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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I. OVERALL MDRP HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD

Table 1¹:

Summary of demobilization, reinsertion and reintegration activities in MDRP countries (December 31, 2008)

		Number of Beneficiaries				
		Cumulative last quarter	Current quarter	Total	Target Projected	% of Achievement
Angola	Demobilization	97,390	0	97,390	105,000	93%
	Reinsertion	52,664	57	52,721	62,716	84%
	Reintegration	88,376	3,921	92,297	133,662	69%
Burundi	Demobilization	26,283	0	26,283	55,000	48%
	Reinsertion	23,022	0	23,022	55,000	42%
	Reintegration	21,012	0	21,012	55,000	38%
CAR	Demobilization	Project closed 02/28/07		7,556	7,565	100%
	Reinsertion	Project closed 02/28/07		7,533	7,565	100%
	Reintegration	Project closed 02/28/07		7,556	7,565	100%
DRC	Demobilization	102,014	0	102,014	150,000	68%
	Reinsertion	102,014	0	102,014	120,000	85%
	Reintegration	52,172	0	52,172	90,000	58%
ROC	Demobilization	0	0	0	11,000	0%
	Reinsertion	0	0	0	11,000	0%
	Reintegration	12,231	2,948	15,179	30,000	51%
Rwanda	Demobilization	29,481	75	29,764	36,000	83%
	Reinsertion	43,225	1,266	44,491	47,400	94%
	Reintegration	43,891	0	43,891	50,000	88%
Uganda	Demobilization	Project closed 06/30/07		16,256	15,310	106%
	Reinsertion	Project closed 06/30/07		14,816	15,310	97%
	Reintegration	Project closed 06/30/07				
MDRP Total	Demobilization	278,980	75	279,263	379,875	74%
	Reinsertion	243,274	1,323	244,597	318,991	77%
	Reintegration	225,238	6,869	232,107	366,227	63%

¹ NB:

- All remaining projects are closed as of December 31-2008, with the exception of the RoC project.
- Programs in Uganda, Rwanda and Angola provide both in-kind and in-cash reinsertion benefits to ex-combatants. In these cases, the reinsertion number used in the table reflects the highest number of the two (in-kind or in-cash) reported. However, the program in CAR, initially started to provide in-kind assistance and then switched to providing cash benefits. Thus, the number in this table includes both sets of beneficiaries. With regard to the targets, MDRP reports progress as measured against the targets stipulated in the legal agreements rather than operational targets. If targets are adjusted in the legal agreement, target numbers are revised accordingly in the MDRP reports.
- Inconsistencies may appear for some figures relative to the previous quarter and/or Monthly Statistical Report due to data consolidation by national programs over time.
- Burundi's target of 55,000 remains the legal target, and was formulated based on the maximum caseload that could be covered by the existing budget when actual numbers were unknown. However, this target was shown over time to be an overestimation. In reality, virtually all those eligible and opting for DRR were supported through the program. The percentages of achievement for demobilization, reinsertion and reintegration are therefore closer to 100%, 88% and 80%, respectively.
- In the DRC, children are no longer included in the total of combatants demobilized, accounting for an overall decrease in demobilization figures. A total of 30,219 children were provided services by child protection agencies (95% under special projects). Due to the complex nature of these programs a child may have received services from two agencies.

II. NATIONAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

A. Angola

No further demobilization activities have been implemented in Angola since the canceling of the demobilization process for FAA personnel. Therefore, the total number of demobilized in the program remains at 97,390.

Few additional registrations of reinsertion support kits and subsidies were incorporated in the project's management information system as part of the consolidation of data exercise on-going for the last year. In terms of reintegration programming, although the window for approval of new projects was already closed, three new small scale micro-activities were implemented by IRSEM for under US\$ 30,000 each.

In summary, ADRP figures show as of December 31, 2008, 265 sub-projects approved, supporting 148,225 reintegration opportunities.

