TDRP Quarterly Report

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1. OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

1.1 REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

AFRICAN UNION DDR CAPACITY PROGRAM (AU DDRCP)

Methodology Workshop on the collaborative Assessment of Non State Armed Groups

From 13-14 July 2015, the African Union Commission (AUC) convened a methodology workshop on the collaborative assessment of non-state armed groups in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The meeting was organized as a follow-up from the main outcomes agreed upon from the 4th African Union Small Arms Light Weapons/Disarmament Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) Steering Committee Meeting held in Lusaka, Zambia from 8-9 December 2014, where a concept paper on “Assessment of Non- Non State Armed Groups (NSAGs) and Advancing Stabilization, DDR, and Cross Border Security and Development Efforts on the African Continent” was presented, and discussed.

The workshops helped the AUC and its partners to shape the analytical guidelines, provided conceptual clarity and outlined the approach and methodology in the concept note for the study. A detailed Operational plan of the study was also presented, and the Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the SALWs/DDR Steering Committee (SCM) Task Team/Sub-Committee serving as a Critical Review Panel for the execution of the study was discussed as well.

These intended outcomes will support the final review and adjustment of the scope of the study accordingly, and will also help to enhance a collaborative and coherent engagement strategy by all partners interested in the study and its future outcomes.

DSD Follow-up Assessment Mission to Mogadishu, Somalia

From September 16-17, 2015, as part of the AU Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) Capacity program, the Defense and Security Division (DSD) undertook an assessment mission on Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR), including on the Reception and Hand-Over of Children Separated from Armed Groups in Somalia. The assessment mission included four critical aspects of security, stabilization and development, namely (i) Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) including arms management, (ii) Security Sector Reform (SSR), (iii) the reception and hand-over of children and (iv) women separated from armed groups.

DSD undertook the mission to provide vital DDR support to AMISOM, as part of their mandate to assist in the implementation of the National Security Stabilization Program (NSSP). The mission met with AMISOM, particularly with DDR/Disengaging combatants, Security Sector Reform and Gender peace and Security officers, United Nations Support to Somalia (UNSOM) and the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS).
The team concluded its consultation and outlined specific follow-up recommendation through the development of an implementation matrix which identifies key activities as well as the lead person. In addition, the team also stressed need for follow up and expedite the recruitment process of the DDR and SSR consultants to be deployed to AMISOM. Lastly, the mission team also discussed and considered the training of the disengaging combatants SOP and the AU DDR guidance documents as part of pre-deployment training.

**Operations Guidance Notes on Foreign Fighters (FF) and Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)**

TDRP hired consultants to assist in the development of Operations Guidance Notes on FF and CVE. The outlines of the documents are currently developed and undergoing a review process.

**Fourth AU DDR Newsletter Published**

The fourth AU DDR Newsletter issue was published in August 2015. The newly released newsletter highlighted the launch of the AU DDR site, and provided brief summary of important meetings and workshops that took place during the last phase. Besides the workshop on the Development of an AU DDR Compendium and Training Standards Manual in Addis Ababa, there were also the Fifth Meeting of the AU - Regions Steering Committee on SALW/DDR, Methodology Workshop on the collaborative Assessment of Non State Armed Groups and Senior Government Officials Meeting on the Arms Trade Treaty. In addition, a Child Protection Study Tour for Somali Officials happened in Uganda, and AU sends RECs/RM Representatives to an advanced stabilization and reintegration DDR training.

### 1.2 Country Activities

**Central African Republic**

In this quarter, TDRP continued working with the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) DDR team in the development of national DDR program. A TDRP mission visited Bangui in September 2015 and met with officials from the Transitional Government who are working on DDR and Security Sector Reform, World Bank country team and MINUSCA leadership. In this quarter, TDPR and MINUSCA DDR developed a joint proposal for financing support from the UN-World Bank Partnership Trust Fund, which aims to deepen cooperation between the World Bank and the UN in fragile and conflict-affected situations. TDRP and MINUSCA DDR teams will develop terms of reference for socio-economic assessment of beneficiaries and communities and mapping of potential implementing partners. TDRP will continue supporting MINUSCA and the Government through continued coordination and technical assistance during the pre-DDR process.

**Democratic Republic of Congo**

**DDR III**
On July 09th 2015, another major step was accomplished with the signing of the legal documents (Financial Agreement & Grant Agreement) of the Reinsertion & Reintegration Project, in Kinshasa, by the Minister of Finance and the World Bank Country Director. Following the signatures of the legal accords, a World Bank/TDRP mission travelled to Kinshasa from July 20 - 30 with the objectives to start the preparation of the ESMF (Environmental Social and Management Framework), the baseline and to closely follow-up on the status of the project effectiveness. During the mission the Sr. Social Safeguard Specialist worked with the UEPNDDR to prepare the required ToRs for the ESMF and also conducted a training on the grievance redress mechanism that need to be put in place. The mission, which included the WB Sr. Financial Management Expert and Procurement Specialist, held many working sessions with the UEPNDDR to advance the preparation of the Project Implementation Manual. In addition, the mission received updates from the UEPNDDR on the preliminary activities of the Project related to disarmament and demobilization and a total of 4,189 person (including 89 female) have been demobilized at the end of July in the CTA in Kitona and Kamina. Based on the mission recommendation, the UEPNDDR finalized a new version of the PIM, and a last set of comments has been sent to the UEPNDDR to have a final version ready by early October. Regarding the effectiveness, the GoDRC reviewed the signed accords during a commission and it is expected to be approved during a Council of Minister in early October to finally receive the legal opinion – the Project should therefore be effective before the end of October. In addition, the WB/TDRP continued to follow up with interested donors to contribute to the established MDTF, and a new contribution from the EU is expected for the month of October. Finally, a WB/TDRP mission went to Kinshasa at the end of September/ early October to continue to follow-up and to ensure that activities will start as soon as possible – this mission will be reported in the next Quarterly Report.

Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF): Social Cohesion and Livelihood Support Project in Province Orientale

The team received comments from the JSDF on the DRC project concept note package and submitted the revised package including cost table in September. The team is awaiting clearance on the concept package from Japan to proceed to the next step of project appraisal package preparation. It is planned to submit the package before the end of this calendar year to launch the project in the first quarter of 2016.

MALI

In August, the World Bank Country Management Unit requested the TDRP team to develop the concept for a reinsertion project. As an integral part of the global DDR program, the project would provide reinsertion support to disarmed and demobilized ex-combatants through a community-based approach. It is expected that the new project will be co-financed by World Bank’s International Development Association (IDA) and a new multi-donor trust fund to channel donor contributions. In October, a TDRP mission will travel to Bamako to discuss the reinsertion project concept with stakeholders including the Government, World Bank country team, the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) DDR Unit and development partners. To inform the design of reinsertion activities, TDRP has been working with a local research institute to conduct a rapid survey of armed groups. In addition, TDRP technical support continued in this quarter, focusing on organizational set-up and institutional framework of DDR.

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN
South Sudan DDR Technical Assistance

This quarter the Republic of South Sudan made important progress when on August 27, 2015 President Kiir signed a peace agreement with the opposition forces, officially ending the conflict which has been ongoing since December 2013. While there are still challenges in terms of enforcement and additional work to be done to fill out the implementation detail for the agreement, the signing of the agreement is a crucial milestone for the country. The TDRP team has maintained an open dialogue with the South Sudan National DDR Commission (NDDRC) throughout this crisis particularly regarding the country’s DDR strategy moving forward and has encouraged the NDDRC to advise the peace talks on the implementation details of the agreement so as to avoid some of the pitfalls which followed the CPA agreement. The TDRP team is also in the process of briefing new World Bank country team management on these issues to continue the positive momentum developed over the course of the DDR Pilot Reintegration Project.

Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF): Economic Empowerment Training for Conflict-Affected Youth Project

The Project Concept Note for the South Sudan Economic Empowerment Training for Conflict-Affected Youth Project is currently under consideration by the Japanese representatives of the JSDF committee following approval by the country team in late May 2015. The project aims to provide an economic empowerment training program for conflict-affected youth in South Sudan through development of the curriculum, skilling of trainers and piloting the training. This is a critical initiative as it will enhance the country’s training capacity which will be necessary for eventual implementation of any DDR program in the country. At the same time there is widespread agreement that livelihoods support for youth is a priority in South Sudan.

Republic of Congo

Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF)

The team also received comments from the JSDF on the RoC project concept note package and submitted the revised package including cost table in September. The team is awaiting clearance on the concept package from Japan to proceed to the next step of project appraisal package preparation. It is planned to submit the package before the end of this calendar year to launch the project in the first quarter of 2016.

2. Knowledge Management

2.1 Conferences and Workshops

A key component of TDRP’s knowledge management is disseminating knowledge on conflict and post-conflict issues through workshops and conferences.

Workshop in the Philippines
The TDRP was requested to share best practice from its projects with the Bangsamoro Normalization (Reintegration) Program in the Philippines and the ACR (the Colombian Agency for Reintegration). Presentations to the Government of Philippines, the Bangsamoro Normalization Commission, and the Joint Normalization Committee were centered on how the TDRP has structured Trust Funds and Implementation modalities in projects in Africa. To the same bodies, as well as to the ACR, colleagues in these DDR programs were interested in Institutional arrangements as well as reintegration modalities. The TDRP has also worked to produce a draft paper on Violence Extremism and Radicalization, which looks at strategies employed to counter both trends and how these can possibly be used in DDR programing.

3. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

TFC MEETING

The objectives of the upcoming TDRP TFC meeting in October 19-10 are (i) to provide an update on TDRP implementation; (ii) to present the findings of the external TDRP evaluation; and (iii) to present and discuss the strategic vision and program concept. To this end, during the past quarter, the external evaluators had interviews and discussions with the development partners, African Union, United Nations, DDR Commissions and World Bank colleagues. The Manager for the Social Urban and Rural Resilience Global Practice will also participate in the upcoming meeting.

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TDRP currently has seven staff, eight full-time and one part-time consultants who maintain constant contribution to its work. The TDRP staff and consultants are now mapped under Global Practice 13: Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience. Staff are located at Washington, Nairobi, and Kigali; Consultants at Abidjan, Addis Ababa, Copenhagen, Juba, Nairobi, and Washington.

4. Financial Management

The total disbursement reached 82% of the trust fund amount, or US$ 34,657,907 (As of September 30, 2015) out of the total amount of US$ 42,583,887.

5. Outlook for Next Quarter

Planned Activities in the upcoming quarter (October – December 2015)

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The second quarterly report of FY16 will be issued on January 16, 2016.