ONE UN APPROACH TO POLICE, JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS AND THE BROADER RULE OF LAW

The United Nations, through its various entities, works to strengthen the rule of law in some of the world’s most volatile places, requiring coordination of a broad range of interventions by different actors.

Since 2012, the Global Focal Point arrangement for Police, Justice and Corrections Areas in the Rule of Law in Post-Conflict and other Crisis Situations (GFP) has brought together complementary capacities in efforts to improve delivery on the ground with a view to preventing the outbreak, escalation, continuation and recurrence of violent conflict.

DPKO and UNDP have been entrusted joint responsibility to convene UN entities in order to respond to country-level requests of system-wide relevance. Co-located partners OHCHR, UN Women, UNODC and others contribute their expertise in accordance with their specialised roles and specific mandates for a coherent and coordinated response. The GFP arrangement thus acts as a bridge between peacekeeping, development, political, peace sustainment, humanitarian and other actors, as a single entry point for system-wide rule of law assistance.

Through joint assessments, planning, and programming, the GFP arrangement has been supporting a one UN approach to rule of law assistance, relying primarily on voluntary funding and striving to increase impact by:

- **Reducing Competition**
- **Encouraging Innovation**
- **Leveraging Expertise**

GFP Partners provide support to operations in:

- **3 Transition Settings**
  - Darfur, Haiti, Liberia
- **10 Peace Operations Contexts**
  - Afghanistan, CAR, Colombia, DRC, Guinea, Bissau, Iraq, Kosovo, Mali, Somalia, S. Sudan
- **6 Emerging/Sustaining Peace Contexts**
  - Burkina Faso, Guinea, Sri Lanka, The Gambia, Syria Response, Yemen

**GFP Partners**

UN entities working on police, justice and corrections and the broader Rule of Law, co-chaired by DPKO and UNDP, including OHCHR, UN Women, UNODC, and others

**Coverage**

United Nations Peacekeeping and Special Political Mission settings, particularly transitions, and other critical situations

**Basis**

Secretary-General Decision No 2012/13 on Rule of Law Arrangements of September 2012

**Relevance**

The GFP arrangement provides a model for coordination and joint delivery across cross-cutting thematic areas.
PEACE OPERATIONS SETTINGS

MALI

GFP partners are jointly implementing programmes in support of the extension of state authority in the North and addressing conflict drivers through the rule of law. With UN support, the Ministry of Justice adopted priorities essential for justice reforms outlined in the peace agreement, critical for the government’s ability to coordinate bilateral and multilateral support to the justice sector.

New areas of engagement include support to the operationalization of a national specialized unit on terrorism and organized crime through refurbishments, appointment of three prosecutors and eight investigative judges, nomination of 50 special investigation officers and training.

CAR

GFP partners jointly support the operationalization of the national Special Criminal Court (SCC), as well as the resumption of criminal justice and security functions, contributing to the following key results:

- SCC Prosecutor appointed in February 2017
- Judicial mapping exercise concluded in March 2017
- Registration of some 3,500 gendarmes/police officers and the selection, recruitment, vetting and training of 500 new officers
- Reestablishment of the criminal justice system with the first 226 criminal judgments passed since 2010
- Mobile courts in 3 regions, facilitating issuance of more than 7,000 birth certificates

TRANSITION SETTINGS

HAITI & LIBERIA

In Haiti and Liberia, GFP partners teamed up to develop and implement joint rule of law programmes to ensure continued and integrated UN support during and following the transition of peacekeeping missions and to help avoid a relapse into conflict.

The Haiti Joint Rule of Law programme aims to:

- Create a conducive environment for the Rule of Law
- Enhance public security via support to the Haitian National Police
- Promote a more effective, efficient and transparent justice system
- Improve access to justice through service provision and legal awareness

The Liberia Joint Programme focuses on:

- Strengthening the capacity of justice and security institutions and forge linkages among them
- Enhancing community access to justice and civil society contribution to the rule of law
- Strengthening gender responsiveness of justice, security and legislative actors to improve women and girls’ access to justice and security
- Increasing the capacity of key stakeholders to monitor progress and results in the rule of law area

EMERGING/PEACE SUSTAINMENT SETTINGS

BURKINA FASO

With Burkina Faso a “Sustaining Peace” pilot country, the Inter-Agency Working Group on Sustaining Peace in December 2016 recommended that ongoing development interventions by the UN Country Team be complemented with targeted political interventions and programming in politically sensitive areas such as justice and rule of law. In February 2017, GFP police, justice and corrections experts hence undertook a strategic analysis and provided recommendations related to UN Rule of Law assistance. GFP-mobilized resources will fund a Chief Technical Advisor on Rule of Law and Human Rights to support the RC, UNCT and UNOWAS in this endeavour.

YEMEN

In support of the Special Envoy’s office, a team of four experts (3 police experts and 1 rule of law specialist) has, since November 2016, been working from Jordan on the GFP advance planning exercise supporting the police and security assessment and police re-deployment planning process. The GFP further reinforced this process by convening a Group of 4 (programmatic competence and corrections expertise. The Expert Team is conducting:

- Preliminary assessment of security, justice, and corrections
- Development of strategic guidance and options for deployment in 4 cities
- Consultation for further guidance for the deployment plan and entry points for future Rule of Law programming

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