

The Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Section (DDR) is mandated to support the Ivorian Government in the implementation of the national programme of disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of ex-combatants, while paying special attention to the specific needs of women and children.

The tasks of this section consist of assisting the Government in undertaking the regrouping of all the Ivorian forces involved in the conflict, in sites where their safety will be ensured by UNOCI's military force. UNOCI peacekeepers will also take charge of the weapons, ammunition and other military material surrendered by the former combatants. This military material will be neutralized or destroyed. The Section must also assist the Prime Minister of the Government of National Reconciliation in formulating and monitoring the implementation of the operation plan for disarmament and dismantling of the militias.

In addition, UNOCI coordinates closely with the United Nations missions in Sierra Leone and Liberia in the implementation of a voluntary repatriation and resettlement programme for foreign ex-combatants who are in Ivory Coast.



Collecting arms found on the frontline.  
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## DDR Partners



Arms collected by the Forces  
Nouvelles in Man.  
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Currently, the number of ex-combatants targeted by the DDR process is approximately 48,064 people, including 5,500 members of the National Forces of Ivory Coast and 42,564 of the Armed Forces of the Forces Nouvelles.

The main partners of the DDR Section includes the Government of National Reconciliation, the National Committee in charge of DDR, the donor nations, other sections of the UNOCI, United Nations agencies and the staff of the National Defence and Security Forces and Armed Forces of the Forces Nouvelles.