

## Gender Responsive Field/Needs Assessment

Field/need assessment for female ex-combatants, supporters, and dependants must be conducted independent of general need assessment in view of the different needs and concerns of female ex-combatants, supporters, and dependants. Those assessing needs of these groups must be sensitive to gender issues, especially gender issues associated with conflict. The use of gender-analysis frameworks should be strongly encouraged to collect information and data on the following:

- **Social and cultural context**
  - Gender roles and gender division of labour (both in public and private spheres)
  - Traditional practices that hinder human rights of women
- **Political Context**
  - Political participation of women at the national and community levels
  - Freedom enjoyed by girls to access education
- **Economic Context**
  - Socio-economic status of women
  - Women's access to and control over resources
- **Capacity and Vulnerability**
  - Vulnerabilities and capacities of women and girls
  - Existing local support networks for women and girls
  - Capacities of local women's associations and NGOs
- **Security**
  - Level of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV)
- **Specific needs** of female ex-combatants, supporters, and dependants (economic, social, physical, psychological, cultural, political, etc)

Methodology of data collection must be participatory and sensitive to gender-related issues. The assessment group must include representatives from local women's organizations and community. This might require to have local female interpreter(s) and translator(s). For further information on field assessment, please refer to IDDRS 03.20 Programme Design.