



Transitional Demobilization and
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1. OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

1.1 REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

AFRICAN UNION DDR CAPACITY PROGRAM (AU DDRCP)

During the third quarter of FY15, as per the agreed task-team recommendations with the DDR/SALW steering committee AU DDRCP has developed the documentations required to conduct the Non- State Armed Groups study, including terms of reference, draft operational plan is prepared to undertake the study on Non State Armed groups, and a concept note that clearly outlines the objectives and outcomes of the upcoming workshop on NSAGs.

Further, analytical framework and literature review that guides the development of the AU DDR compendium has also been prepared. The document is expected to go through further consultation by the Centers of Excellence, RECs and selected Member States in order to finalize the selection of the case studies and the particular themes that will be explored in each of those studies. A workshop is scheduled to be held from 12-13 May 2015 to receive guidance and input on the direction of the case studies and approach to be taken as well as gather information from the various DDR training entities on the current DDR training offerings and approach utilized.

In terms of AU DDR Guidelines, foreign fighters and HIV/AIDS components have been underway, and a consultant position is advertised to develop the DDR guideline on Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) and de-radicalisation.

In addition, the AU DDR website is released online on February 2015. The website will eventually integrate in to the Peace and Security Department's website. Besides, the AU DDR Newsletter third edition is released on February 2015.

1.2 COUNTRY ACTIVITIES

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Community Reintegration Project: Implementation Completion and Results (ICR)

In March 2015, TDRP began to prepare the Implementation Completion and Results (ICR) report for the CAR: Community Reintegration Project (CRP). CRP was financed by the TDRP Trust Fund with the long-term objective of supporting the peace process and contribute to Government's stabilization efforts, the project was developed as a community recovery project in war-affected area of northern CAR, particularly in those areas where there is a high concentration of ex-combatants, youth associated with militia and banditry, and youth-at-risk. CRP attempted to bridge the gap from the traditional demobilization and reintegration operation to longer term reintegration and recovery. The TDRP team is currently conducting an Implementation Completion and Results (ICR) mission in Bangui, CAR until early May 2015 to collect results data, carry out interviews and implement a stakeholder workshop with the four implementing partners, namely ACTED, Solidarité, Première Urgence, and International Rescue Committee as well as other key stakeholders including the Government. In addition, IRC has also agreed

to carry out focus group interviews at the project sites to collect results information to feed into the ICR report. It is expected that the report should be publicly available in July.

Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR)

In January 2015, the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in CAR (MINUSCA) requested World Bank technical and financial assistance to support the planned DDR Program in CAR. In this context, the first coordination meeting between World Bank/TDRP and MINUSCA/DDR-R section took place in February 2015. The TDRP will use the opportunity during the planned ICR mission in April to make contact with MINUSCA DDR-R section and the Government with regards to the outlook on DDR.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

DDR III

The TDRP Team continued to work on the preparation of the DDRIII Program for the DRC during this quarter and focused on the preparation of the Project Appraisal Document for the World Bank. A major milestone of the internal processing of the Project was reached with the Decision Meeting (DM) that took place on February, 20th 2015. The Country Director for the DRC chaired the meeting and provided his clearance to the Team to move forward and undertake the appraisal and the negotiations of the Project. As a result of the DM, it was decided to design the Project with the current financing available, namely the US\$15 million provided by IDA and the US\$6.5 million made available by Sweden through the TDRP.

A TDRP mission went to Kinshasa immediately following the Decision Meeting (February 25 – March 05) to discuss with the Congolese counterpart and address jointly the comments provided by the Country Director as well as different experts from the World Bank. The mission successfully updated the Project Document with the Congolese counterparts and re-designed the Project to address the first caseload (4,800 ex-combatants waiting in the demobilization camps) for a total of \$21.5 million. The mission's next step has been to prepare the ground for the appraisal and negotiations mission which included agreeing on a date with the Ministry of Finance as well as finalizing the legal documents (Grant agreement, disbursement letter, etc.).