The vast majority of income generating activities implemented by ex-combatants are in the agriculture sector, with smaller representation of trading and services and production of small consumables. Based on follow up interviews with about 12,000 ex-combatants, their current status indicates that:

- 58.41% are self-employed (against 58.05% on the previous quarter);
- 36.44% are not employed (36.96% in previous quarter);
- 4.53% are formally employed (4.37% in previous quarter);
- In addition, 90.99% report having access to agriculture land (91.99% in the previous quarter).

B. Burundi

The Burundi Program closed on December 31, 2008. It did not provide the final QPR. Final numbers for DRR activities as reported by the PNDRR are as indicated in the cumulative table above.

C. Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

\$50 million in additional financing from the World Bank for continued DRR activities in the DRC was approved on the 22nd of April, 2008 and the project became effective on the 23rd September. During the reporting period the UEPN was carrying out the activities necessary to have the project effective, including recruitment of staff and contracting of key contractors/partners. There were no demobilization or reinsertion activities during the fourth quarter. However, one reintegration project for ex-combatants in eastern DRC (Butembo, Uvira and Fizi) supported by a World Bank LICUS grant and working under the umbrella of the UEPN was operational as of September.

D. Republic of Congo (RoC)

Demobilization activities for the Ninjas remained stalled throughout this quarter, as did the demobilization of the national armed forces (*Forces publiques*). The MDRP Secretariat, the World Bank office in Brazzaville and the wider MDRP partnership continued to work closely with the PNDDR project, the government and the *Conseil national de résistance* (Ninjas) to promote a rapid start to the DDR process. Reintegration activities for self-demobilized beneficiaries, however, continued to advance. By the close of Q4 2008, 17,000 of the 19,000 target beneficiaries had received medical and psychosocial services, as well as training in income-generating activities. Over 13,000 beneficiaries had received the first tranche of financial support for their micro-projects, over 6,000 beneficiaries had received their full package of two tranches of financial support. Implementation partners for 33 community sub-projects were in place.

The PNDDR project was raised as a topic of conversation with the delegation of the Republic of Congo during the World Bank Annual Meetings in October 2008 in Washington DC. During these meetings the WB received multiple assurances from government that the US\$3 million, which was pledged by the government as counterpart funding for the PNDDR, would be made available to the project.

A World Bank/MDRP Implementation Support Mission to RoC took place from November 13-16, 2008 and focused on reviewing: (i) the implementation of socio-economic and community reintegration activities; (ii) preparations and plans for the possible demobilization of the Pool combatants; (iii) work plans and budgets for the remaining period of project implementation and; (iv) project closure procedures. During this mission, the government renewed its commitment to make available to the project the pledged counterpart funds.

The closing date for the project will be February 28, 2009.

E. Rwanda

There was no demobilization of ex-RDF during the reporting quarter. 6,417 (57%) adult AG members were demobilized, including 222 demobilized in Q4, 2008.

Out of the targeted 1,250 child ex-combatants, 728 (58%) are already in the program of whom 15 were repatriated during the reporting quarter. Six hundred and seventy two (672) have been re-unified with their families with 1 having been reunified during the reporting quarter. Currently, there are 56 child ex-combatants in the Muhazi Rehabilitation centre.

Reintegration activities underway during the third quarter were completed, including the third cycle for vocational training for 400 ex-combatants and apprenticeships for 263. Some labor-intensive projects related to the community-based reintegration (CBR) project financed by KFW also concluded, as were all CBR-related trainings to 1,101 ex-combatants and vulnerable civilians, including 520 in agriculture and 221 in livestock farming. Approximately 550 who had completed construction-related training received tool kits.

The program continues to implement of the legal provisions for ex-combatants with disabilities. About 168 ex-combatants of category 1 continued to receive their monthly allowances. The housing project that had been started in the previous quarters came to a successful completion on the 22nd December 2008. A total of 51 houses were constructed, completed and the keys handed over to the handicapped ex-combatant beneficiaries.

Overall disbursement stands at 92.4%, disbursement has been in line with the procedures of demobilization & reintegration program.

III. REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

A. Analytical Advisory Activities (AAA)

The fourth quarter of 2008 did not see any new publications from the MDRP. However, several analytical works were underway during the period, notably one mapping exercise of armed groups in eastern DRC and an update review of a 2007 study on combatants on foreign soil. The MDRP Secretariat is also further exploring the possibility of producing a legacy publication which would capture the experience of the MDRP in DDR operations and draw lessons learned and recommendations for DDR practitioners worldwide.

B. Learning for Equality Access and Peace (LEAP)

Activities underway during the quarter furthered LEAP program efforts to: (i) mainstream gender in new demobilization and reintegration projects, including in Burundi and Rwanda; (ii) provide technical assistance to develop GBV programs in Eastern DRC; (iii) provide technical assistance to mainstream gender during implementation of the Uganda project; and, (iv) implementation of the pilot project with LEAP financing in Kindu, Maniema (DRC) supporting vulnerable female ex-combatants in the reintegration process.

In the fourth quarter, the Kindu Project, implemented by CARITAS, provided socio-economic reintegration support to 200 female ex-combatants in Kindu, DRC. The project conducted trainings to sensitize project staff to sexual violence and gender-based violence (GBV), as well as a community awareness-raising campaign on sexual violence through daily local radio spots and weekly community meetings. The project trained 94 illiterate female ex-combatants in reading and mathematics, in addition to opening three daycare centers for the children of female ex-combatants. Furthermore, the project successfully developed a training manual on livelihoods and business-management which was used to begin training 200 beneficiaries by the end of December.

A project identification mission was carried out in Bukavu, South Kivu (DRC) to develop a GBV project. The proposed project aims to mitigate the impact of GBV by supporting victims of GBV and their family members through medical, psychological and socio-economic reintegration support; supporting prevention and community engagement activities; and generating knowledge on gender and GBV.

IV. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

The MDRP Secretariat continued its monitoring and reporting on the events in eastern Congo. Briefings were provided to Bank Senior Management and at a Bank Board meeting outlining recent events in the DRC, with a particular focus on the fiscal/economic crisis, as well as on the renewed hostilities and the breakthrough agreements between Rwanda and DRC. These reports were also circulated amongst MDRP partners. The Program Manager a.i. attended a UN Peacebuilding Commission event in New York on lessons learned from regional programs with a focus on the MDRP. A presentation was made on the lessons to date, as well as an outline of the kinds of evaluation activities taking place as the MDRP was being brought to closure. In late December, the Secretariat hosted a team from the African Development Bank who were in the process of preparing documentation for their Board for the new Transitional Demobilization and Reintegration Program facility.

V. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

With respect to the MDRP Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) administration, as of the end of the quarter, December 31, 2008, the disbursed amount rose to \$243 million. Donor commitments totaling \$253 million remained unchanged over the period and final contributions were received. Almost all remaining projects closed on December 31, 2008, except for the project in the Republic of Congo, which closes on February 28, 2009. As most MDRP projects have been granted a 4-month grace period after closure to submit withdrawal applications, final project expenses will not be incurred by the MDTF until end June 2009, due to the Republic of Congo's later closure. Though significant savings are expected, the Trust Fund will continue to show a forecast deficit for the time being until savings are formalized and the deficit is legally eliminated. This is expected to be achieved by the end of May 2009.

Table 2: MDRP Trust Fund Un-audited Financial Statement (as of December 31, 2008)

