

# MDRP Fact Sheet

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

### Multi-Country Demobilization and Reintegration Program (MDRP)

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#### BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

Launched in 2002, MDRP supports a regional planning and financing framework for the **demobilization and reintegration** (D&R) of an estimated **415,000 combatants** in countries involved in, or affected by, conflict in the **Great Lakes Region**.

MDRP supports D&R efforts in **Angola, Burundi, the Central African Republic (CAR), the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the Republic of Congo (RoC), Rwanda and Uganda**.

Through these activities, MDRP aims to **contribute to the overall security environment and to regional peacebuilding and stabilization processes in the greater Great Lakes region**, thus laying the groundwork for sustainable development. The program's underlying principles are **partnership and national ownership**. Development, financing, security and political actors must collaborate in order to effectively address the multi-sectoral challenges of peacebuilding and recovery.

MDRP is **financed by the World Bank and 13 donors** – Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the European Commission. It collaborates with **national governments and commissions**, and with **over 30 partner organizations**, including United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations.



#### PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

##### NATIONAL PROGRAMS

MDRP supports national D&R efforts in **Angola, Burundi, the DRC, the RoC and Rwanda**. Programs in Angola and Rwanda are well advanced and focusing almost exclusively on reintegration support. Activities in Burundi and the DRC are also well advanced but further demobilization is envisaged. The RoC program was the last to start but is now underway following early delays.

##### SPECIAL PROJECTS

MDRP special projects are intended to provide support to **special target groups** (e.g. children associated with fighting forces), **small-scale pilots** and other **demobilization and reintegration activities not covered by national programs**. Several of these special projects have been successfully completed in Angola, Burundi and the DRC, and have involved UN or NGO **implementing partners**. MDRP special projects were also established **in lieu of national programs**, such as in the CAR and in Uganda, where projects recently closed. In Uganda, however, future activities are under consideration.

##### CROSS-CUTTING AND REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Through collaboration with partners and colleagues, MDRP seeks to improve understanding of the **linkages** between its D&R work and **cross-cutting issues** through analytical work on Security Sector Reform, HIV/AIDS, disabilities and gender. MDRP also supports regional initiatives such as that of **Combatants on Foreign Soil (COFS)**, which aims to facilitate the repatriation of foreign combatants, particularly in the eastern DRC.

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## MDRP Progress: Demobilization and Reintegration

Program implementation is **progressing well**. Region-wide, **298,865 ex-combatants** have been **demobilized** and **197,374** have been, or are being, assisted through **reintegration support**.

## MDRP Finances

The estimated cost to complete regional activities supported by the MDRP is about **\$560 million**. To date, donors have contributed approximately \$222 million to an MDRP trust fund. An additional \$210 million has been contributed by the World Bank International Development Association (IDA), with another \$50 million currently being processed. The MDRP is looking to address this funding gap through additional IDA and donor resources.

**Table 2**  
MDRP Performance  
as of Feb. 29, 2008

		Number of Beneficiaries		
		As of Feb.	Target Projected	% of Target
Angola	Demobilization	97,390	138,000	71%
	Reinsertion	52,568	62,716	84%
	Reintegration*	78,503	166,662	47%
Burundi	Demobilization	24,498	55,000	45%
	Reinsertion	21,457	47,000	46%
	Reintegration	13,869	47,000	30%
CAR (project completed)	Demobilization	7,556	7,565	100%
	Reinsertion	7,533	7,565	100%
	Reintegration	7,556	7,565	100%
DRC	Demobilization	124,059	150,000	83%
	Reinsertion	102,013	120,000	85%
	Reintegration	47,043	90,000	52%
ROC	Demobilization	0	11,000	0%
	Reinsertion	0	11,000	0%
	Reintegration	9,623	30,000	32%
Rwanda	Demobilization	29,106	36,000	81%
	Reinsertion	42,877	47,400	90%
	Reintegration	40,780	50,000	82%
Uganda (project completed)	Demobilization	16,256	15,310	106%
	Reinsertion	14,816	15,310	97%
	Reintegration	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>Demobilization</b>	<b>298,865</b>	<b>412,875</b>	<b>72%</b>
	<b>Reinsertion</b>	<b>241,264</b>	<b>310,991</b>	<b>77%</b>
	<b>Reintegration</b>	<b>197,374</b>	<b>391,227</b>	<b>50%</b>

\* Refers to the receiving of reintegration assistance. It does not necessarily imply achievement of full social or economic reintegration, which are long-term processes.

