

MDRP Fact Sheet

Multi-Country Demobilization and Reintegration Program (MDRP)

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OVERVIEW

Launched in 2002, the Multi-Country Demobilization and Reintegration Program (MDRP) is a multi-agency effort that supports **demobilization and reintegration (D&R)** of ex-combatants in the Great Lakes Region in Central Africa. The MDRP targets over **400,000 combatants** in seven countries affected by conflict: **Angola, Burundi, the Central African Republic (CAR), the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the Republic of Congo (RoC), Rwanda and Uganda.**

Through its activities, the MDRP **contributes to the overall security environment and to regional peacebuilding and stabilization processes in the greater Great Lakes region**, thus laying the groundwork for sustainable development. The program's underlying principles are **partnership** and **national ownership**. Stakeholders active in development, financing, security and politics must collaborate in order to effectively address the multi-sectoral challenges of peacebuilding and recovery.

MDRP is **financed by the World Bank and 13 donors** – Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the European Commission. It collaborates with **national governments and commissions**, and with **over 30 partner organizations**, including United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations.



PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

NATIONAL PROGRAMS

MDRP supports national demobilization and reintegration efforts in **Angola, Burundi, the DRC, the RoC and Rwanda**. Programs in Angola and Rwanda are well advanced and focusing almost exclusively on reintegration support. Activities in Burundi and the DRC are also well advanced but further demobilization is envisaged. The RoC program was initially delayed but is now underway.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

MDRP special projects are intended to provide support to **special target groups** (e.g. children associated with fighting forces), **small-scale pilots** and other **demobilization and reintegration activities not covered by national programs**. Several of these special projects have been successfully completed in Angola, Burundi and the DRC, and have involved UN or NGO as **implementing partners**. MDRP special projects were also established **in lieu of national programs** in the CAR and in Uganda.

CROSS-CUTTING AND REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Through collaboration with partners and colleagues, MDRP seeks to improve understanding of the **linkages** between its D&R work and **cross-cutting issues** such as security sector reform, HIV/AIDS, disabilities and gender. MDRP also supports regional initiatives such as that of **Combatants on Foreign Soil (COFS)**, which aims to facilitate the repatriation of foreign combatants, particularly in eastern DRC.

MDRP Progress: Demobilization and Reintegration

As of July 2008, the MDRP has reached over two thirds of the initial target population it sought to support: **279,068 ex-combatants** have been **demobilized (or 67% of the target group)**. **201,151 ex-combatants** have been or are being assisted through **reintegration support (50% of the initial target)**.

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MDRP Finances

The current estimated cost to complete original MDRP activities is around **\$493 million**, excluding bilateral support for national programs. To date, donors have contributed or committed approximately \$261 million to the MDRP multi-donor trust fund, and the World Bank (International Development Association) has provided an additional \$213 million in parallel financing for these activities. The MDRP is seeking to close the gap of approximately \$19 million through additional donor resources that may be channeled through a follow-on trust fund.

	Disbursed
Program Disbursements	208,881,887
National programs	153,986,450
Angola	18,705,273
Burundi	24,154,616
Congo-ERP	9,748,702
DRC	90,550,443
Rwanda	11,097,415
Special projects	54,895,437
Angola-UNDP (complete)	4,245,592
Burundi-UNICEF (complete)	3,474,016
CAR-UNDP (complete)	9,727,000
DRC-SCF (complete)	5,366,000
DRC-Cons (complete)	8,846,595
DRC-UNDP (complete)	5,000,000
DRC-RRM (complete)	8,121,560
DRC-BRC (complete)	1,138,580
DRC-UNICEF (complete)	4,833,028
Uganda-AC (complete)	4,143,066
Regional activities	2,155,208

	Contributed
Donor Contributions	243,424,486
Belgium	10,992,483
Canada	19,475,901
Denmark	4,033,720
European Commission	22,764,000
Finland	1,356,450
France	2,078,600
Germany	13,994,288
Italy	1,714,050
Ireland	659,550
The Netherlands*	116,219,450
Norway	6,875,375
Sweden	8,260,619
United Kingdom	35,000,000

*The Netherlands have pledged an additional US\$11 million to the MDRP Trust Fund.

		Number of Beneficiaries		
		As of May	Target Projected	% of Target
Angola	Demobilization	97,390	105,000	93%
	Reinsertion	52,612	62,716	84%
	Reintegration	84,409	128,000	66%
Burundi	Demobilization	26,279	55,000	48%
	Reinsertion	23,018	55,000	42%
	Reintegration	14,813	55,000	27%
CAR (project completed)	Demobilization	7,556	7,565	100%
	Reinsertion	7,533	7,565	100%
	Reintegration	7,556	7,565	100%
DRC	Demobilization	102,148	150,000	68%
	Reinsertion	102,013	120,000	85%
	Reintegration	47,043	90,000	52%
ROC	Demobilization	0	11,000	0%
	Reinsertion	0	11,000	0%
	Reintegration	8,198	30,000	27%
Rwanda	Demobilization	29,456	36,000	82%
	Reinsertion	44,194	47,400	93%
	Reintegration	40,843	50,000	82%
Uganda (project completed)	Demobilization	16,256	15,310	106%
	Reinsertion	14,816	15,310	97%
	Reintegration	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	Demobilization	279,068	412,875	67%
	Reinsertion	244,166	318,991	76%
	Reintegration	201,151	399,227	50%

Note: reintegration refers to the receiving of reintegration assistance. It does not necessarily imply achievement of full social or economic reintegration, which is a long-term process.