The month of March was used to focus on finalizing the Project Document and obtain the necessary clearances (Chief Legal Counsel, Procurement Specialist, Finance Management Specialist, and Disbursement Officer) within the World Bank to be able to negotiate with the Government of DRC. A mission went back to Kinshasa at the end of March to undertake the appraisal of the Project directly followed by the negotiations with the Government. This mission will be described in the next quarterly report.

While working on the Project Document, the TRDP also worked on preparing the establishment of the Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) that will received the additional funds from other potential donors. Both DFID and the European Commission have expressed a strong interest in supporting the DDR III operation. The TDRP team worked with the WB colleagues on the preparation of the Administrative Agreement that will be signed by both the donor and the WB. It should be noted that, a new Agreement Framework exists between the WB and the European Union and will be applied (for the first time) in this MDTF.

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

The TDRP is in the final stages of the project concept preparation. The objective of the proposed project is to improve access to livelihoods, social cohesion, and local governance in communities affected by conflict and violence in Province Orientale's Dungu Territory, DRC. The primary project target beneficiaries are approximately 2,500 households in Dungu Territory and neighboring areas.

The Concept Review is expected to take place early May 2015.

MALI

Technical Assistance to Mali Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Working Group

In January 2015, the Government of Mali requested TDRP participation in a DDR Seminar organized by the Government of Mali. The Seminar was scheduled to take place on January 12, 2015 with the objective of sensitizing relevant ministries on the National DDR Strategy and planned DDR operations. Due to resignation of the Prime Minister on January 09, the DDR Seminar was canceled. The Government, however, requested the mission as planned for meetings with the Ministry of Defense and the DDR Working Group. The mission identified the priority areas for continued technical assistance, namely financing mechanisms, and institutional framework. In addition, TDRP was recommended to undertake a preliminary study of armed groups that are participating in the peace talks. In this context, the mission met with two Malian experts in Bamako for a future focus groups exercise. The objective of this activity would be to prepare a standard briefing note showing membership dynamics and socio-economic reintegration aspects on each group. In March 2015, the TDRP team and the DDR Working Group also prepared a draft institutional framework that could be adapted once a final peace agreement is reached between the parties.

The TDRP has met with TTLs from other Bank operations in Mali to identify synergies in preparation of a potential DDR project once the environment is conducive for such a project. The approach was to identify areas of Bank projects that have interventions/components where ex-combatants could benefit from in terms of livelihood support and vocational and skills training. By doing this, the DDR project would leverage funds and aim to ensure a more sustainable reintegration support for its target groups. Key potential synergies were identified with the Skills Development and Youth Employment Project, Emergency Safety Net Project, and the Mali Reconstruction and Economic Recovery Project.

Algiers Peace Talks

At the request of the Mali Country Management Unit, the TDRP team provided comments on the draft Peace Agreement's technical aspects on DDR.

Sahel Armed Groups Study

TDRP was asked by colleagues who work on crime and violence prevention within the Bank's Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice to provide comments on a regional study on armed groups in Sahel. The study, which is being prepared jointly by the World Bank and the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced Studies, is expected to be finalized in May 2015.

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

South Sudan DDR Technical Assistance

Following on the completion of the South Sudan DDR Pilot in November 2014, this quarter the TDRP worked with the South Sudan National DDR Commission (NDDRC) to build an updated DDR strategy given the current realities. The draft “Republic of South Sudan National DDR Strategy: Harmonized Reinsertion and Reintegration Programming Analytical Paper to inform next National DDR Strategy for RoSS” presents an analysis of the key groups and reintegration programme options to be considered in the context of a full and comprehensive Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR) program for the Republic Of South Sudan (RoSS). It identifies key strategic or programmatic developments needed in order to create an environment where DDR reintegration programming can be successful including Security Sector Reform (SSR) and establishment of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Military Pensions. The paper builds on learning from the prior phases of DDR in RoSS including the CPA DDR and the 2013-2014 DDR Pilot Program. The document takes into account the changed circumstances in RoSS since the outbreak of conflict on December 14th, 2013. It also takes into account the fact that while the country context has changed this can present an opportunity to reset some ways of working in DDR that negatively affect the impact, efficiency and effectiveness of reintegration programming.

