

## **Establishing OROLSI Capacity to Deliver as a UN System-Wide Service Provider through the Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law**

*Project to be implemented on behalf of and bringing together all relevant components of the Department of Peace Operations, which co-chairs the GFP arrangement*

### **(a) Brief description of the project**

#### **(i) Objective of the project:**

The Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law brings together complementary UN capacities in efforts to improve delivery on the ground with a view to preventing the outbreak, escalation, continuation and recurrence of violent conflict. DPO and UNDP have been entrusted by the Secretary-General with joint responsibility to convene UN entities in order to respond to country-level requests. Key GFP partners include EOSG, OHCHR, UN Women, UNODC, UNHCR and UNICEF.

In 2018, an external review of the GFP taking into consideration the lessons learned and outputs, highlighted the need for a strengthened management structure of the GFP to enable it to serve as an effective joint delivery mechanism that operates across pillars. Furthermore, in 2019, as a result of the UN peace and security architecture reform, OROLSI was requested by the Secretary-General to serve as a UN system-wide service-provider in the areas of rule of law and security institutions; however, additional resources were not allocated to enable OROLSI to meet demands.

In order to maximize the efficiency and output of the GFP arrangement, resources are required to establish a dedicated GFP coordination capacity to serve as a secretariat of the GFP arrangement. It will also provide technical expertise for the design of joint programmes and back-up support to the implementation of GFP joint projects and activities in the field. Given the complexities of operational demands, many of which are re-orienting in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this “Core Team” will lead the development of engagement criteria and coordinate the development of operational guidance and advisory support to leadership. The Core Team will establish a monitoring and evaluative mechanism of activities undertaken and provide recommendations for senior management endorsement. Scaling up outreach for both political and financial support will be led by the Core Team and involve setting strategic communications and resource mobilization strategies.

#### **(ii) Why the project is necessary and how it relates to the implementation of the A4P commitments.**

Building upon the Secretary-General’s Action for Peacekeeping Initiative (A4P), OROLSI is fully committed to the implementation of the shared commitments and continues to build strong partnerships with Member States and other stakeholders. The Core Team’s work world contribute to all thematic A4P areas as the work of GFP projects and programmes are developed in accordance with supporting lasting political solutions, protecting communities and personnel, ensuring accountability, preventing violence and mainstreaming the women, peace and security agenda.

#### **(iii) What is the expected impact of the project?**

The expected impact of the project will enable OROLSI to fulfil its UN system-wide service-provider role by increasing its responsiveness to the Member States and UN Country Teams seeking technical advisory support, whether in an ongoing conflict-affected context or in situations calling for urgent preventative measures.

## **(b) Expected Outcomes, Outputs and Proposed Activities**

### Outcomes

- GFP Strategic Steering Committee supported to enable overall strategic direction.
- Management Team supported in substantive decision-making and follow-up.
- Backstopping support in the design and implementation of work carried out within the framework of the GFP provided; flexibility and innovation prioritized to adapt including in the COVID-19 context.
- Requesting beneficiaries, including Member States and UN entities, receive timely and comprehensive technical support tailored to specific needs.

### Outputs

- Develop and manage a knowledge management tool based upon best practices and lessons learned in UN peace operation contexts, through Standing Capacities' deployments, as well as HQ-level activities.
- Strategic Steering Committee the GFP's Annual Plan.
- Multi-expertise support packages deployed through UNLB-based Standing Capacities through a dedicated coordinator.

### Activities

- Coordinate the expansion of the GFP arrangement as recommended by the 2018 Review.
- Develop the engagement criteria and guidelines for the work of the GFP in the field.
- Provide technical expertise to the field on joint project design and good practices.
- Manage the disbursement of joint GFP XB resources.
- Monitor and evaluate the impact of the activities undertaken within the GFP and formulate recommendations as necessary for the Management Team and Strategic Steering Committee.
- Facilitate meetings of the Strategic Steering Committee, convening meetings of the Management Team, as well as coordinate meetings with donors and Member States at the request of the Strategic Steering Committee and/or the Management Team.

## **(c) Implementation Timeline**

The project funds the activities of the GFP Core Team for one year.

## **(d) How does this project relate to internal and external United Nations partners?**

The GFP Core Team would complement the work of member entities by harnessing the comparative advantages of each resulting in intensive deliberation on project development and close monitoring on implementation. The GFP is an effective joint UN mechanism operating across the pillars of peace and security and development; the One UN spirit is engrained in the purpose and methods.

## **(e) How gender aspects been included in the design and implementation of the project? How does it help the Department to implement their Women, Peace and Security and Gender Parity commitments?**

Within its remit to monitor and evaluate projects, provide backstopping support to UN peace operations, devise strategic plans including communications-related, the GFP Core Team ensures that projects and GFP activities duly take into account gender dimensions and comply with all relevant UN policies and guidance pertaining to gender equality, responsiveness, mainstreaming and parity. Adherence to the UN Human Rights Due Diligence Policy is prioritized, when applicable,

and gender-related data and perspectives are given due consideration through the process. OROLSI's well-established approach to incorporate gender analysis in project design, implementation and evaluation will serve the wider-UN peace and security pillar through the expanded UN service-provider role OROLSI assumed post-UN reform in 2019.

**(f) Brief explanation of any risks that the implementation of the project may face and how to mitigate them, including with regards to the impact of COVID-19.**

With regard to the COVID-19 pandemic, OROLSI has developed operational guidance in the areas of policing, decongesting prisons and places of detention, and on remote access to justice. Guidance in other OROLSI areas is in development (including Security Sector Reform) and there is an expectation that targeted guidance of this kind will need to continue as the public health crisis ensues affecting some of the most vulnerable countries. Therefore, additional capacity to identify needs and development appropriate guidance is deemed critical. A lack of preparedness will have deleterious effects on the stability of peace and security in countries relying on UN support.

**(g) Proposed Budget**

<b>Item<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
Operational costs	Discretionary funds which will be exclusively utilized for delivering operational support to the field.	\$175,000
Chief (D1), HQ-based	Serve as Team Leader of the Core Team by identifying priorities, facilitating coordination across GFP member entities, liaising with Member States, Mission leadership and Resident Coordinators. Reports routinely to the ASG-DPKO/OROLSI and jointly to the ASG-DPKO/OROLSI and ASG-UNDP/BPPS.	\$315,700
Political Affairs Officer (P4), HQ-based	Backstopping support for joint programmes in UN peace operations and in non-UN field mission settings; monitor political and security developments in GFP supported countries and potential beneficiary countries; contributes to project design and implementation plans; and, coordinates the collection of best practices and lessons learned.	\$236,300
Political Affairs Officer (P4), UNLB-based	Backstopping support for joint programmes in UN peace operations and in non-UN field mission settings specific to	\$188,000

<sup>1</sup> 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 ODCSS or the EO.

	<p>deployments undertaken by the Standing Capacities (Police, Justice, Corrections, SSR and DDR); serves as a liaison between the various Standing Capacities ensuring coordination and complementarity; contributes to project design and implementation plans, including designing multi-expertise support packages for short-medium term deployments; and, coordinates the collection of best practices and lessons learned.</p>	
Coordination Officer (P3)	<p>Coordinates OROLSI Core Team's contributions to the wider GFP arrangement including inputs to reports, policies, guidance, fund management, and strategic communications. Supports the Team Leader, as needed.</p>	\$196,400
Programme Support Costs (13%) <sup>2</sup>		\$144,482
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$1,255,882</b>

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<sup>2</sup> Mandatory Programme Support costs to be calculated against the subtotal of the programme support costs.