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“How-to” Guide on Economic Reintegration: Children Formerly Associated with Armed Forces and Groups



What is the “How-to” Guide on economic reintegration?

A Guide, available since 2009, to assist agencies and individuals in achieving the successful economic reintegration of young people who were formerly associated with armed forces and groups and other conflict-affected children. It provides practical guidance to implement the *Paris Principles and Guidelines on Children Associated with Armed Forces and Armed Groups* and the *United Nations Integrated Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Standards*

For whom?

■ Direct beneficiaries:

- Implementing agencies, to assess and appropriately address the needs of working-age children (i.e. 14 or 15 to 18 years old)
- Individuals and agencies providing specific technical components (e.g. vocational training or business development services), as well as national Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) commissions, UN agencies, NGOs, etc., which are involved in designing, overseeing, monitoring, and evaluating release and reintegration programmes

- ##### ■ Ultimate beneficiaries:
- Children formerly associated with armed forces and groups, and other conflict-affected children at risk of being recruited by combatants

For what purpose?

- Provide operational guidance to persons and organizations implementing economic reintegration programmes for children, particularly in the context of DDR programmes. The guide is used as a reference and as a basis for training
- Build the capacity of agencies and individuals to implement prevention and reintegration programmes for children with an economic component

How is it delivered?

- Training of trainers
- Training of target audience at country level
- Guide available online
- Handing out of the guide

What are its components?

Three parts and ten modules:

- Introduction
- Conceptual Framework of the “How-to” Guide
- Modules on sectoral aspects of economic reintegration of children formerly associated with armed forces and groups:
 - Module 1: Identification of the target group
 - Module 2: Local economic and social environment assessment and coordination
 - Module 3: Vocational orientation and counseling
 - Module 4: Training for economic empowerment
 - Module 5: Assistance in starting and maintaining self-employment
 - Module 6: Assistance in obtaining and maintaining wage employment
 - Module 7: Integration into employment-intensive investment programmes
 - Module 8: Social protection
 - Module 9: Voice, participation, representation
 - Module 10: Economic reintegration of children and youth with specific needs



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Which technical areas are covered?

- Economic reintegration of children formerly associated with armed forces and groups, including local economic and social assessment, vocational orientation, vocational training, basic education, entrepreneurship training, cooperatives, microfinance, micro health insurance, access to wage employment, gender, disabilities, voice and representation
- Specific needs of girls and of young people living with disabilities or with HIV

Can it cover more technical areas?

- Yes, economic integration of children withdrawn from other forms of child labour



Where has it been used?

In 5 countries: Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Nepal, Northern Sudan, and Southern Sudan (see map)

Which languages?

Available in 2 languages: English and French

Is it suitable for rural areas?

Yes

What are its strengths?

- Practical, comprehensive, and easy to use for non-specialists, but technically meaningful
- Adaptable to the diversity of post-conflict situations
- Linked with ILO tools: *Local Economic Development / Local Economic Recovery*, *Training for Rural Economic Empowerment (TREE)*, *Start and Improve Your Business (SIYB)*, *Work Improvement in Small Enterprises (WISE)* and *Work Improvement in Neighbourhood Development (WIND)*, *CRISIS Guidebook on Reintegration of Ex-combatants*
- Complements the UN Integrated Disarmament Demobilization and Reintegration Standards (IDDRS) - developed by 17 UN agencies



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Is there a training course in ITC-Turin?

Yes, the tool is used within a course titled: "Economic Reintegration of Conflict-Affected Children"

In addition, the ILO International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) organizes training courses at country level. Five have been organized so far (in Chad, DRC, Nepal, Northern Sudan and Southern Sudan)

Where to find more information?

- How-to guide:
<http://www.ilo.org/ipec/areas/Armedconflict/lang--en/>

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