The Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law (GFP) is a United Nations platform co-chaired by DPKO and UNDP that is designed to strengthen the provision of rule of law assistance to address and prevent violent conflict, to protect human rights and to restore justice and security for conflict-affected people. The GFP is a field-focused arrangement that enables United Nations entities, including UNODC, UNHCR, OHCHR, EOSG, UN Women and others, to jointly pursue shared objectives, in accordance with their mandates and capacities. GFP partners promote United Nations norms and standards, including gender mainstreaming and human rights-based approaches.

GFP coordinating platforms and working group arrangements are established both at Headquarters and in the field to increase United Nations coherence, align strategies and programs with national development plans, serve as a single entry-point for host governments, and to achieve better results drawing on the expertise of the contributing agencies.

Through joint assessments, planning, and programming, the GFP arrangement has been supporting a coordinated UN approach to rule of law assistance, relying primarily on voluntary funding and striving to increase impact and results by:

- Reducing competition
- Leverage expertize
- Encouraging innovation
- Rapid deployment of expertise and joint delivery
- Joint knowledge and training
- Joint fundraising efforts for country programmes
- Joint assessments, planning and design of assistance

**GFP Partners**
UN entities working on the rule of law including DPKO, UNDP, OHCHR, UNHCR, UNODC, UN Women and the EOSG.

**Coverage**
The GFP operates in the following settings: Prevention and/or Sustaining Peace; Conflict and Post-Conflict; and Transitions.
42 DEPLOYMENTS OF EXPERTISE
including UNPOL officers and experts in corrections, gender and programming to 14 countries (January 2016 to October 2018)

6 WORKSHOPS
organized by GFP for country-level staff and contributed to trainings on transitions and corrections

51 JOINT ASSESSMENT MISSIONS
including to Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, CAR, Côte d’Ivoire, Darfur, DRC, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Jamaica, Mali, Liberia, Libya, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Timor Leste, Yemen (since 2012)

10 JOINT PROGRAMMES
including Central Africa Republic, Kosovo, Mali, Somalia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea-Bissau, Darfur, The Gambia

PEACE OPERATION SETTINGS
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
GFP partners jointly support the restoration of criminal justice and security institutions, including the operationalization of the national Special Criminal Court. These efforts support the extension of state authority, the fight against impunity and the effectiveness of the criminal justice system. At Headquarters, GFP partners provide support to the Reference Group on the rule of law and the fight against impunity in CAR, chaired by Morocco, to garner political and financial support for the Special Court and other rule of law initiatives.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
GFP partners’ assistance to the Prosecution Support Cells (PSC) accelerated trials in the military justice system. The assistance of PSC have resulted in the conviction of 990 perpetrators, including 507 Forces Armées de la RDC officials and 483 armed groups members and civilians. More female magistrates were deployed to the eastern part of the country in 2017. A total of 1,726 cases of sexual and gender-based violence were registered and 643 judgments were delivered, resulting in the convictions of senior militia members for rape and sexual slavery.

TRANSITION SETTINGS
HAITI
The GFP joint rule of law programme aims to:
- Enhance public security via support to the police,
- Promote a more effective and transparent justice system,
- Improve access to justice and enhance the prison administration.
During transition periods, GFP partners have provided integrated support to ensure that the vital gains in the areas of police, justice and corrections are sustained and that development priorities are advanced jointly.

LIBERIA
GFP partners successfully supported the transition process from UNMIL to UN Country Team partners that are now implementing a well-resourced joint rule of law programme. As UNMIL was closing, the GFP arrangement was instrumental in developing the joint rule of law programme which ensured that the UN effectively sustained capacity development support. The programme moves Liberia towards development through access to justice initiatives and community security services for the Liberian People (2016-2019).

PREVENTION/SUSTAINING PEACE SETTINGS
ETHIOPIA
Under the framework of the GFP arrangement, police capacity from DPKO’s Standing Police Capacity was deployed to the Gambella region in Ethiopia. The outcome of this exercise will feed into a joint project that aims to enhance the provision of rule of law to refugees from South Sudan and their host communities in the Gambella region. The joint endeavour was initiated by UNHCR and UNDP with support of UN Women and UNICEF.

THE GAMBIA
The UN, through the GFP and SSR Task Force, supported the country to complete a government-led and inclusive SSR assessment. The assessment successfully laid the foundation for developing a national Security Sector Reform Policy, and subsequently a security strategy to address existing gaps. The UN support is designed to connect and sequence implementation of SSR reforms with transitional justice, access to justice, human rights and conflict prevention efforts.

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