**Table 1**  
MDRP Trust Fund Disbursements by  
Program/Project (US\$) as of Feb. 29, 2009

	Disbursed
<b>Program Disbursements</b>	<b>196,887,348</b>
<b>National programs</b>	<b>141,800,946</b>
Angola	18,178,638
Burundi	18,207,452
Congo-ERP	6,038,820
DRC	90,585,516
Rwanda	8,790,520
<b>Special projects</b>	<b>55,086,403</b>
Angola-UNDP (complete)	4,245,592
Burundi-UNICEF (complete)	3,474,016
CAR-UNDP (complete)	9,727,000
DRC-SCF (complete)	5,366,000
DRC-Cons (complete)	8,846,595
DRC-UNDP (complete)	5,000,000
DRC-RRM (complete)	8,129,870
DRC-BRC (complete)	1,138,580
DRC-UNICEF (complete)	4,997,000
Uganda-AC (complete)	4,161,749
<b>Regional activities</b>	<b>2,037,538</b>

\*Committed amounts converted at exchange rate of Nov. 2004

**Table 3**  
MDRP Trust Fund: Commitments and Contributions  
by Donor (US\$) as of Feb. 29, 2008

	Committed amount	Contributed
<b>Donor contributions</b>	<b>253,609,030</b>	<b>236,257,777</b>
Belgium	10,992,483	10,992,483
Canada	19,475,901	19,475,901
Denmark	4,033,720	4,033,720
EC	22,764,000	22,764,000
Finland	1,356,450	1,356,450
France	2,078,600	2,078,600
Germany	13,874,578	11,827,578
Italy	1,714,050	1,714,050
Ireland	659,550	659,550
The Netherlands	127,183,254	116,219,451
Norway	6,875,376	6,875,376
Sweden	8,260,619	8,260,619
UK	35,000,000	30,000,000
<b>Investment Income</b>		<b>6,604,277</b>

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## MDRP Country Activities at a Glance

