The Integrated DDR Standards have been formulated through the joint efforts of 25 UN entities, which together form the Inter-Agency Working Group on DDR (IAWG). Between 2009 and 2014, the IDDRS have been updated with new and revised modules. In 2017, the IAWG took the decision to undertake a comprehensive review of the IDDRS, which culminated with the launch of the revised UN Approach to DDR in 2019.

The IDDRS were originally developed to provide guidance in post-conflict contexts where DDR forms an integral part of comprehensive peace agreements, usually where peace operations have also been established and mandated to support national DDR efforts. Following the 2017-2019 IDDRS review, the revised UN Approach to DDR provides guidance to DDR practitioners working in both mission and non-mission settings as well as for DDR efforts within and outside the framework of comprehensive peace agreements.

The Integrated Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Standards (IDDRS)

The IDDRS are a comprehensive and detailed set of policies, guidelines and procedures for undertaking DDR. They cover over 30 thematic areas within DDR, ranging from planning, design, monitoring and evaluation through the protection of specific needs groups, such as children, youth and women and mainstreaming of cross-cutting issues, such as health, HIV/AIDS, gender and youth, to linkages with other processes, such as security sector reform (SSR) or transitional justice (TJ). The IDDRS are a repository of lessons and best practices drawn from the experience of all UN entities involved in supporting DDR and are always the subject of broad consultation before becoming accepted as guidance.

The Operational Guide to the Integrated Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Standards

The Operational Guide aims to help users find their way through the full IDDRS by briefly explaining the key guidance in each IDDRS module. Additionally, through a series of icons, the reader is able to quickly access more detailed information on specific aspects of DDR, or to identify where tools already exist to help particular processes or when certain issues may require particular caution.

Senior Managers Briefing Note

This short note targeting Senior Managers provides an overview of the UN Approach to DDR. It provides knowledge and guidance for making informed decisions on jump-starting and supporting new DDR processes through a range of policy options.

UN DDR Resource Centre - www.unddr.org

The UN DDR Resource Centre serves as an on-line ‘one-stop-shop’ for all DDR-related information. In addition to the IDDRS and the Operational Guide to the IDDRS, those involved in DDR can access DDR country profiles, a document database, training tools, an information directory, an event calendar, a photo library and video clips. Regular updates of both the IDDRS and accompanying documents will be available at the Resource Centre.

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