



Transitional Demobilization and Reintegration Program

# QUARTERLY REPORT

January – March 2010



This third quarterly report for the Transitional Demobilization and Reintegration Program (TDRP) covers the months of January, February and March 2010. Over this period, the TDRP Technical Team:

- Consolidated alliances with key partners
- Finalized preparations for two DDRnet events in April
- Continued follow up of closing of MDRP (audit, independent evaluation).

## **I. Program Management**

In the first quarter of 2010, the TDRP technical team continued consultations with the organizations it had contacted previously, solidifying connections already built and identifying concrete opportunities for collaboration. In particular, contacts with DPKO, ISS and UNICEF have led to proposals for joint analytical and technical work. This will be launched over the next quarter.

The Technical Team held a videoconference with country counterparts on January 29. Five of the seven Great Lakes countries within TDRP's scope participated, expressing continued interest in a regional facility following the close of the MDRP. Country partners gave an update of their respective DDR programs. They emphasized the need to continue some cross-border activities and sharing of experience during the proposed DDRnet events.

The TDRP Technical Team will be reinforced by a Senior Conflict and Development specialist, who will lead the quality enhancement and M&E work across TDRP countries, with a focus on the DRC. Recruitment was launched in January and a suitable candidate has been identified. The selection and hiring process will be finalized in the next quarter.

### ***Communications***

The TDRP website, **tdrp.net**, was launched publicly on February 1, 2010. Feedback to date has been positive and readership has increased fourfold in the first three months, albeit remaining at modest levels so far. The site will benefit from information and stories coming directly from country partners, and the TDRP technical team encouraged this type of submissions. It is important to note that the MDRP website, which contains a wealth of information on DDR in the Great Lakes, both about projects and analytical work, is still attracting a large number of visitors every month (over 2,000 unique visitors). This is a testimony to the value of the information it contains and to the program itself. In particular, the page "Documents and Reports", which contains all the analytical work done under the MDRP, gets the most visits.

## II. Trust Fund Status

Since last quarter, the TDRP trust fund has been augmented by the Norwegian MDRP surplus (over \$253,000), reaching a total of US\$ 30.6 million as of March 31, 2010. Now that the MDRP audit is finalized, the transfer of MDRP surplus from Belgium, France, Finland, Italy and Norway will take place in the next quarter. The funds received adequately cover the needs identified.

Disbursements have remained relatively flat during this period, but we expect this to change significantly in the next quarter once the Central African Republic (CAR) operation is processed and the Rwanda grant is disbursed. Consolidating partnerships and alliances following the DDRnet events (see section III-B below) will also result in additional expenses. Lastly, a scoping exercise currently underway to assess M&E needs is generating significant demands for TDRP support.

Our financial reporting format may change slightly in the next quarter following a revised setup of the trust fund hierarchy. This will allow the TDRP team to better track expenses for each specific project/activity and thus to report on them.

Annex 1 shows a detailed breakdown of contributions and disbursements for the third quarter.

## III. Program Activities

### A. Financing or co-financing of D&R operations

#### **Grant to Rwanda 2<sup>nd</sup> Emergency Demobilization and Reintegration Project (EDRP)**

The World Bank project team supervising the implementation of the IDA project consulted with relevant accounting and trust fund units on how to process the TDRP grant of \$4.5 million. The transfer of the TDRP grant will take place as a contribution into a single purpose multi donor trust fund that has been established to finance the third phase of the national DDR program. This type of transfer is breaking new grounds since it is a contribution from one regional multi-donor trust fund into a country-based multi-donor trust fund. The EDRP is still in the process of meeting the conditions of effectiveness.

#### **New Project to support Community Reintegration in Central African Republic (CAR)**

Presidential elections in CAR have been postponed from April to end June, but further delays could occur. This uncertainty has had repercussions on the start of

demobilization activities supported by UNDP, and will have follow-on implications on the proposed TDRP community-based reintegration project. Preparation of the project however is continuing: a TDRP mission will visit CAR in May to this end.

The project will have four different implementing partners (NGOs) each responsible for a sub-project as the capacity of the central government is not considered sufficient to manage the total funds of the proposed operation.