ANGOLA	
<b>Finances</b>	• Total of \$87.1 million, of which: <b>IDA grant of \$38.7 million</b> (82% disbursed); <b>MDTF grant of \$48.4 million</b> (38% disbursed).*
<b>Activities</b>	• <b>National program</b> targets 105,000 UNITA and 33,000 Angolan Armed Forces (FAA) ex-combatants.
<b>Progress</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>97,390 ex-UNITA</b> were demobilized as of May 2007; <b>initial pilot discharge of 276 FAA</b> (of 27,000 identified, of which many are disabled).</li> <li>• <b>148,582 reintegration opportunities</b> have been or are being contracted (for a total of \$64 million), benefiting 92% of the total potential target group.</li> <li>• <b>Of 7,300 beneficiaries interviewed</b>, 61% were self employed, 34 % unemployed and 97% have access to agriculture land.</li> <li>• <b>Challenges</b> being addressed: support to <b>vulnerable women and children</b> increasing; work with <b>disabled</b> initiated and improving.</li> </ul>
BURUNDI	
<b>Finances</b>	• Total of \$77.6 million of which: <b>IDA grant of \$35.8 million</b> (76% disbursed); <b>MDTF grant of \$41.8 million</b> (44% disbursed).
<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National program</b> (original) targets: <b>55,000</b> ex-combatants.</li> <li>• <b>UNICEF special project</b> (\$3.5 million) for <b>child soldiers</b> closed June 30, 2006.</li> </ul>
<b>Progress</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>24,498 demobilized</b> to date (includes <b>3,041 child soldiers</b> and <b>506 female ex-combatants</b>); <b>20,144 former Gardiens de la Paix</b> and <b>militia members</b> have received <b>reinsertion allowances</b>. ES/CNDRR continues to be prepared for any demobilization of FNL-PALIPEHUTU combatants.</li> <li>• <b>13,869 adult ex-combatants</b> received reintegration assistance, as did all demobilized children. AMA and Oxfam Quebec have begun medical rehabilitation and socio-economic reintegration for disabled ex-combatants.</li> <li>• <b>Challenges</b> being addressed: 1) completion of disarmament, dismantling of militias; 2) acceleration of reintegration activities.</li> </ul>
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	
<b>Finances</b>	• <b>UNDP Special Project of \$9.8 million</b> (100% disbursed) granted to UNDP.
<b>Activities</b>	• <b>Program now closed</b> . Provided <b>reintegration support to 7,556 ex-combatants</b> and <b>small-infrastructure rehabilitation</b> to communities of return.
<b>Progress</b>	• <b>All ex-combatant beneficiaries were demobilized, provided reintegration assistance</b> . Exit strategy being implemented in coordination with other donors, including Security Sector reform seminar and broader community development projects.
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO	
<b>Finances</b>	• Total of \$207 million of which: <b>IDA grant of \$109.7 million</b> (99% disbursed); <b>MDTF grant of \$97.6 million</b> (93% disbursed).
<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National program</b> initially targeted <b>150,000 ex-combatants</b>.</li> <li>• UN agencies and international NGOs have received over \$30 million in direct MDRP funding to implement special projects in the DRC since 2003. Many of these projects focused on children associated with armed forces. All are now closed.</li> </ul>
<b>Progress</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>124,059 individuals demobilized</b> (102,006 adults); outstanding caseload of 60-70,000 pending.</li> <li>• <b>Reinsertion payments underway for 102,013 beneficiaries</b>. <b>Reintegration support for 56,297</b> contracted, with <b>over 47,000</b> beneficiaries engaged in activities. <b>29,291 children released</b> from armed groups.**</li> <li>• <b>Challenges</b> being addressed: 1) additional caseload of 60-70,000, rebel groups in the East; 2) reintegration sub-projects for ex-combatants already demobilized; 3) the World Bank and MDRP continue to work with Government on an IDA Additional Financing Operation for US\$50 million, with parallel financing from the African Development Bank for approximately US\$22 million</li> </ul>
REPUBLIC OF CONGO	
<b>Finances</b>	• <b>\$17 million MDTF grant</b> (36% disbursed).
<b>Activities</b>	• Program <b>targets 30,000 ex-combatants</b> (including 19,000 demobilized after 1999 war and not serviced, an estimated 5,000 rebels in the Pool region, and a projected 6,000 army personnel). Also includes community infrastructure rehabilitation and reconciliation.
<b>Progress</b>	• <b>Departmental commission established; sensitization workshops</b> held at district and community levels. Reintegration support launched in late 2007. <b>9,623</b> provided with <b>reintegration</b> support. The <b>Government and rebel leader Reverend Ntoumi</b> in the Pool Region have reached overall agreement.
RWANDA	
<b>Finances</b>	• Total of \$34.9 million of which: <b>IDA credit of \$20.5 million</b> (87% disbursed); <b>MDTF grant of \$14.4 million</b> (61% disbursed).
<b>Activities</b>	• <b>National program</b> targets <b>36,000 ex-combatants</b> of the Rwanda Defense Force (RDF) and Rwandese armed groups, including 2,500 children.
<b>Progress</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>29,106 demobilized</b>. <b>42,877</b> beneficiaries received <b>reinsertion support</b>. Other efforts have focused on repatriating Rwandese armed groups and their dependents from the DRC, but process is slow. <b>40,780</b> are receiving <b>reintegration support</b>.</li> <li>• <b>6,784 members of Rwandan armed groups have been repatriated to Rwanda, mostly from the DRC</b>.</li> <li>• RDRC developed a strategy for addressing psychosocial support needs of ex-combatants in Rwanda following a national conference.</li> </ul>
UGANDA	
<b>Finances</b>	• <b>Special project of \$4.2 million</b> (99% disbursed) granted to the <b>Amnesty Commission</b> .
<b>Activities</b>	• <b>Program now closed</b> . <b>Targeted 15,310 "reporters"</b> – ex-combatants/collaborators who met conditions under the Amnesty Act of 2000.
<b>Progress</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>16,256 individuals</b> demobilized. <b>Reinsertion</b> support provided to <b>14,816</b>.</li> <li>• Additional activities under consideration in light of possible peace talk outcomes between the Lord's Resistance Army and the Ugandan Government.</li> </ul>

\* USD value of IDA credits/grants varies over time due to exchange rate changes with SDR

\*\* Total number of children as reported by implementing partners for Special Projects. Ongoing MIS consolidation will eventually allow reporting through MIS.