

Rapid Rule of Law and Security Institutions Field Support for Conflict Prevention and Sustaining Peace

- **Brief description of the project**

Department of Peace Operations standing capacities provide rapid response to UN clients and have been essential in mission start-ups and transitions and through the provision of timely and targeted surge capacity in specialized areas. The project builds on the existing successful cooperation between the United Nations Standing Police Capacity (SPC), Justice and Corrections Standing Capacity (JCSC), Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Standing Capacity (DDRSC) and Security Sector Reform and Governance Standing Capacity (SSuRGe) in providing strategic and technical support to United Nations peace operations and non-mission settings in the areas of rule of law and security institutions. The consistent demand for the strategic and technical surge support in recent years combined with the positive client feedback demonstrate the successful use of the DPO standing capacity mechanisms.

- Objective of the project

Provision of continued timely and effective support in strategic mandated areas to prevent conflict as well as build and sustain peace through rule of law and human rights-compliant police, justice, corrections and security institutions and policies through: 1) rapid deployment of subject-matter experts to UN peace operations and non-mission settings; and 2) related capacity-building activities, including trainings and workshops.

- Why is the project required?

The project entails operational costs related to the deployment of standing capacity experts and capacity-building activities, including the further operationalization of the Strategic Guidance Framework for International Policing (SGF). Standing capacity staffing costs are *per se* not part of the project proposal, however, related requirements may be addressed with individual donors on a case-by-case basis.

- What is the expected impact of the project?

Standing capacities support to field operations contributes to sustainable progress in advancing legal, policy and/or institutional reforms, peace agreements and/or capacity-building of national institutions in the areas of rule of law and security institutions for conflict prevention, including preventing relapse into conflict, and sustaining peace.

- **Expected outcomes, outputs and proposed activities**

Outcomes	Outputs	Proposed Activities
Rule of law and security institution components of UN field operations as well in non- mission setting are able to respond to Member States' emerging needs through the provision of rapid and effective expertise of the standing capacities	Review and development of strategic, tactical and operational documents including joint programmes and transition plans; development of training modules and curricula; facilitation of capacity development training programmes; gender responsive advice and engagement with the stakeholders/ partners	45 deployments carried out to field operations, disaggregated by standing capacity, duration, country/UN entity and strategic mandated area in accordance with agreed terms of reference

Police personnel of peace operations and other settings have strengthened capacities demonstrated through improved performance in implementing the mission of UN Police	Previously piloted and validated SGF standardized training programmes delivered to Member State trainers to strengthen uniform approach on UN Policing. Remaining SGF standardized training programmes developed and piloted in accordance with UN training architecture initiatives.	Meeting, design, development and piloting of remaining training modules and curricula, delivery of training of trainers courses Monitoring and evaluating outcomes of activities.
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- **Implementation timeline**

One year (from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024).

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

In line with the relevant commitments, the project will contribute to reinforcing the capacity of in-country UN operations to facilitate the implementation of the rule of law and security elements of peace agreements and political settlements and the enhancement of protective environments. It will provide technical advice and assistance to enhance in-country operations' strategic and operational integration and partnerships to collaborate with a view to preventing relapse into conflict and sustaining peace. This directly contributes to realization of A4P+ priorities and all eight commitment areas as relates to peacekeeping operations, as well as Agenda 2030, including SDG 16, and the Secretary-General's Common Agenda.

- **How have gender aspects been included in the design and implementation of the project? How does it help the Department implement its women, peace and security and gender parity commitments?**

The standing capacities will consider the region and country-specific needs of women, men, girls, boys and vulnerable groups at the design, planning and implementation stages of its operations, including field projects/programmes. The standing capacities themselves aim to increase women's participation and ensure gender parity within their own staffing; moreover, they contribute to the implementation of the WPS agenda through rapid deployments to UN field missions including gender-focused deployments. The terms of reference for deployments shall contain gender-specific outputs and take into account gender perspectives.

- **Brief explanation of any risks that the implementation of the project may face and how to mitigate them.**

As pandemic-related travel restrictions and COVID-prevention protocols have significantly eased, if not completely lifted, the standing capacities propose to recalibrate the project activities in the event of partial/temporary restrictions during the implementation phase. For example, in the event of serious deterioration of the security situation, remote support could be envisaged through the utilization of technology.

- **Proposed budget**

Item	Brief Description	Total Amount
Travel	Travel expenses for deployments to UN field missions and operationalization of the SGF, including other admissible allowances and incidentals	\$861,000.00
Conference services	Organization of meetings, workshops, trainings	\$26,000.00
Programme Support Costs (13%)		\$115,310.00
	Total:	\$1,002,310.00