The TDRP is in the process of recruiting a team member to be based in Bangui. This new staff will be in place by July 2010 and will provide ongoing supervision and support to the new project.

A World Bank team is also undertaking some interesting security/justice mapping in northern CAR. This will provide useful information on how the TDRP can best support communities in addressing insecurity. The study has started and will run over the next few months. It will have several real-time deliverables and is expected to be finalized by December 2011.

## **B. Regional Activities**

### **Technical Assistance to Burundi Emergency Demobilization and Transitional Reintegration Project (EDTRP)**

A World Bank/TDRP mission visited Burundi from mid March to mid April 2010. TDRP's support focused on the following four areas:

- **Disability.** This included visits to the military hospital (HMK), a psychiatry center (Centre psychiatrique de Kamenge - CNPK), and the national prosthetics and rehabilitation center (Centre national d'appareillage de rééducation - CNAR) to assess the state of readiness of these facilities to receive disabled ex-combatants.
- **Safeguards.** The mission assessed safeguards management and followed up on the disclosure of the Environment and Social Management Framework (ESMF).
- **Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E).** The team reviewed with the Technical Coordination Team (TCT) the EDTRP results framework in order to align it with the new World Bank core indicators on social development.
- **Communications.** The mission reviewed the performance of the project's communication strategy to ensure its effectiveness in operational communications in particular. The mission also re-assessed the proposed budget for these activities. In light of the upcoming elections, the TDRP provided support to the TCT to ensure that appropriate messages were being crafted in particular to ensure effective communication on social and economic reintegration support for ex-combatants (such as sensitization and information

dissemination activities to ex-combatants related to all potential options for economic reintegration).

### **Technical Assistance to the Democratic Republic of Congo Emergency Demobilization and Reintegration Project**

As mentioned in the previous quarterly report, an extension of the World Bank's IDA grant has been requested by the government. The current closing date is June 2010. A World Bank/TDRP mission that took place in February provided advice to the PNDDR on improving reintegration outcomes, and facilitated the processing of the national program's extension, including formulating concept notes and strategy documents. The Government is seeking a 15-month extension of the PNDDR until September 2011. This is currently being processed by the Bank.

World Bank/TDRP staff continued the assessment started during the last mission on possible support for M&E activities, recommending approaches to fill gaps, and providing the project implementation unit with a conceptual framework and initial substance for determining the PNDDR's next steps during the coming 15 months.

Questions of the FDLR and other remaining armed groups in the east of the country were also reviewed. World Bank/TDRP staff discussed the ways in which the Government could look at an exit strategy for the DDR program and in what ways capacity and lessons learnt could be maintained after the life of the project.

A field mission to Katanga province focused on assessing the implementation of reintegration activities by the various partners, reviewed the registration system and management information system (MIS), and advised on the use of remaining project funds. Technical assistance was focused in particular on the implementation of the Eastern DRC trust fund with the two implementing partners, Caritas and Save the Children UK.

The TDRP made contact with a representative from the Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries (CEPGL) with a view to better understanding their current and potential role in regional security issues. It also discussed a possible pilot project with Caritas focused on resilient communities (i.e. communities that show resilience to conflict and provide the best environment for the successful reintegration of ex-combatants).

### **DDRnet**

The technical team liaised closely with key counterparts (DPKO, US and EU special representatives to the Great Lakes region) to organize two experts seminars in Europe. There were some difficulty in coordinating calendars, but eventually two dates at the end of April were chosen to hold the two events.

- The first seminar is entitled: "The Politics of Demobilization – DDR: the interface between diplomacy and development", to be held in Brussels on April 29. It will

gather about 25 key actors of peace negotiations in the Great Lakes, in particular in the DRC. The objectives of the seminar are to discuss the policy and practice around engaging with non-state actors/armed groups in negotiations and peace processes.

- The second seminar will be a discussion on Foreign Armed Groups in the Great Lakes, with a particular focus on the FDLR and the LRA. This meeting will take stock of the rebel groups still active in the region, based on latest research and missions from international experts, review efforts from the international community to deal with these groups (diplomacy, policy, justice, etc.) and propose a framework for addressing the gaps and moving forward in a collaborative fashion. The objective is to identify clear roles and responsibilities, and in particular a potential role for the TDRP.

