



Transitional Demobilization and Reintegration Program

QUARTERLY REPORT

April – June 2010



This fourth quarterly report for the Transitional Demobilization and Reintegration Program (TDRP) covers the months of April, May and June 2010. Over this period, the TDRP Technical Team:

- Organized three expert seminars on topics of regional interest (politics of demobilization and foreign armed groups),
- Held a trust fund committee meeting,
- Refined regional programming for the TDRP, and
- Continued consultations to prepare the program's closure strategy.

I. Program Management

TFC Meeting

A Trust Fund Committee (TFC) meeting was held in Paris on May 25 and 26, 2010. Six of the seven TDRP donors participated. The first objective of the meeting was to present and discuss the findings from the final assessments of the MDRP (Scanteam Independent Evaluation and End-of-program Report by the TDRP Technical Team). Lessons and implications for future programs were discussed, in particular the salient features and key principles of the MDRP: partnership, regionality, and national ownership. Donors were interested in seeing how these lessons were incorporated into the design of the TDRP. Considering the importance of the lessons drawn from the MDRP, donors felt it was important to share them with officials working on political matters in their respective organizations, and for this purpose, requested that the TDRP organize a "road show" in the capitals.

The second objective of the TFC meeting was to present TDRP's regional programming, including DDRnet activities (seminars and meetings), the work on Foreign Armed Groups, and the facility for quality enhancement and innovation. Donors asked that the TDRP Technical Team be selective and strategic in moving forward with the various activities, given the short time span of the program.

The TDRP Technical Team used the opportunity of the gathering in Paris to brainstorm on program activities for the coming months.

Strategic Alliances

- The TDRP officially requested inclusion into the Inter Agency Working Group (IAWG) on DDR. The group is led by UNDP and UNDPKO and currently comprises 16 UN agencies.
- The close partnership with DPKO solidified, with regular exchanges and visits taking place on topics related to DDR (such as 2nd generation DDR, or assessment of reintegration approaches).

- Since the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) has developed a formal relationship with the African Union (AU), the TDRP is working with the ISS to establish a repository for MDRP and TDRP work and data after the end of the program at the AU.
- The TDRP was invited and participated in a workshop organized by UNICEF in Italy on “Strengthening economic reintegration of children formerly associated with armed forces and armed groups (CAAFAG) and other vulnerable children (OVC)”. The workshop aimed to determine how to comply with the "Paris Principles" and ILO regulation on child labor, and identify best practices for reintegration of CAAFAG and OVC. UNICEF and ILO will use the substance of the workshop to write a guide on these issues.
- The TDRP team also maintained regular contacts with the ILO on the issue of reintegration, employment for ex-combatants and youth employment. The exchanges are expected to lead to a seminar on these issues later in the year.

Communications

Readership of the TDRP website www.tdrp.net continues to grow slowly. Coupled with the statistics of the MDRP website, the monthly average of unique visitors during the period was 2175. This is a respectable number considering the very specialized nature of the information on both sites.

Within the Bank, the Team decided to establish monthly updates to keep country and sector teams informed of TDRP activities. The one-page document gives quick updates on regional activities and country programs.

II. Trust Fund Status

Except for the investment income, which increased to almost US\$134,000 as of June 30, there have been no changes to the contributions to the TDRP Multi Donor Trust Fund (MDTF). The MDTF will reach US\$ 30.68 million once all the transfers from the MDRP are made.

Disbursements rose to US\$ 1.829 million as of June 30, owing to the ongoing preparation of a portfolio of projects in Central African Republic (CAR), the expert seminars held over the quarter under the DDRnet umbrella, and the increased recruitment and activity related to the quality enhancement and innovation facility.

As requested by donors in Paris, the Team will prepare a detailed work plan and budget for the next quarter.

For further details on contributions and disbursements, see Annex 1.

III. Program Activities

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

Rwanda

The transfer of the US\$4.5 million TDRP grant into the Rwanda multi-donor trust fund has yet to take place, since questions on the cost recovery fees are still being debated internally in the Bank's trust fund and legal departments. It is expected however that the transfer will occur in July. The Project became effective on June 9, 2010.

Central African Republic

The community-based reintegration project is in its final stages of preparation, with a presentation of the concept to the Bank management planned for July. Following this, the project team will present the financing proposal to donors for endorsement.

As noted in the previous report, the project design calls for the preparation of four different sub-projects. These correspond to four implementation zones each managed by a different international NGO. A mission to CAR in May carried out assessments of the selected NGO and coordinated proposals.

Burundi

The TDRP Team provided technical assistance to the World Bank team supervising the Emergency Demobilization and Transitional Reintegration Project, focusing mostly on safeguards, M&E and communications.

Democratic Republic of Congo

The closing date of the *Projet national de Désarmement, Démobilisation et Réintégration* (PNDDR) has been extended to September 30, 2011. During the past quarter, the TDRP participated in several missions in the field in order to discuss and organize the remaining reintegration activities.

B. Regional Activities

Two experts recruited by the TDRP to develop the facility for quality enhancement and innovation (Aki Stavrou, Senior conflict and Development Specialist, and Benjamin Burckhart, MIS Specialist), completed four country visits over the past quarter. The missions were aimed at reviewing monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems, including management information systems (MIS), of reintegration and communication activities, and carrying out a stocktaking of studies, surveys and evaluations conducted to date and in the pipeline. The team met with government officials and DDR implementation agencies in Rwanda, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and the Republic of Congo (RoC). The mission presented their findings during the TFC meeting in May.