MDRP Trust Fund (TF 50574)			
Comparison of Receipts and Disbursements *			
Income & Disbursement Categories	US\$		percent change
	as of 12/31/07	as of 12/31/08	
1. Receipts to date			
a. Total donor contributions	236,257,777	253,036,255	7%
- Belgium	10,992,483	10,992,483	
- Canada	19,475,901	19,475,901	
- Denmark	4,033,720	4,033,720	
- EC	22,764,000	22,764,000	
- Finland	1,356,450	1,356,450	
- France	2,078,600	2,078,600	
- Germany	11,827,578	13,994,288	
- Italy	1,714,050	1,714,050	
- Netherlands	116,219,451	125,831,219	
- Norway	6,875,376	6,875,376	
- Sweden	8,260,619	8,260,619	
- UK	30,000,000	35,000,000	
- Ireland	659,550	659,550	
b. Investment Income	6,205,366	7,065,204	14%
Total Receipts	242,463,142	260,101,459	7%
2. Disbursements to date			
a. National Programs	137,569,508	161,002,141	17%
b. Special Projects	55,086,403	54,893,443	0%
c. Regional Activities	1,987,952	2,200,054	11%
d. Program Management **	19,800,351	22,949,290	16%
e. Trust Fund administrative charge	1,447,427	1,548,098	7%
Total Disbursements	215,891,641	242,593,025	12%
3. Trust Fund Balance	26,571,502	17,508,434	-34%
* as of 12/31/08			
** Includes MDRP Secretariat input for general program administration, national program and special projects management			

Table 3: Disbursements by Country and Funding Source (as of December 31, 2008)

Table 3: Comparative Analysis of Total MDRP Project Disbursements by Country and Source of Funds					
Country and Source of Funds	Commitment amount (USD)	Disbursements (USD)		Percent disbursement change	Percent disbursed to date
		as of 12/31/07	as of 12/31/08		
Angola					
- IDA	36,966,480	30,023,419	32,804,374	9.26%	88.74%
- MDTF	30,250,000	17,257,935	19,947,068	15.58%	65.94%
- Special Projects	4,245,592	4,245,592	4,245,592	0.00%	100.00%
Total	71,462,072	51,526,946	56,997,034	10.62%	79.76%
Burundi					
- IDA	34,193,994	26,110,877	27,519,036	5.39%	80.48%
- MDTF	41,800,000	16,732,810	25,945,942	55.06%	62.07%
- Special Projects	3,474,016	3,474,016	3,474,016	0.00%	100.00%
Total	79,468,010	46,317,703	56,938,994	22.93%	71.65%
CAR					
- IDA	-	-	-	0.00%	0.00%
- MDTF	-	-	-	0.00%	0.00%
- Special Projects	9,777,000	9,727,000	9,727,000	0.00%	99.49%
Total	9,777,000	9,727,000	9,727,000	0.00%	99.49%
Congo, Republic of					
- IDA	-	-	-	0.00%	0.00%
- MDTF	17,000,000	4,368,333	12,091,770	176.81%	71.13%
- Special Projects	-	-	-	0.00%	0.00%
Total	17,000,000	4,368,333	12,091,770	0.00%	71.13%
DRC					
- IDA	104,892,387	107,119,423	101,583,399	-5.17%	96.85%
- MDTF	90,550,444	90,419,911	90,550,444	0.14%	100.00%
- Special Projects	33,305,763	33,478,045	33,303,769	-0.52%	99.99%
Total	228,748,594	231,017,379	225,437,611	-2.42%	98.55%
Rwanda					
- IDA*	30,034,756	28,005,078	29,477,724	5.26%	98.15%
- MDTF	14,400,000	8,790,520	12,466,917	41.82%	86.58%
- Special Projects	-	-	-	0.00%	0.00%
Total	44,434,756	36,795,598	41,944,641	13.99%	94.40%
Uganda					
- IDA	-	-	-	0.00%	0.00%
- MDTF	-	-	-	0.00%	0.00%
- Special Projects	4,143,066	4,161,749	4,143,066	-0.45%	100.00%
Total	4,143,066	4,161,749	4,143,066	-0.45%	100.00%
Sub-Total					
- IDA; national programs	206,087,617	191,258,797	191,384,533	0.07%	92.87%
- MDTF; national programs	194,000,444	137,569,508	161,002,141	17.03%	82.99%
- Special Projects	54,945,437	55,086,403	54,893,443	-0.35%	99.91%
TOTAL	455,033,497	383,914,708	407,280,116	6.09%	89.51%
Total MDTF	248,945,880	192,655,911	215,895,583	12.06%	86.72%

* The disbursed amounts shown for the Rwanda IDA credit are not consistent with official World Bank records due to a \$10.5 million reduction in the value of the credit as a result of the debt relief initiative