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Africa Peace Forum (APFO) in Kenya aims to encourage and engage non-state actors within the Great Lakes and the Horn of Africa regions to explore collaborative approaches to the pursuit of peace and security.

Center for Conflict Resolution (CECORE) in Uganda is a non-governmental organisation working to seek alternative and creative means of preventing, managing and resolving conflicts.

Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies (CHA) is an association of agencies working and supporting in, areas affected by conflict in Sri Lanka.

Forum on Early Warning and Early Response (FEWER) is an independent global network committed to preventing conflict through the dissemination of early warning analyses and the promotion of co-ordinated early responses to violent conflict.

International Alert (Alert) is an independent NGO, which analyses the causes of conflict, enables mediation and dialogue to take place, helps to develop the skills necessary to resolve conflict non-violently, and advocates policy changes to promote sustainable peace.

Saferworld (SW) is an independent foreign affairs think tank working to identify, develop and publicise effective approaches to addressing and preventing armed conflicts.

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CONFLICT-SENSITIVE APPROACHES TO DEVELOPMENT, HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE & PEACE-BUILDING: TOOLS FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT IMPACT ASSESSMENT



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PROGRAMME RATIONALE

Development, humanitarian assistance and peace-building work have an impact on the dynamics of conflict and peace, which can be positive or negative. Well-planned interventions can indeed have the potential to create the conditions for sustainable peace. They can also exacerbate or create conflict particularly when these are not carefully designed, planned or implemented in a conflict-sensitive manner, at both the project and sectoral level. For instance, if not planned in a conflict-sensitive way, water irrigation schemes, as a development intervention, may cause conflicts between pastoralist groups living downstream over access to water.

Understanding the relationship between such interventions in the field of development, humanitarian assistance and peace-building and conflict dynamics is difficult for practitioners and it is essential that they are equipped with effective tools in order to make the right decisions. There is thus a need for a new initiative to systematically examine conflict sensitive approaches, to ensure that practitioners understand how they can pursue a development, humanitarian or peace-building approach that does promote peace.

To address these issues, a consortium of northern and southern organisations will implement a two-year programme in several regions to integrate conflict-sensitive practice into development, humanitarian and peace-building activities.

The programme is managed by the Forum on Early Warning and Early Response (FEWER), International Alert (Alert) and Saferworld (SW), in direct partnership with the Africa Peace Forum (APFO) in Kenya, the Center for Conflict Resolution (CECORE) in Uganda and the Consortium on Humanitarian Agencies (CHA) in Sri Lanka.

APPROACH

The programme involves a unique and complementary partnership between international NGOs and southern-based national NGOs and their partners. In particular, it aims to promote mutual accountability and learning and deepen and strengthen North/South linkages. It also looks to enhance the capacity of development, humanitarian and peace practitioners, as well as local governments and civil society organisations to contribute more effectively to conflict prevention and peace building.

COMPONENTS

- ❑ Producing a **resource pack** that brings together existing approaches, tools and guidelines in relation to conflict sensitive planning, implementation, management and evaluation.
- ❑ Implementing **national applications and field-testing** to ensure the applicability of the resource pack and selected tools on the ground in relation to specific projects currently being designed, implemented or evaluated by donors, governments and/or local and international NGOs.
- ❑ Conducting a **series of awareness raising and training activities** for a wide-ranging constituency, to enable the resource pack to be used effectively, thereby spreading the practice of conflict-sensitive development.

METHODOLOGY

- ❑ Documenting and assessing a range of available approaches and tools used by practitioners.
- ❑ Testing the resource pack with practitioners and piloting some of these tools in Kenya, Uganda and Sri Lanka.
- ❑ Drawing lessons-learnt from the application of conflict-sensitive tools and making these lessons available to a wide community.

- ❑ Feeding back results from the testing to further develop and update the resource pack.
- ❑ Facilitating dialogue between southern NGOs and communities, their governments and donors, thus promoting the representation of civil society perspectives in policy dialogue and planning.

RESOURCE PACK OUTLINE

Introduction

- ❑ Rationale, Content and Use

Chapter 1: An introduction to conflict sensitive approaches to development, humanitarian assistance and peace-building

- ❑ Linkages between PCIA and peace-building, development and humanitarian assistance
- ❑ Application of conflict sensitive approaches to date and lessons learned

Chapter 2: Mainstreaming conflict sensitive perspective in project programming

- ❑ Conflict analysis frameworks and tools
- ❑ Conflict-sensitive project planning and implementation
- ❑ Conflict sensitive project management
- ❑ Monitoring and evaluating impact

Chapter 3: Sector wide and sectoral approaches

- ❑ Application of conflict-sensitive approaches within sectoral support (e.g. water, land, resource allocation, security sector)
- ❑ Application of conflict-sensitive approaches within sector-wide approaches

Chapter 4: Building institutional capacity

- ❑ Assessing institutional capacity and needs for conflict sensitive practice, and lessons learnt
- ❑ Linking policy formulation processes with conflict-sensitive implementation