

T D R P

Transitional Demobilization and Reintegration program

QUARTERLY REPORT

July – September 2009

This is the first quarterly report for the TDRP trust fund (TF071294), which covers the months of July, August and September 2009. Activities over this period have focused on administrative matters related to establishing the new multi-donor trust fund and processing donor contributions into the fund. By the time the next quarterly report is issued, the TDRP Technical Team will have established a detailed work program and fully launched all of its activities (see Section IV of this report: Outlook for next quarter).

I. Program Management

The TDRP Technical Team has been set up. It is composed of seven staff: a program manager, a conflict adviser, a trust fund analyst, a communications associate, a program assistant, and two technical specialists (one based in the DRC and another Washington-based covering Burundi and Rwanda). The TDRP Technical Team collaborates regularly with Bank staff who manages demobilization and reintegration (D&R) projects in the Great Lakes region. Their input and collaboration remains essential for the development of a successful TDRP work program.

During the first quarter, program management focused mostly on processing donor contributions into the trust fund. Negotiations with three donors – Italy, Finland and the African Development Bank (AfDB) – resulted in contributions totaling approximately US\$25.8 million (see section II for additional details). The intensity of discussions between the legal and management teams at the World Bank and the AfDB, facilitated by the TDRP Technical Team, was high before an agreement could be signed in mid-September. This agreement establishes an important precedent between the two development banks in support of post-conflict recovery in the region.

The Technical team has also been working on establishing procedural guidelines for D&R financing and co-financing and for sub-projects, work planning and budget issues.

II. Status of contributions and receipts

Three donors have contributed to the TDRP trust fund over the past quarter. **Italy** signed an administration agreement with the Bank on July 30, 2009 for a contribution of €500,000. **Finland** signed an administration agreement on August 5, 2009 for a contribution of €2 million. And finally the **AfDB** signed an administration agreement for 14 million units of account (equivalent to US\$ 22.2 million) on September 17, 2009. The table below recapitulates the contributions from these three donors and the status of receipts (funds transferred from donors to the Bank). Former MDRP donors that have expressed interest in contributing to the new program include Belgium, France, Norway and Sweden.

Table 1: TDRP Trust Fund. Contributions and Receipts as of September 30, 2009

Donor	Date of Admin. Agreement	Currency	Contribution	Receipts	US\$ equivalent
Italy	07-30-2009	Euros	500,000	500,000	744,175
Finland	08-05-2009	Euros	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,976,700
AfDB	09-17-2009	Units of Account	14,000,000	0	0
				Total	3,617,700

The MDRP Trust Fund was legally closed on September 30, 2009, paving the way for issuing the final financial statement. Delays were as a result of unresolved issues with the child trust funds for the Central African Republic and the Republic of Congo, which prevented the final closure of the parent trust fund and the calculation of the surplus in the MDRP account. Letters are currently in preparation by the Bank's Legal Department to inform the 13 MDRP donors of their respective portion of the surplus. Each donor will be able to decide whether none, some, or its entire portion should be contributed to the TDRP.

III. Program Activities

A. Financing or co-financing of D&R operations

New D&R operations in **Burundi** and **Rwanda** were approved by the World Bank in June and August respectively. The projects are co-financed by grants from IDA and single purpose multi-donor trust funds. Implementation of both projects has begun and identification of potential areas for TDRP support is in underway.

A TDRP-financed identification mission on D&R needs in the **CAR** is currently in the field. The UNDP is taking the lead on demobilization in CAR, leaving a likely role for the TDRP in the area of reintegration. Among other things, the current mission is looking at: (1) the design elements of a new reintegration operation with links to community recovery; (2) options for implementation arrangements; and (3) opportunities for partnerships in-country.

Democratic Republic of Congo

In DRC, the TDRP continues to support the *Projet National de Désarmement, Démobilisation et Réintégration* (PNDDR) and related D&R activities. Since July, the TDRP Team has participated in regular meetings (STAREC, weekly meetings of the PNDDR implementing agency), provided ongoing technical support to the PNDDR executing agency, and carried out several missions in the field. In particular, two missions to Katanga were organized to assess progress of reintegration activities, and to

verify reintegration payments using the Celpay system. Supervision of the emergency trust fund for the East was also done, with field visits and regular contacts with the two implementing partners (Save the Children-UK and Caritas) to ensure compliance with Bank guidelines. Several activities linked to child soldiers were carried out (implementation of a database, liaison with UNICEF activities). Finally the TDRP Team participated in regular briefings with MONUC to ensure a common understanding among stakeholders when it comes to armed groups. A new visit to the East is planned for the next quarter.

Burundi and Rwanda

TDRP support to D&R in Burundi and Rwanda has focused on providing general support to bring the Rwanda Emergency Demobilization and Reintegration Program and the Burundi Demobilization and Transitional Demobilization Program to the World Bank Board for approval. Specific technical support included review of project documents, project terms of reference (e.g. for the annual independent evaluation, the beneficiary survey and others) and review and assistance in preparing project manuals (including the Project Execution Manual and the Manual for Administrative, Accounting and Financial Procedures, which were conditions of disbursement in the case of Burundi). Lastly, the TDRP team participated in the organization of supervision missions to Burundi scheduled for October 2009.

B. Regional Activities

The TDRP Technical Team has been consulting on possible regional activities to be supported by the program, which will include:

- Analytical work
- Capacity building and training
- Study tours, meetings and events
- Pilots and other learning activities
- A D&R inter-organizational network.

Thematic areas the Technical Team is working on include combatants on foreign soil, non conventional DDR and youth, transitional justice and DDR, disability, psychosocial support to ex-combatants and their families, and impact of reinsertion and reintegration. The focus of the work to date has been on identifying potential executing agencies and the scope of support from the TDRP.

The TDRP Technical Team is also editing a legacy publication on the experience of the MDRP, which is scheduled to be published in the first quarter of 2010.

IV. Outlook for Next Quarter

The Technical Team will continue to set up the mechanisms by which the TDRP will operate over the next three years, with a view to complete these preliminary steps by the end of December 2009.

In the next quarter, the technical team will focus on:

- Continuing consultations with potential donors to the TDRP and processing new contributions;
- Identifying priority regional sub-projects to be financed by the TDRP, including executing agencies;
- Carrying out a strategic mission to the eastern DRC to identify potential COFS activities to be supported by the TDRP;
- Carrying out a technical mission to the DRC to examine progress on reintegration and identify possible impact evaluation work;
- Consulting with key partner agencies to identify potential synergies in support of D&R work in the sub-region;
- Finalizing the concept of the D&R inter-organizational network in consultation with key partners and launching its activities;
- Consulting with Bank task teams to identify needs for financial support in ongoing D&R operations;
- Continuing the preparation of a new reintegration program for CAR; and
- Devising a communications plan for the TDRP, including a new website and various informational materials.

The next quarterly report covering October through December 2009 will be issued in mid-January 2010.