

Enhancing Sustainable Financing for Security Sector Reform

- **Brief description of the project**

Host countries of UN peace operations and of special political missions, including CAR, DRC, Somalia, and South Sudan, face complex challenges finding adequate and sustainable financial resources for SSR. In his 2022 report on strengthening security sector reform (S/2022/280), the Secretary-General committed to scale up UN efforts to advance sustainable SSR financing through the following initiatives:

- Advancing financial sustainability of SSR after the exit of peace operations;
- Strengthening the institutional capacity of conflict-affected States to plan, mobilize, budget, allocate and spend national resources on defence and security in line with national priorities within a strong accountability and oversight framework and ensuring the integration of gender-related priorities and needs;
- Advocating and facilitating improved reporting by Member States on external security assistance in the total official support for sustainable development in partnership with OECD;
- Developing innovative and gender-responsive financial tools for SSR in partnership with international financial institutions, including the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and the African Development Bank.

The project aims to enhance adequate, efficient, predictable, and sustainable financing for security sector reforms, including in host countries of UN peace operations and special political missions. We will deliver strengthened guidance, strategic advice, and technical assistance to Member States, including host countries of UN peace operations and special political missions, in advancing financial sustainability of their security sector reforms.

This project is a core component of the United Nations Programme of Action (PoA) on SSR. The PoA is a system-wide, multi-year (2022–2025) effort to implement the new United Nations vision on SSR (as outlined in S/RES/2553 (2020) and the Secretary-General’s most recent Report on SSR (S/2022/280)). The PoA is grounded in the ‘Call to Action for Human Rights’, A4+, as well as the agendas for sustainable development, women, peace and security, youth, peace and security, and action for peacekeeping+. The PoA also follows in the footsteps of the Common Agenda and considers the current ‘five-alarm global fire’, including the worsening climate crisis and diminished peace and security.

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

Outcomes	Outputs	Proposed Activities
1. Sustained, predictable, and adequate financing of security sector reforms during transitions of UN peace operations and AU peace support operations	1.1: Lessons learned and guidance on assessing, planning, and budgeting for SSR in peace operation transition settings.	YEAR 1: 1.1.1: Conduct a lessons-learned study /review on financing SSR in recent peace operations transition settings, including Burundi, Cote-d’Ivoire, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. 1.1.3: Develop a CROSSROADS guidance module on financing SSR in transition settings.
2. Institutional capacity of conflict-affected states to plan, mobilise, budget, allocate and spend national	2.1 Two knowledge and guidance products on financing SSR in fragility,	YEAR 1 2.1.1: One study about Member States’ financing national SSR

resources on defence and security is strengthened.	conflict, and violence-affected (FCV) settings	efforts, identifying good practices on public financial management. 2.1.2: Development of a UN CROSSROADS guidance module on financing SSR in FCV settings
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○ **Implementation Timeline**

This project is for Phase One in 2024. Phase two will take place in 2025, donor funding permitting.

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

The project will directly contribute to the realization of A4P+ first priority, i.e. collective coherence behind a political strategy and priority three on strengthening capabilities and mindsets of UN peace operations.

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

The project will support Member States advance the implementation of the WPS agenda by developing guidance and tools for gender-responsive budgeting for the security sector. The project also supports mainstreaming gender in all forms of United Nations support for security sector reform.

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

Nil.

● **Proposed budget**

Item	Brief Description	Total Amount
Consultant	One junior consultant (individual contractor)	\$72,000.00
Consultant	One senior consultant for a lesson learned study on financing SSR in recent peace operations transition settings (40 days)	\$30,000.00
Consultant	One senior consultant for the UN CROSSROADS guidance module on financing SSR in UN peace operations transition settings (40 days)	\$30,000.00
Consultants	One senior consultant for a study on Member States' financing of SSR (80 days)	\$40,000.00
	One senior consultant for the the UN CROSSROADS guidance module on financing SSR in FCV settings – 40 days	\$30,000.00
Travel	Three trips to former host States of UN peace operations	\$15,000.00
Programme Support Costs (13%)		\$28,210.00
Total:		\$245,210.00