

IAWG Update on the Revised IDDRS

The United Nations Inter-Agency Working Group on DDR

The United Nations Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG) on Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) was established in March 2005 by the United Nations Executive Committee on Peace and Security (ECPS). The IAWG was mandated to improve the Organization’s performance in DDR and to develop a coherent UN approach to DDR in both peacekeeping and non-peacekeeping settings. The IAWG is jointly chaired by the Department of Peace Operations (DPO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and is currently composed of 25 UN entities.¹ The objectives of the IAWG are:

- To develop and maintain cutting-edge DDR policies and resources;
- To provide technical and strategic advice to DDR practitioners in the field;
- To monitor developments and evaluate results in DDR.

The Revision of the IDDRS

In a distinct and functional application of the “UN Delivering as One” concept, IAWG members jointly participate in the development of common DDR guidance known as the Integrated Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Standards (IDDRS).² The IDDRS were launched in December 2006 alongside an accompanying Operational Guide, a Briefing Note for Senior Managers, and an online DDR Resource Centre (www.unddr.org). In 2017, the IAWG took the decision to update the IDDRS. This involves the revision of the existing guidance and the development of new modules. In the IDDRS, guidance modules are organized into different levels:

- IDDRS Level 1: General IDDRS
- IDDRS Level 2: Concepts, Policy and Strategy of the IDDRS
- IDDRS Level 3: Structures and Processes
- IDDRS Level 4: Operations, Programmes and Support
- IDDRS Level 5: Cross-Cutting Issues
- IDDRS Level 6: Linkages with other Processes

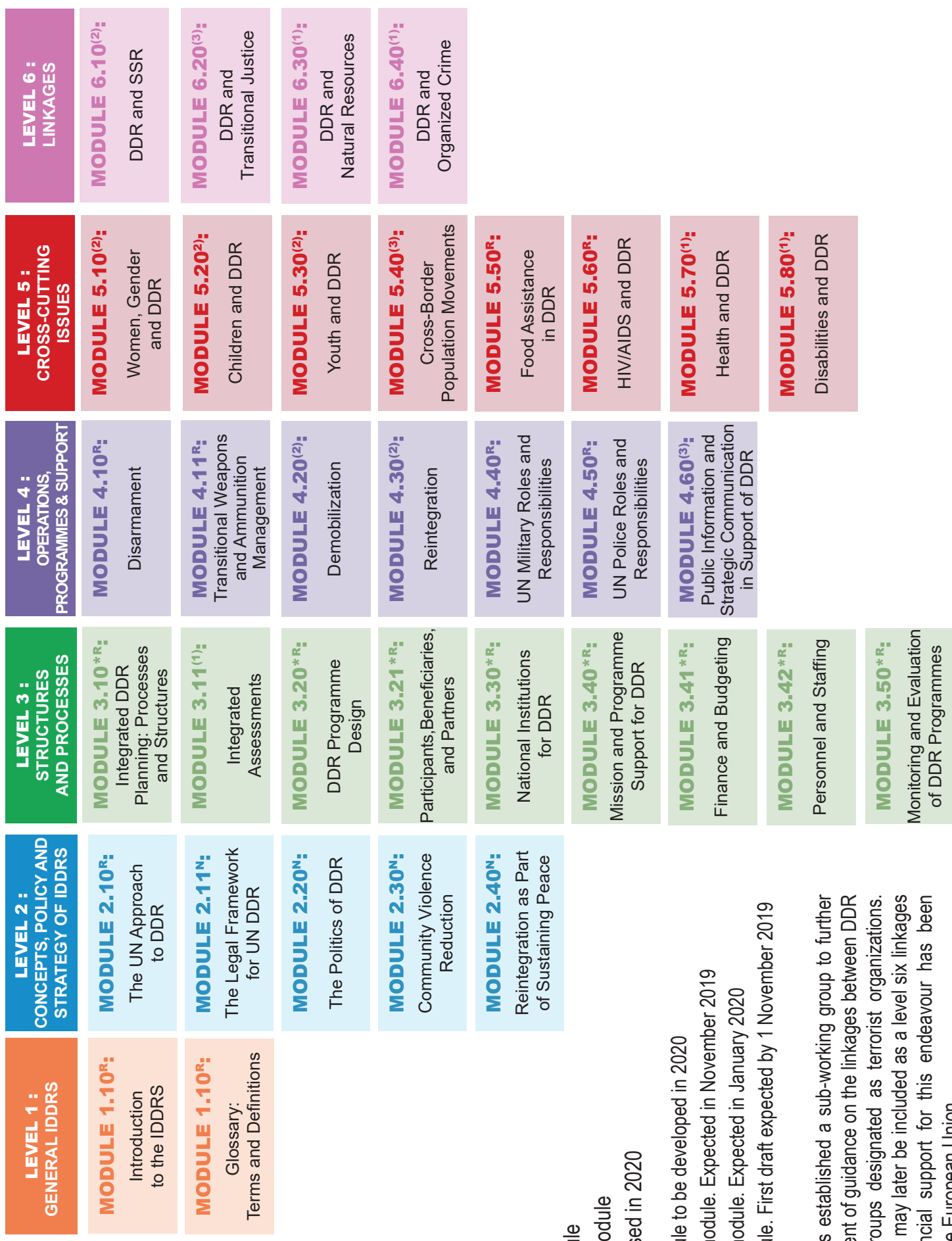
The revision of Level Two of the IDDRS is complete. IDDRS 2.10 on The UN Approach to DDR has been revised and four new Level Two modules have been developed. These new modules are: IDDRS 2.11 on The Legal Framework for UN DDR; IDDRS 2.20 on The Politics of DDR; IDDRS 2.30 on Community Violence Reduction; and IDDRS 2.40 on Reintegration as Part of Sustaining Peace. The concepts outlined in these new and revised Level Two modules are summarized in a new Briefing Note for Senior Managers on the IDDRS (2019).