DDR was also highlighted by the Government of South Sudan delegation at the World Bank Spring Meetings held in April 2015 as a priority area for the government when looking to stabilization, recovery and development. The Minister of Finance outlined the need for DDR as both a fiscal and developmental concern and this priority was reflected by the World Bank country management. The DDR Chairperson was asked by the Government to join this year’s delegation and the TDRP team met with the Chairperson several times over the course of the Spring Meetings.

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 was completed this quarter and will be presented at a Project Concept Review on May 20, 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. Unfortunately the livelihoods models primarily rely on traditional vocational training or TVET which has been found to be inaccessible to conflict-affected youth and not targeted for their needs. The proposed project aims to redesign the approach taken in traditional livelihoods programming to provide more realistic and targeted training for conflict-affected youth. This project will develop the tools and trainers for a holistic suite of economic empowerment training specifically adapted to the needs of conflict-affected youth and pilot this new approach through a set of trainings for conflict-affected youth. The programming will be designed specifically for this vulnerable group, with particular recognition of low literacy/educational attainment levels, challenges resulting from exposure to traumatic experiences, and time-use cost-benefit realities. Traditional vocational training and TVET programming has been found to be largely ineffective as it presupposes levels of literacy, employment opportunities and long timelines of commitment which are not realistic for these youth. The innovative approach being piloted here instead builds skills that allow for immediate use in their communities while training for long-term economic flexibility and mobility.

Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF)

The project concept note is in its final stages. The objective of the proposed project is to improve access to sustainable livelihoods in the districts of Goma Tsé Tsé, Kinkala, and Mindouli in the Department of Pool, RoC. It is envisaged that the project will contribute to promotion of sustainable development and social cohesion in the Department of Pool through strengthened community governance structures, improved income generation activities, and sustainable energy use with emphasis on household and productive uses.

The Concept Review Meeting is expected to take place in early May 2015.

2. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

TFC MEETING

The TDRP Trust Fund Committee (TFC) held its regular meeting in Paris, France on February 4 and 5, 2015. The African Development Bank (AfDB), Finland, Norway, Belgium, and Sweden of the eight TDRP donors attended the meeting, which was chaired by Abderrahim Fraiji, TDRP Manager. The TDRP Manager presented the ongoing technical assistance activities as well as plans for activities under a proposed 4-year TDRP continuation.

During the discussion, the TDRP TFC members expressed their continued support to the TDRP, though written commitments/pledges need to be discussed with their respective departments. TDRP team agreed to present the donors with a detailed proposal, elaborating the rationale behind the TDRP extension. What was made clear in terms of moving forward was that the 4-year cost extension would not include investments in operations but would be primarily designed to use the TDRP as a vehicle to raise funds for operations as well as technical assistance.

TDRP EXTENSION

The TDRP team has been in close contact with the TDRP Trust Fund donors to initiate the process of a no-cost extension. Donors have received the Amendment Letters to the Administration Agreement which stipulates that the TDRP MDTF shall be extended from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016. A further cost extension will be processed once written pledges of additional financial contributions to the MDTF will be made by donors.

