

Sida's Peace and Humanitarian Security Framework agreement - with the consortium of companies comprised of Nordic Consulting Group - Sweden as the lead agency and Nordic Consulting Group - Denmark, Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance - DCAF, Padrigu Consultants (University of Gothenburg) and Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) - has staff-presence in 20 of Sida's ODA countries of cooperation, as well as in additional 18 ODA countries where Sida is not operating. This gives the consortium an estimated access to roughly 15,000 individuals (officials, academics, consultants, experts, staff) in a variety of different organisational settings. The consortium's accumulative expertise covers all thematic areas within this framework, with each partner being able to pull resources at a short notice to cover immediate and long-term needs that the missions and the Sida headquarters in Stockholm might have.

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE OFFER

NCG

NCG is a group of linked but independent consulting companies specialised in international development cooperation. NCG Sweden leading this consortium and NCG Denmark have for more than 25 years been engaged in providing clients with advisory services, portfolio analyses, evaluations and programming of cooperation within the field of peace, human security and humanitarian assistance, and have a significant pool of in-house experts with broad international experience from low-income countries or countries in transition. For the past 15 years, NCG has been providing technical expertise within Sida framework contracts on subjects such as human rights and governance, gender equality, civil society development, result-based management, reviews and evaluations, all related to Sida's thematic priorities such as democratic governance, gender equality peace building and human rights. Both sister companies have been involved in multiple interventions specifically linked to peace and humanitarian security. For example, NCG Sweden recently led sector evaluation of transitional justice within the European Union's instrument for peace and stability (IcSP) - a cornerstone for union members' common foreign policy. NCG Denmark, undertook evaluation of SDC's intervention on human security, peacebuilding and state building within the Cooperation Strategy South Sudan.

DCAF

DCAF is a global leader in developing and implementing good practices in Security Sector Governance and Reform (SSG/R), and is an essential contributor to international peace, security and sustainable development. DCAF has directly improved multilateral approaches to SSG/R (such as through the External Review of UN Police Division, developing lessons for Peace Operations in UNMIL or UNAMID, or support EU strategy development), supported Swedish SSR programmes through evaluations in Albania, Liberia and Moldova, and directly delivered reform programmes across a wide range of geographical contexts.

PADRIGU

Padrigu Consultants is a cooperative at the University of Göteborg, School of Global Studies. As such they draw on a large number of researchers in the fields of conflict, security peace and development. Their pronounced expertise is found in two fields: cross section between conflict and development, and policy analyses. To analyse the role of poverty, exclusion, human rights violations, gendered violence, identity politics, (local) democracy, and unequal/unsustainable development and their connection to conflict are commonplace in this group. Policy analyses cover issues such as the importance of regional development, the severity of the global water crisis for development efforts, the role of civil society and wider governance issues in violent conflicts, or how to address gendered violence in war(-like) situations.

GCSP

The GCSP is dedicated to promoting peace, security and stability through education and training, applied policy research and impactful dialogue. GCSP thematic areas involve the broader sustaining peace agenda, including prevention, peacebuilding, peace operations, sanctions, human security, climate and health, gender and inclusive security, effective governance, leadership, arms proliferation, security and law, diplomatic tradecraft, crisis management, defence and diplomacy, prevention of terrorism and violent extremism, cyber security, global risk and resilience, strategic anticipation, neurophilosophy and transformative technology.

OUR COMPETENCES

Our team of consultants bring the following competences:

- Direct and indirect involvement in peace negotiations;
- Joint and impartial humanitarian needs assessments;
- Development of Theories of Change (ToC), result frameworks and indicators that are typically challenging elements of fragile and conflict-affected projects and operations;
- Application of protection systems for child rights in armed conflicts;
- Setting up early warning mechanisms for human rights defenders exposed to severe risks;
- Gender equality methods and gender mainstreaming in projects and programmes in conflict settings;
- Developing specific methods, e.g.:
 Rapid organisational assessment tool for organisational capacity for mainstreaming of gender, environment and conflict sensitivity;
- Evaluation and assessment of organisations' compliance with Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS), and other humanitarian principles and guidelines;
- Security sector governance and reform, matched with an internal research capacity dedicated to further development of SSG/R knowledge;
- Expertise in SSR/G including military, police, and justice;
- Thematic expertise in cross cutting areas such as gender and business and security, geographical expertise;
- Wide contextual knowledge and a vast network of local researchers;
- Support to informed and effective policy making and capacity building through research, publications, workshops, seminars and courses.

OUR APPROACH

Some of the key factors for a successful assignment/client collaboration that our team of consultants bring and our general process/working methods are::

- Access to a collaborative network of partnerships with key actors such as state institutions, authorities, CSOs, multilaterals, academics, policy practitioners, etc. accessible for participation:
- Integrated approaches to a variety of subject matters, e.g. how transitional justice processes to end impunity, redress victims, contribute to trust building, crosscut with state's capacity to democratise and strengthen the rule of law:
- Proactive approaches to incentivize knowledge development and sharing in the international community;

Deep knowledge about theories, history and the genealogy of international cooperation;

- Vast number of empirical, local and grounded studies;
- Engagement at local level, often in persor and through interview studies, and often directly matched with general policy work on national, regional or global level;
- Through Conflict Analysis Network (CAN) –
 hosted by the GCSP we can contribute to
 more effective and conjoined international
 interventions, improve contextual
 understanding at all levels, improve
 political literacy, and provide agile and
 timely analyses that connect past, present
 and future. The GCSP / CAN network is
 working with a large range of organizations
 including the United Nations, European
 Union, NATO, and through bilateral
 cooperation with individual governments;
- The GCSP's Global Fellowship Programme for senior officials, practitioners and academics provides access to leading expertise and representatives from governments, international organisations, private sector, who are available to engage on key topics and projects.



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