Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR) Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the **conceptual frameworks** and **strategic objectives** of DDR in **peace operations**.
2. Assess the role of DDR within the broader **peacebuilding** and **post-conflict recovery** agenda.
3. Design and implement effective **disarmament processes** and **weapons management** strategies.
4. Plan and execute systematic **demobilization** and registration of diverse combatant groups.
5. Develop robust **socioeconomic reintegration** programs tailored to local contexts.
6. Integrate **gender considerations** and address the specific needs of **child soldiers** and female ex-combatants.
7. Apply **psychosocial support** and **trauma healing** principles in DDR programming.
8. Formulate strategies for **Community Violence Reduction (CVR)** and armed group engagement.
9. Examine the critical link between DDR and **Security Sector Reform (SSR)** for long-term stability.
10. Identify and mitigate **spoilers** and manage political challenges in DDR implementation.
11. Develop skills in **monitoring and evaluation** to ensure program effectiveness and accountability.
12. Understand the nuances of **transitional justice** and its role in DDR processes.
13. Leverage **partnerships and innovative financing** models for sustainable DDR outcomes.

Target Audience

1. Peacebuilding practitioners and NGO staff involved in post-conflict settings.
2. Government officials and policymakers from defense, interior, and social affairs ministries.
3. Military and police personnel deployed in UN or regional peace operations.
4. Staff of international organizations (UN, UNDP, IOM, World Bank, etc.).
5. Development program managers and humanitarian aid workers.
6. Researchers and academics specializing in peace and conflict studies.
7. Community leaders and civil society advocates from conflict-affected areas.
8. Diplomats and foreign service officers.

Course Outline

Module 1: Foundational Concepts of DDR

- Defining DDR: Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration.
- Historical evolution of DDR programs.
- The DDR-peacebuilding nexus and its role in fragile contexts.
- Understanding the different types of DDR: traditional vs. modern approaches.
- **Case Study:** The DDR process in **Mozambique** (1992-1994) following the Rome General Peace Accords.

Module 2: Disarmament and Weapons Management

- Planning and executing a disarmament process.
- Strategies for collecting and destroying **Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW)**.
- Verification, monitoring, and reporting mechanisms.
- Engaging non-state armed groups and addressing illicit arms flows.
- **Case Study:** The **Sierra Leone** (1999-2002) DDR program and its challenges with weapons collection.

Module 3: Demobilization and Transitional Support

- Establishing and managing demobilization sites and cantonment areas.
- Registration and profiling of ex-combatants, including combatants of various ages and genders.
- Providing immediate humanitarian aid and medical assistance.
- Psychosocial support and trauma healing for former combatants.
- **Case Study:** The demobilization process in the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**, focusing on challenges of scale and remoteness.

Module 4: Socioeconomic Reintegration

- Designing and implementing sustainable livelihood and vocational training projects.
- The role of micro-finance and small business development.
- Addressing community resentment and ensuring community benefits.
- Facilitating return and social integration into host communities.
- **Case Study:** The **Colombia** (2016) DDR process, emphasizing economic reintegration and rural development.

Module 5: Gender, Youth, and Vulnerable Groups

- Integrating a **gender-responsive** approach in DDR.
- Addressing the unique needs of **female ex-combatants** and their dependents.
- The special case of **child soldiers**: rehabilitation and reintegration.
- Programming for disabled and other vulnerable ex-combatants.
- **Case Study:** DDR programming in **Northern Uganda** addressing child soldiers of the Lord's Resistance Army.

Module 6: Community Violence Reduction (CVR)

- Defining and distinguishing CVR from traditional DDR.
- Designing and implementing CVR programs to reduce armed violence.
- The link between CVR, security, and development.
- Community-based approaches to violence prevention.
- **Case Study: Haiti's** use of CVR programs in urban areas to complement traditional security efforts.

Module 7: DDR and Security Sector Reform (SSR)

- Understanding the interconnectedness of DDR and SSR.
- Disbanding and integrating armed groups into national security forces.
- Challenges of security sector professionalization and governance.
- The role of DDR in justice sector and police reform.
- **Case Study:** The complex relationship between DDR and SSR in **Nepal** following the Comprehensive Peace Agreement.

Module 8: Strategic Planning and Program Management

- Developing a comprehensive DDR strategy and action plan.
- Monitoring and evaluation (M&E) for DDR programs.
- Securing funding and managing donor relations.
- Strategies for maintaining **political will** and managing **spoilers**.
- **Case Study:** Analyzing the successes and failures of the **Liberia** (2003) DDR program in securing international support and local ownership.

Training Methodology

This course employs a **blended learning approach**, combining interactive lectures, group discussions, and scenario-based exercises. We will use **participatory training methods** to foster peer-to-peer learning and practical skill development. The methodology includes:

- **Case study analysis**: In-depth examination of historical and contemporary DDR operations.
- **Role-playing and simulations**: Participants will assume different roles to navigate complex DDR scenarios.
- **Expert-led workshops**: Sessions led by experienced DDR practitioners from the field.
- **Group projects**: Collaborative problem-solving exercises to design a mock DDR program.
- **Multimedia resources**: Use of videos, documentaries, and interactive tools to enhance learning.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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