

Supporting the Sharing of Lessons Learnt on Security and Human Rights Good Practice

Background

Implementation of the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights (VPs) is currently being undertaken by oil, gas, and mining companies in approximately 100 countries. Though this level implementation is frequent, it is often carried out in isolation from any broader, community- or national-level implementation that would involve governments, civil society, or affected communities, with limited knowledge sharing across

stakeholders. This national-level implementation has only been undertaken in a coordinated fashion in a select few countries, notably Colombia and Peru, which both have well-developed processes, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), which has a national Working Group in Kinshasa and until recently had a regional Working Group in the former province of Katanga, and Indonesia, where a less successful process was attempted

several years ago.

In 2016, the Voluntary Principles Initiative (VPI), the multi-stakeholder membership organization that supports the VPs, made wider national-level implementation a key priority for the Initiative's strategic plan. In doing so, the VPI identified three countries that would be the focus of "In-Country Pilot Working Groups", namely Ghana, Nigeria, and Myanmar.

Project Update

- FFP and DCAF presented the project during the VPI Plenary in Washington DC in March 2018.
- FFP has developed the Key Informant Interview/Focus Group Discussion (KII/FGD) instrument, which will be used to guide the field research. The first research mission will be carried out in Ghana at the end of May 2018.
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SHRIM Support

Through this project, the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) and Fund for Peace (FFP) will collect good practices and lessons learned from previous national-level In-Country Working Group experiences notably in Colombia, D.R. Congo, Indonesia, and Peru. This will enable lessons learning on what approaches worked (or did not work) in the past, as well as collecting initial lessons from more recent initiatives in Ghana, Nigeria and Myanmar.

This research will provide two case studies on Ghana and Nigeria and a lessons learned report which will help to inform current and future in-country processes. The case studies will look into how groups have leveraged existing networks in-country, identified entry points for security and human rights conversations in different contexts, and undertook sensitization of the VPs among stakeholder groups to help bring them into the process.



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