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MDRP Country Activities at a Glance

ANGOLA	
Finances	• Total of \$69 million, of which: IDA grant of \$38.8 million (86% disbursed); MDTF grant of \$30.23 million (39% disbursed).
Activities	• National program targets 105,000 ex-combatants from UNITA military forces.
Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 97,390 ex-UNITA were demobilized as of August 2008 • 84,409 receiving reintegration support through 250 sub-projects. • Of 10,500 beneficiaries interviewed, 61% were self employed, 35 % unemployed and 95% have access to agriculture land. • Challenges being addressed: support to vulnerable women and children increasing; work with disabled initiated and improving.
BURUNDI	
Finances	• Total of \$77.9 million of which: IDA grant of \$36.07 million (73% disbursed); MDTF grant of \$41.8 million (58.1% disbursed).
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National program (original) targets : 55,000 ex-combatants. • UNICEF special project (\$3.5 million) for child soldiers closed June 30, 2006.
Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26,279 demobilized to date (includes 3,261 child soldiers and 511 female ex-combatants); 23,018 former Gardiens de la Paix and militia members have received reinsertion allowances. ES/CNDRR continues to be prepared for any demobilization of FNL-PALIPEHUTU combatants. • 14,813 adult ex-combatants received reintegration assistance, as did all demobilized children. The PNDDR has demobilized 3,498 disabled ex-combatants to date. AMA and Oxfam Quebec have begun medical rehabilitation and socio-economic reintegration for disabled ex-combatants. • Challenges being addressed: 1) completion of disarmament and dismantling of militias; 2) acceleration of reintegration activities.
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	
Finances	• UNDP Special Project of \$9.8 million (100% disbursed) granted to UNDP.
Activities	• Program now closed . Provided reintegration support to 7,565 ex-combatants and small-infrastructure rehabilitation to communities of return.
Progress	• All ex-combatant beneficiaries were demobilized, provided reintegration assistance . Exit strategy being implemented in coordination with other donors, including Security Sector reform seminar and broader community development projects.
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO	
Finances	• Total of \$210.74 million of which: IDA grant of \$110.74 million (86.9% disbursed.); MDTF grant of \$100 million (90.5% disbursed). Additional Financing: \$50 million grant approved (disbursement starting in September 2008)
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National program initially targeted 150,000 ex-combatants. • UN agencies and international NGOs have received over \$30 million in direct MDRP funding to implement special projects in the DRC since 2003. Many of these projects focused on children associated with armed forces. All are now closed.
Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 102,148 adults demobilized; outstanding caseload of 60-70,000 pending. • Reinsertion payments underway for 102,013 beneficiaries. Reintegration support for 56,297 contracted, with over 47,000 beneficiaries engaged in activities. 30,219 children released from armed groups.** • Challenges being addressed: 1) additional caseload of 60-70,000, rebel groups in the East; 2) reintegration sub-projects for ex-combatants already demobilized; 3) the World Bank and MDRP continue to work with Government on an IDA Additional Financing Operation for US\$50 million, with parallel financing from the African Development Bank for approximately US\$22 million
REPUBLIC OF CONGO	
Finances	• \$17 million MDTF grant (57.7% disbursed).
Activities	• Program targets 30,000 ex-combatants (including 19,000 demobilized after 1999 war and not serviced, an estimated 5,000 rebels in the Pool region, and a projected 6,000 army personnel). Also includes community infrastructure rehabilitation and reconciliation.
Progress	• Departmental commission established; sensitization workshops held at district and community levels. Reintegration support launched in late 2007. 11,869 provided with reintegration support . The Government and rebel leader Reverend Ntouni in the Pool Region have reached overall agreement.
RWANDA	
Finances	• Total of \$47.15 million of which: IDA credit of \$32.75 million (86.2% disbursed); MDTF grant of \$14.4 million (77.1% disbursed).
Activities	• National program targets 36,000 ex-combatants of the Rwanda Defense Force (RDF) and Rwandese armed groups, including 2,500 children.
Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29,456 demobilized. 44,194 beneficiaries received reinsertion support. Other efforts have focused on repatriating Rwandese armed groups and their dependents from the DRC, but process is slow. 40,843 are receiving reintegration support. • Deterioration of security in North Kivu province of the eastern DRC is making it more difficult for FDLR/FOCA combatants to disarm voluntarily. • RDRC developed a strategy for addressing psychosocial support needs of ex-combatants in Rwanda following a national conference.
UGANDA	
Finances	• Special project of \$4.2 million (99% disbursed) granted to the Amnesty Commission .
Activities	• Program closed . Targeted 15,310 "reporters" – ex-combatants/collaborators who met conditions under the Amnesty Act of 2000.
Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16,256 individuals demobilized. Reinsertion support provided to 14,816. • Additional activities under consideration in light of possible peace talk outcomes between the Lord's Resistance Army and the Ugandan Government..

* USD value of IDA credits/grants varies over time due to exchange rate changes with SDR

** Total number of children as reported by implementing partners for Special Projects. Ongoing MIS consolidation will eventually allow reporting through MIS.