

AFRICA CONFLICT PREVENTION PROGRAMME



The Africa Conflict Prevention Pool (ACPP) was established in April 2001 as a joint initiative of the UK Department for International Development (DFID), the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), and the Ministry of Defence (MOD). Its aim is to improve the UK Government's contribution to conflict prevention and peace building

in Africa by joining-up UK expertise across the three departments in development diplomacy and defence. The Africa Conflict Prevention Pool was working in parallel with the Global Conflict Prevention Pool, which share the same aim and focused on the rest of the world.

In autumn 2007, the Africa Conflict Prevention Pool and the Global Conflict Prevention Pool were merged to form the Conflict Prevention Pool (CPP). The ACPP, now renamed Africa Conflict Prevention Programme, is one of the programmes or strategies under the CPP which has a total budget of £112m for financial year 2008/2009. ACPP's share for 08/09 is £62.8 m.

ACPP Objectives

The Africa Conflict Prevention Programme overall approach to conflict prevention in Africa focuses on three broad objectives:

- **To support the building of the African conflict prevention and management capacity particularly at the regional and sub-regional level.**
- **To assist with conflict prevention, management, peace building and post-conflict reconstruction in a number of priority sub-regions and countries and to address the underlying causes of conflict.**
- **To support initiatives in Africa for improving security sector reform, governance and demilitarisation.**

These objectives are set within the context of the UK Sub-Saharan Strategy for Conflict Prevention and underpin the African element of the UK's joint conflict Public Spending Agreement target as well as major UK international commitments under the aegis of the G8.

Future challenges include:



- increasing the focus of the ACPP on pre-emptive conflict prevention work;
- balancing our efforts to encourage longer term Africa Peace and Security Architecture development with the wider HMG need to assist the Africa Union (AU) in short term work with existing AU peacekeeping missions;
- shifting support from quieter countries to areas of hot conflict;
- monitoring programmes in complex and politicised environments;
- deepening joint analysis and common objectives across DFID, FCO and MOD;

ACPP medium term geographical and thematic priorities

- The ACPP has invested significantly in West Africa since 2001/02, with about 50% of total resources going to the region, particularly into Security Sector Reform in Sierra Leone. The ACPP will scale down programmes in West Africa over the CSR period, reinforcing its efforts to address major conflicts in Central Africa and the Horn, particularly Sudan, Somalia and the Great Lakes region.
- The ACPP will scale up Pan-African and African Union Peace and Security Architecture activities, including building the African Standby Force, according to the capacity of the institutions to absorb support effectively.
- The ACPP will increase spending on civilian peacebuilding activities to prevent conflict, and place more focus on civilian led Security Sector Reform.

For more information on the Africa Conflict Prevention Pool please see:-

- Reducing Conflict in Africa: Progress & challenges. Performance report 2001-2005
- Africa Conflict Prevention Pool: Annual Report 2006/07

For more information on the work DFID is doing on conflict in Africa please see our Africa Conflict Factsheet.