The review of the other IDDRS levels is underway, with the current state of progress summarized in Diagram 1 below.

¹ Members are CTED, DGC, DPPA, DPPA/PBSO, ODA, OHCHR, ILO, IOM, OSAA, OSRSG CAAC, UNAIDS, UNEP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNIDIR, UNITAR, UNODC, UNOPS, UN Women, WFP, WHO and the World Bank. DPO and UNDP are co-chairs of the IAWG. OLA also participates in IAWG meetings and activities. The African Union has observer status with the IAWG-DDR.

² See Annex 1 for a list of the lead entities on specific IDDRS modules.

Diagram 1: The IDDRS Framework



^N New module

^R Revised module

^{*R} To be revised in 2020

(1) New module to be developed in 2020

(2) Revised module. Expected in November 2019

(3) Revised module. Expected in January 2020

(4) New module. First draft expected by 1 November 2019

The IAWG has established a sub-working group to further the development of guidance on the linkages between DDR and armed groups designated as terrorist organizations. This guidance may later be included as a level six linkages module. Financial support for this endeavour has been provided by the European Union.

The revision of the IDDRS was carried forward during three workshops hosted by the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA) in Stockholm. These workshops were attended by IAWG members, independent experts, and civil society representatives. During the Stockholm I workshop, held from 17 to 19 October 2017, the IAWG agreed to revise IDDRS 2.10 on The UN Approach to DDR, and to develop new modules on a number of emerging topics. This was followed by the Stockholm II workshop, held from 5 to 8 June 2018, which focused on the discussion and development of the content of the draft IDDRS Level Two modules. Finally, during the subsequent Stockholm III meeting, held from 27 to 30 November 2018, timelines were agreed for the finalization of all remaining IDDRS modules. Importantly, during this meeting the members of the IAWG also agreed to engage in a review of the evidence-base for reintegration support, in order to further enhance the reintegration guidance throughout the IDDRS. This was followed by a workshop dedicated to the review of the reintegration guidance in the IDDRS, hosted by the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC) in Bonn, from 26 to 28 March 2019.

The IDDRS constitute the largest and most tangible achievement of the IAWG. They are used for gender-responsive and age-sensitive policy and strategy formulation, integrated planning, programme development and monitoring and evaluation. They are also used for the training of both UN and non-UN DDR practitioners in collaboration with the Integrated DDR Training Group (IDDRTG). The IDDRTG is currently co-chaired by the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC) and the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA).

Future Activities

The IAWG remains committed to keeping its DDR guidance up-to-date, and, in this regard will establish a regular review mechanism for the revised IDDRS. This review mechanism will include a feedback loop between the IAWG and members of the IDDRTG, who will gather insights and contributions from those being trained in the IDDRS. In addition, the IAWG will prepare the next report of the Secretary General on DDR to become available in 2020. This will explore the possible revision of the current definitions of disarmament, demobilization and reintegration.

Annex 1: List of IDDRS Modules and Module Leads

Module	Module Lead(s)
Level One: General IDDRS	
Module 1.10: Introduction to the IDDRS	IAWG Co-Chairs
Module 1.20: Glossary: Terms and Definitions	IAWG Co-Chairs
Level Two: Concepts, Policy and Strategy of the IDDRS	
Module 2.10: The UN Approach to DDR	IAWG Co-Chairs
Module 2.11: The Legal Framework for UN DDR	OLA
Module 2.20: The Politics of DDR	DPPA/DPO
Module 2.30: Community Violence Reduction	DPO
Module 2.40: Reintegration as Part of Sustaining Peace	UNDP
Level Three: Structures and Processes	
Module 3.10: Integrated DDR Planning: Processes and Structures	DPO
Module 3.11: Integrated Assessments	DPO/UNDP
Module 3.20: DDR Programme Design	UNDP
Module 3.21: Participants, Beneficiaries, and Partners	UNDP
Module 3.30: National Institutions for DDR	UNDP
Module 3.40: Mission and Programme Support for DDR	DPO
Module 3.41: Finance and Budgeting	DPO
Module 3.42: Personnel and Staffing	DPO
Module 3.50: Monitoring and Evaluation of DDR Programmes	DPO

Level Four: Operations, Programmes and Support	
Module 4.10: Disarmament	DPO/ODA
Module 4.11: Transitional Weapons and Ammunition Management	DPO/ODA
Module 4.20: Demobilization	DPO
Module 4.30: Reintegration	UNDP
Module 4.40: UN Military Roles and Responsibilities	DPO
Module 4.50: UN Police Roles and Responsibilities	DPO
Module 4.60: Public Information and Strategic Communication in Support of DDR	DPO
Level Five: Cross-Cutting Issues	
Module 5.10: Women, Gender and DDR	UN Women
Module 5.20: Children and DDR	UNICEF
Module 5.30: Youth and DDR	UNICEF
Module 5.40: Cross-Border Population Movements	UNHCR/IOM
Module 5.50: Food Assistance in DDR	WFP
Module 5.60: HIV/AIDS and DDR	UNAIDS
Module 5.70: Health and DDR	WHO
Module 5.80: DDR and Persons with Disabilities	WHO/OHCHR/ILO
Level Six: Linkages	
Module 6.10: DDR and SSR	DPO
Module 6.20: DDR and Transitional Justice	OHCHR
Module 6.30: DDR and Natural Resources	UNDP/UNEP
Module 6.40: DDR and Organized Crime	UNDP/UNODC