

## Rule of Law for Peace: A Study on the Contribution of the Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions to Peace Processes

### **Brief description of the project**

- Objective of the project

The objective of the project is to provide quantitative and qualitative evidence on the experiences, lessons and good practices stemming from the contribution of Headquarters and field specialists of the Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions (OROLSI) to national peace processes, including mediation, negotiation and implementation of peace agreements, as well as practical and forward-looking recommendations on how to improve OROLSI's capacity to bring positive and sustainable impact to peace processes. The findings and recommendations, brought together into a detailed report, will also lead to the development of a one-hour training module for OROLSI specialists.

- Why is the project required

The Secretary-General, in his reporting to the General Assembly on UN reform (A/72/772), lays out that OROLSI “would continue to serve as a system-wide service provider for mission and non-mission settings, [as] [i]t would help implement [his] vision for preventing violent conflict and sustaining peace”. To this end, OROLSI was tasked to “contribut[e], as appropriate, to mediation efforts, peace and transition processes”. In turn, the General Assembly, by adopting A/RES/72/262C, “support[ed]” the Secretary General’s reform vision. Against this backdrop, OROLSI integrated this increase in responsibility in its vision statement and priorities for 2020 and beyond. However, there is still no systematic and evidence-based research into how OROLSI did or should contribute to mediation efforts and peace and transition processes, and a careful and dedicated study, along with a training tool, are therefore needed to ensure that OROLSI fulfils its mandate as set forth by the Secretary-General and the General Assembly.

- What is the expected impact of the project?

The project will enable OROLSI Headquarters and field specialists to make better-informed, more effective, better coordinated, more sustainable and more contextualized contributions to peace processes, thereby increasing the chances of those peace processes succeeding, being more realistic, and addressing the national rule of law- and security institutions-related deficits and challenges.

### **Expected Outcomes, Outputs and Proposed Activities**

Outcomes	Outputs	Proposed Activities
OROLSI specialists are better equipped to make effective contributions to national peace processes	Study report One-hour training module	Desk research Field research Interviews and workshops

### **• Implementation Timeline**

1 January to 31 December 2022 (12 months)

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

The project output and outcome will contribute directly and explicitly to A4P commitments related to advancing political solution to conflict and enhancing the political impact of peacekeeping, and more particularly will allow OROLSI and the UN more broadly to further engage to advance political solutions to conflict and to pursue complementary political objectives and integrated strategies, including at national and regional levels. The project will also contribute directly and explicitly to A4P+ priorities, especially towards enhancing collective coherence behind a political strategy.

- **How have 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?**

The project is designed and will be implemented with explicit and careful considerations for gender equality in providing guidance to OROLSI specialists on how to contribute to and enhance peace processes through the equal participation of men and women, with a particular focus on increasing women's participation and representation and on highlighting the specific needs and concerns of women, as per the Department's commitments to the women, peace and security agenda.

- **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 (if relevant).**

Risks to the implementation of this project relate mostly to the possible difficulties in accessing documents or individuals with relevant information to the research, due to time and geographic constraints, and relate also to the COVID-19-related restrictions that might impede field-based research. Those risks will be mitigated through building in flexibility and margin of manoeuvre within the project's timeline, and through the use of telecommunications tools for performing some of the field research.

- **Proposed Budget**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
Consultant	Research, report drafting (6 months)	\$79,200
Consultant	Training module development (1 month)	\$12,210
Travel	Field research	\$20,000
Publications	Report formatting, editing and printing	\$10,000
Publications	Translation of report and training module	\$5,000
Contractual Services	Report launch event	\$3,000
Programme Support Costs (13%)		\$16,823
		<b>Total: \$146,233</b>