



GLOBAL FOCAL POINT FOR THE RULE OF LAW (GFP)

A JOINT ARRANGEMENT FOR RULE OF LAW DELIVERY IN CRISIS SITUATIONS

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A COORDINATED UN APPROACH TO THE RULE OF LAW

The **Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law (GFP)** is a United Nations platform co-chaired by DPO and UNDP that is designed to **strengthen the provision of rule of law assistance** to address and prevent violent conflict, to protect human rights and to restore justice and security for conflict-affected people. The GFP is a **field-focused arrangement** that enables United Nations entities, including UNODC, UNHCR, OHCHR, EOSG, UNOPS, UN Women, ToE and UNICEF to jointly pursue shared objectives, in accordance with their mandates and capacities. GFP partners promote United Nations norms and standards, including **gender mainstreaming** and **human rights-based approaches**.

GFP coordinating platforms and working group arrangements are established **both at Headquarters and in the field** to increase United Nations coherence, align strategies

and programmes with national development plans, serve as a **single entry point** for host governments, and achieve better results drawing on the expertise of the contributing agencies.

Through joint assessments, planning, and programming, the GFP arrangement has been supporting a **coordinated United Nations approach to rule of law assistance**, relying primarily on voluntary funding and striving to **increase impact and results** by:

REDUCING
COMPETITION



LEVERAGING
EXPERTISE



ENCOURAGING
INNOVATION



COVERAGE

The GFP operates in the following settings:

- Sustaining Peace
- Conflict & Post-Conflict
- Transitions

GFP PARTNERS

- DPO (co-chair)
- UNDP (co-chair)
- EOSG
- OHCHR
- UNHCR
- UNODC
- UNOPS
- UN Women

JOINT
MISSIONS & EXPERT
DEPLOYMENTS

JOINT
TRAININGS &
KNOWLEDGE SHARING

JOINT
RESOURCE
MOBILIZATION

JOINT
PLANNING &
ASSESSMENTS

GFP FACTS AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FIELD

160+ DEPLOYMENTS OF EXPERTISE

including joint assessments and experts from Standing Police Capacity and Justice and Corrections Standing Capacity, as well as gender, human rights and programming experts.

32 JOINT PROGRAMMES & PROJECTS

to provide assistance and support national rule of law priorities.

10 YEARS OF IMPACTFUL COOPERATION

programming and planning at HQ and country levels.

\$50+ mil. MOBILIZED FOR JOINT PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

in partnership with UNDP Global Programme on Rule of Law and Human Rights.

38 COUNTRIES & TERRITORIES IN CRISIS SITUATION

supported by GFP since 2012.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



Joint Rule of Law Programming in the Central African Republic

UNDP, MINUSCA and the Team of Experts on Sexual Violence in Conflict are implementing the joint rule of law programme to provide **'Support to the Rule of Law and Reform of the Justice and Security Sectors in CAR'** in 2020-2023. The programme aims at supporting the **reform of the justice and prison sectors**, the deployment of the Internal Security Forces closer to the population and the improvement of **women's access to justice and security**, including through the investigation and prosecution of **gender-based violence cases**. In October 2022, the **Special Criminal Court (SCC)** has issued its first verdict on **war crimes and crimes against humanity**.



Joint Rule of Law and Conflict Prevention Programming in Mali

UNDP and UN Women (formerly with MINUSMA) continue the implementation of the joint rule of law and conflict prevention programme **"Programme in support to the stabilization of Mali by strengthening the Rule of Law" (PROSMED)**. The programme, which was originally planned until 2025, links its support to security and justice sectors with conflict prevention, fight against corruption and prevention of violent extremism. The focus on **complementarity of capacities and expertise** has ensured that the project can continue making an impact during the drawdown of MINUSMA. Data collected through perception surveys shows that **people's trust** in security forces **increased by 13%** since inception of the programme in 2020.



Joint Justice and Corrections Programme in Somalia

Since 2015, **UNDP, UNSOM** and **UNODC** have been implementing joint rule of law and justice and corrections programmes since 2015 with interventions related to institutional development, **people-centred justice sector reform and service delivery**. The project effectively supports formal and informal rule of law actors to design and implement **integrative justice solutions** through generative dialogues, promoting political dialogue, collection of data and coordination, to facilitate the process **towards a Somali Justice and Corrections Model which is people-centred, nationally owned and sustainable**. A series of Community Conversations were organized on justice, security and land issues for over **7,000 people**.



Strengthening Gender Parity for Uniformed Corrections Personnel

The GFP supported an initiative to strengthen the deployment of **women corrections officers** to UN peace operations as **government-provided personnel (GPP)**. The project increased women officers' awareness of deployment opportunities, e.g. through the **launch of the United Nations Women Corrections Officers Network** which already counts **800 members from more than 25 countries**. In addition, the project helped build inclusive and empowering work environments for women GPP through a series of **virtual dialogue sessions** on gender bias and stereotyping and how to be a gender ally, **attended by 120 GPP from six peace operations**, which was accompanied by a social media campaign.

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