

## INFORMATION NOTE

The United Nations Working Group on post-conflict employment creation, income generation and reintegration<sup>1</sup> was formally established after UN Secretary-General Decision No. 2006/50 of 28 November 2006. Jointly chaired by ILO and UNDP, the objectives of the Working Group were twofold:

- i. To develop a UN policy paper that provides the conceptual basis for post-conflict employment creation and income generation and its linkages to reintegration, focusing on the normative, facilitative and technical roles of the UN system.
- ii. To develop a UN operational guidance note on the same subject that provides practical guidance to UN actors at the field level responsible for managing and implementing employment creation, income generation and reintegration programmes and how to best link those with reintegration and recovery strategies.

The Working Group will be closed down at the end of 2009 and replaced by a Task Force<sup>2</sup> that will focus on guiding the roll-out of the United Nations Policy for Post-Conflict Employment Creation, Income Generation and Reintegration and the Operational Guidance Note at the country level.

### **Achievements from 2006 to 2009**

The Working Group finalized the United Nations Policy for Post-Conflict Employment Creation, Income Generation and Reintegration after a comprehensive inter-agency consultation process at HQ and field levels. The Policy document was approved by the UN Secretary-General in May 2008, when the drafting of the supporting Operational Guide Note on the same subject commenced. The Operational Guidance Note is currently with the United Nations Development Group for approval. In parallel, the Working Group also developed a Policy Briefing Paper and has worked to establish the web-based PCEIR Resource and Technical Platform, a one-stop portal for all issues regarding the Policy roll-out.

### **The Way Forward from 2010 to 2011**

A Joint Support Team will be established for a 2 year period, as mandated by UN Secretary-General Decision No. 2008/19 of 20 May 2008, which will support the implementation and scaling up of programmes through the UN Country Teams in the area of post-conflict employment and reintegration. The roll-out of the UN Policy will have appropriate linkages to ongoing structures in support of country-level peace-building and recovery. The three-track approach to post-conflict employment creation and reintegration, as elaborated in the UN Policy, will initially be implemented in five roll-out countries: Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Nepal, Sierra Leone and Timor-Leste. Upon request there will also be a possibility of providing technical assistance and support to other post-conflict countries, all depending on availability of human and financial resources.

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<sup>1</sup> Working Group members are as follows: Asian Development Bank (ADB), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), Department of Political Affairs (DPA), Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO), Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), International Labour Organization (ILO), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Office of the Special Advisor on Africa (OSAA), Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO), Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (SRSG CAAC), United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and the World Bank.

<sup>2</sup> The Task Force will initially start with the same members as the Working Group, although other operational agencies are welcome to join.