

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Integrated DDR Standards have been formulated through the joint efforts of 22 UN entities, which together form the Inter-Agency Working Group on DDR (IAWG). These entities, working together with other stakeholders, aim to improve the effectiveness of DDR programmes worldwide by bringing together policy, lessons learned and making them widely available to DDR practitioners. The IDDRS were first launched in 2006 and since then have been updated with the addition of modules on SSR, Transitional Justice and Natural Resources as well as a revised module on reintegration.

- **The Integrated Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Standards (IDDRS)**

The IDDRS (783 pages) are a comprehensive and detailed set of policies, guidelines and procedures for undertaking DDR programmes. They cover 27 programme areas within DDR, ranging from planning and design through to the mainstreaming of HIV/AIDS, gender and youth. The IDDRS are based on over 25 years of experience and lessons learned at the country level, and have been the subject of broad consultation.

The IDDRS have three main objectives:

- i. To give DDR practitioners the opportunity to make informed decisions based on a clear, in-depth body of guidance across the range of DDR activities;
- ii. To serve as a common foundation for the start of integrated operational planning in Headquarters and at the country level; and
- iii. To function as a resource for the training of DDR specialists.

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

The Operational Guide (317 pages – booklet format) aims to help users *find their way* through the 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**

A short (8 page) page note targeting Senior Managers provides an overview of the main political and other aspects of DDR that the target audience may need to take into account in their work.

- **UN DDR Resource Centre** - [www.unddr.org](http://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 IDDR, those involved in DDR can access 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.