The next quarterly report will provide full details on these two events.

## IV. Outlook for Next Quarter

The next quarter activities are described in the following table. A summary of the previous quarter's activities with status at the end of December 2009 is also available below.

Activity	Date
<b>Hold DDRnet event: Experts Seminar on politics of demobilization</b>	April 29
<b>Hold DDRnet event: Experts Seminar on Foreign Armed Groups</b>	April 30
<b>Carry out mission to the region to identify needs and gaps on M&amp;E and prepare the facility for quality enhancement and innovation</b>	April through June
<b>Hold TFC meeting in Paris</b>	May 25/26
<b>Define theme and plan Practioners' event in fourth quarter FY10</b>	May/June
<b>Continue to prepare CAR project for community-based reintegration support</b>	April through June
<b>Identify possible pilot projects and prepare them</b>	April through June
<b>Following meeting on Foreign Armed Groups, refine TDRP's regional agenda</b>	May
<b>Process TDRP grant to Rwanda EDRP</b>	July

### Review of planned activities from previous quarter

Activity	Status
Identify priority regional sub-projects to be financed by the TDRP, including executing agencies	Ongoing
Continue consultations with potential donors to the TDRP and process	Done

new contributions	
Carry out a strategic mission to the eastern DRC to identify potential COFS activities to be supported by the TDRP	Done
Carry out a technical mission to the DRC to examine progress on reintegration and identify possible impact evaluation work	Done
Consult with key partner agencies to identify potential synergies in support of D&R work in the sub-region	Ongoing
Finalize the concept of the D&R inter-organizational network in consultation with key partners and launching its activities	Done
Consult with Bank task teams to identify needs for financial support in ongoing D&R operations	Done
Continue the preparation of a new reintegration program for CAR	Done
Devise a communications plan for the TDRP, including a new website and various informational materials	Done

The next quarterly report covering April through June 2010 will be issued in July 2010.

**Annex 1: Status of TDRP multi-donor trust fund**

Contributions and Disbursements as of March 31,2010

<b>Contributions</b>			
<b>Donor</b>	<b>Trans. Curr.</b>	<b>Amount in Trans. Curr.</b>	<b>Amount in Hold. Curr.</b>
<b>Received</b>			
AfDB	UA	14,000,000	\$22,280,860
Finland	EUR	2,000,000	\$2,912,400
Italy	EUR	500,000	\$705,300
Norway	NOK	10,000,000	\$1,726,162
Sweden	SEK	15,000,000	\$2,075,680
<b>Sub-total Received</b>			<b>\$29,700,402</b>
<b>Committed</b>			
Belgium MDRP Suprlus	USD	404,726	\$404,726
Finland MDRP Surplus	USD	49,926	\$49,926
France MDRP Surplus	USD	76,531	\$76,531
Italy MDRP Surplus	USD	63,109	\$63,109
Norway MDRP Surplus	USD	\$253,140	\$253,140
<b>Sub-total Signed</b>			<b>\$847,432</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>			<b>\$58,419</b>
<b>Total Projected Income</b>			<b>\$30,606,253</b>

<b>Disbursements</b>			
<b>Item</b>	<b>Allocated</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Planned</b>
<b>Disbursed</b>			
Support to D&R Operations	\$15,500,000	\$0	\$4,500,000
Support to D&R Regional Activities			
Recipient-Executed	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000
Bank-Executed	\$5,000,000	\$225,318	\$1,918,200
Program Management*	\$1,517,000	\$457,644	\$500,000
Program Administration*	\$498,000	\$135,709	\$160,000
Trust Fund Administration Fee**	\$297,002	\$297,002	\$320,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$27,812,002</b>	<b>\$1,115,673</b>	<b>\$9,398,200</b>
<b>Total Projected Disbursements FY10 (Jul-09 to Jun-10)</b>		<b>\$10,513,873</b>	

\* Management and administration allocations are for FY10 only, unlike operational allocations.

\*\* Trust fund administration fee is deducted upon receipt of funds.