports efforts to prevent the escalation of violence and contributes to stability within communities while ensuring the full involvement of women and youth. The **DDR Section Mandate** encompasses the following elements:

Planning and providing operational advice, programmatic and coordination support. Coordinating DDR/CVR/WAM programmes (including planning, budget and reporting) within the Secretariat, UN agencies, funds and programmes.

Monitoring and Evaluation of DDR/CVR/WAM activities. Consolidating lessons learned and best practices.

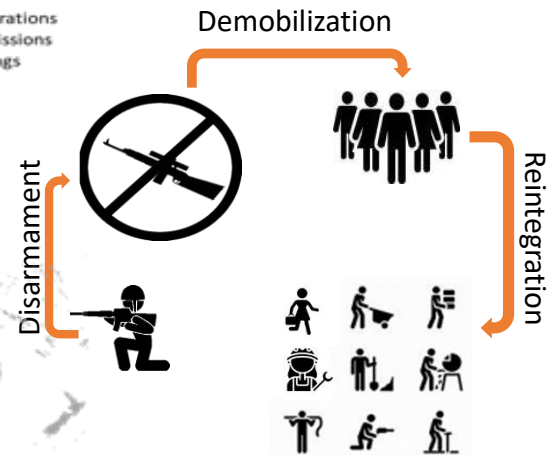
Developing partnership, including with interagency arrangements (e.g. Group of Friends-GoF & Inter-Agency Working Group-IAWG) and financial institutions (e.g. World Bank), to strengthen system-wide DDR, CVR and WAM activities in coordination with relevant parts of the Peace and Security Pillar.



Supporting mediation, ceasefire and peace agreement negotiations through the provision of expertise to peace operations, UN country teams, national authorities, regional organizations and bilateral partners.

Developing and updating policy and guidance for the implementation of DDR/CVR/WAM activities.

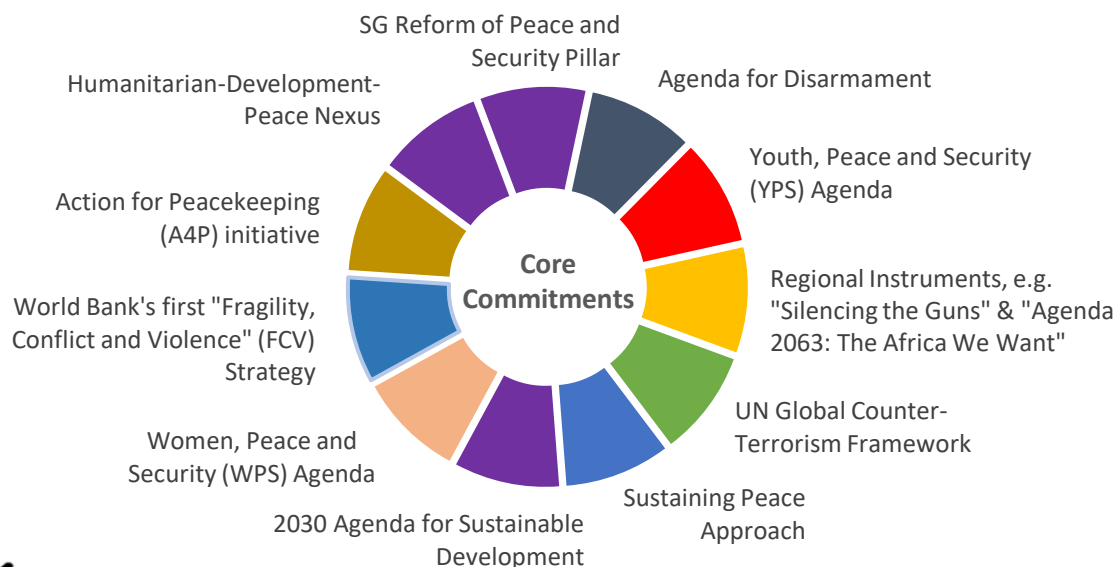
Providing capacity-building, including translating policy into training with support from training centres for UN personnel, national actors, and external partners.



## Vision 2021-22

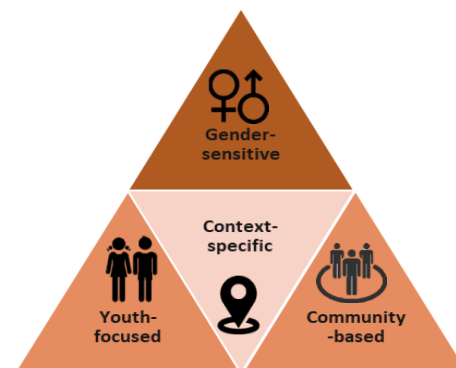


DDRS is committed to improving individual, community, national, and regional security through the management of armed groups, in line with international policy guidance and nationally set objectives. DDR, CVR and WAM activities are planned, designed and implemented to align, complement and advance commitments and objectives of political strategies, humanitarian and development frameworks, as well as international and regional instruments and strategies.



## Objectives 2021-22

- To manage armed groups dynamics across their life cycle and to enhance regional, national, and community-level security through policy & guidance development (IDDRS, SOP CVR, SOP WAM, SOP M&E, WAM & DDR Handbook), coordination & back-stopping mechanisms (e.g. IAWG);
- To provide policy, operational, and technical advice to peace operations to support them in the implementation of their Security Council mandated DDR/CVR tasks;
- To increase awareness of the importance of DDR processes, as enshrined in the IDDRS, to international peace and security, conflict prevention and sustaining peace through outreach and sensitization (GoF, Resident Coordinators, etc.), and through strengthened engagements with UN country teams, national authorities, and regional organizations;
- To ensure effective participation of a broad range of stakeholders<sup>1</sup> in DDR processes through joint assessments as well as planning, outreach, tailored capacity building and training (e.g. Integrated DDR Training Group);
- To support the implementation of tailored and conflict-sensitive approaches, particularly to broaden the reach of DDR services in new settings, through new partnerships.



All DDR processes are structured around these 4 cross-cutting issues.

<sup>1</sup> United Nations system, IFIs, member states, international – regional – sub/regional and local institutions, academia, private sector.