STAFFING

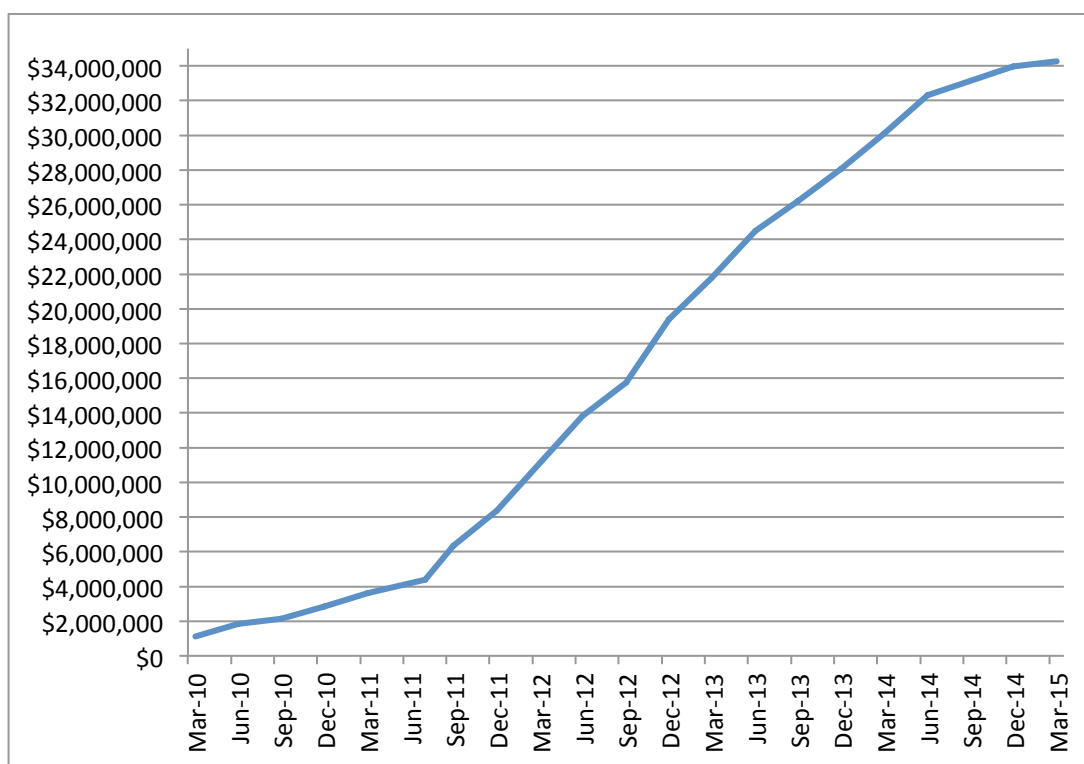
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TDRP currently has six staff, and eight full-time consultants (150/190 days a year) who maintain constant contribution to its work. The TDRP staff and consultants are now mapped under Global Practice 13: Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience. Staff are located at Washington, Nairobi, and Kigali; Consultants at Abidjan, Addis Ababa, Copenhagen, Juba, Nairobi, and Washington.

4. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The total disbursement reached 90% of the trust fund amount, or US\$ 34,276,908. (As of March 31, 2015).



5. OUTLOOK FOR NEXT QUARTER

Planned Activities in the upcoming quarter (April – June 2015)

Planned Activities	Date
CAR - Implementation Completion Report	June 2015
TDRP extension	End April 2015
DRC DDRIII Project Presentation to the World Bank Board	May 15 2015
DRC DDRIII MDTF establishment and preparation of Administrative Agreement (AA)	May 2015
DRC DDRIII MDTF Signing of the AA by donors	June-July 2015
DRC DDRIII Signing of the Grant Agreement between the GoDRC and the WB (IDA and TDRP Funds)	May 2015
JSDF DRC Concept Review	May 2015
JSDF RoC Concept Review	May 2015
JSDF South Sudan Concept Review	

Status of Planned Activities from the Previous Quarter (January – March 2014)

Activities	Date
Juba Victimization Survey Report	Draft Completed
African Union Operational Guidance Notes	In Progress
AU DDR Compendium Desk review and consultative meeting on the compendium and Non-State Armed Groups	In Progress

The fourth quarterly report of FY15 will be issued on **July 16, 2015**.