On M&E and MIS, the team is evaluating the various needs identified by the countries' DDR teams with a view to assessing the TDRP's response capacity. Some technical assistance in the form of rapid email correspondence and phone calls is already taking place. For more complex studies and technical questions, the team will devise a more comprehensive plan, taking also into accounts the needs of the three countries yet to be visited (Angola, CAR and Burundi). The facility for quality enhancement will provide:

- Training, capacity building and mentoring support on M&E & MIS.
- Assistance to prepare data and analytical studies to ensure coherence between DDR programs and country/regional development plans.
- Technical assistance to ensure that M&E plays a meaningful role in the exit strategies of the programs.

A workshop to bring together the relevant staff from the various country programs and launch the facility is proposed for the fall 2010.

On a regional level, a few common themes are emerging, notably on capturing and sharing lessons from successful socio-economic reintegration activities, the impact of ex-combatants mobility on their reintegration, and reintegration of ex-combatants into zones still prone to conflict. This regional agenda will be refined over the next quarter and will feed into TDRP's DDRnet agenda.

DDRnet

During the quarter, the TDRP organized three expert seminars. Two events on foreign armed groups provided an important impetus to the TDRP regional agenda by helping to define a key role for the program in relation to other international stakeholders.

- ***April 29 – Brussels – Expert seminar on the Politics of Demobilization.*** The seminar examined DDR as the interface between diplomacy and development. The event gathered key actors of peace negotiations in the Great Lakes, in particular in the DRC. During the seminar, participants discussed the policy and practice around engaging with non-state actors/armed groups in negotiations and peace processes. A summary note on the meeting can be found at: http://www.tdrp.net/PDFs/MeetingSummary_042910.pdf. The seminar will lead to two outputs: a short dissemination note and a longer chapter examining the same issues for the MDRP legacy publication.
- ***April 30 – Brussels – Foreign Armed Groups in the GLR – The FDLR.*** The meeting provided a group of diplomats, experts and practitioners with an up-to-date detailed briefing on the rebel group based in eastern DRC. The meeting contributed to a shared understanding of the issues and challenges faced by the international community when dealing with the FDLR. The meeting achieved its objective in that the participants agreed to continue to share information and to

collaborate through an FDLR working group, comprised of the US and EU special envoys to the GRL, UNDPKO and the TDRP. Some tasks proposed for the working group include a mapping of organizations working on the FDLR, a database on the group to be hosted in MONUC's DDRRR unit, and technical support to update the communications strategy on the FLDR in the eastern DRC.

- **June 17 – Washington - Foreign Armed Groups in the GLR – The LRA.** Based on the request from participants in the April 30 event, this second seminar was organized on the same format, i.e. stocktaking on the situation of the LRA in the region, identification of current responses, challenges and gaps, and brainstorming on possible ways forward. Here again, participants agreed to form a working group specifically dedicated to the LRA issue. The group members are identical to the FDLR working group, with the possible addition of UN DPA and the African Union. The purpose of the LRA working group will be to harmonize responses to the LRA and promote coordination. The group will coordinate closely with the network of GLR envoys.

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 March 2010 is also available below.

Activity	Date
Carry out visits to Angola, CAR and Burundi to identify M&E needs under the facility for quality enhancement and innovation	September/October
Consolidate mission findings and start preparation of strategic implementation plan for the facility	September/October
Organize visit to the region to discuss MDRP/TDRP legacy and follow-up with AU and ISS on potential repository for the knowledge and data generated by MDRP/TDRP	September/October
Prepare detailed work program and budget for TDRP	September
Identify possible pilot projects and start their preparation	September
Prepare work plan for two ForAGs working groups in collaboration with groups members, and organize follow-up meetings	August/September
Analytical work: Dissemination Note on the Politics of Demobilization	October

Review of planned activities from previous quarter

Activity	Status
Process TDRP grant to Rwanda operation	July
Hold TFC meeting in Paris	Done
Hold DDRnet event: Experts Seminar on politics of demobilization	Done
Hold DDRnet event: Experts Seminar on Foreign Armed Groups	Done
Carry out mission to the region to identify needs and gaps on M&E and prepare the facility for quality enhancement and innovation	Done (4 visits) and Ongoing
Define theme and plan Practitioners' event in fourth quarter FY10	Ongoing
Continue to prepare project for CAR on community-based reintegration support	Done
Identify possible pilot projects and prepare them	Ongoing
Following meeting on Foreign Armed Groups, refine TDRP's regional agenda	Done
Participate in African peace and state building conference in Kigali	Postponed to August

The next quarterly report covering July through September 2010 will be issued in October 2010.

Annex 1: Status of TDRP multi-donor trust fund

Contributions and Disbursements as of June 2010

Contributions Details			
Donor	Trans. Curr.	Amount in Trans. Curr.	Amount in Hold. Curr.
Received			
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
Sub-total Received			\$29,700,402
Committed			
Belgium MDRP Surplus	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
Sub-total Signed			\$847,432
Investment Income			\$133,956
Total Projected Income			\$30,681,790

Disbursements Details		
Item	Allocated	Disbursed
Disbursed		
Support to D&R Operations	\$15,500,000	\$0
Support to D&R Regional Activities		
Recipient-Executed	\$5,000,000	\$0
Bank-Executed	\$5,000,000	\$443,669
Program Management*	\$1,517,000	\$900,783
Program Administration*	\$498,000	\$187,580
Trust Fund Administration Fee**	\$297,002	\$297,004
Total Disbursements FY10 (Jul-09 to Jun-10)		\$1,829,036

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

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