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Overview of START and the GPSF

Mobilizing Canada's Capacity for International Crisis Response



Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force (START)

Enhancing Canadian Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada's (DFAIT) capacity to:

- **Ensure timely, coordinated responses to international crises (natural and human-made) requiring effective whole-of-government action**
- **Policy leadership and programming for coherent, effective conflict prevention, crisis response, post-conflict peacebuilding, and civilian protection and stabilization initiatives in fragile states/states in transition, including management of the Global Peace and Security Fund (GPSF)**



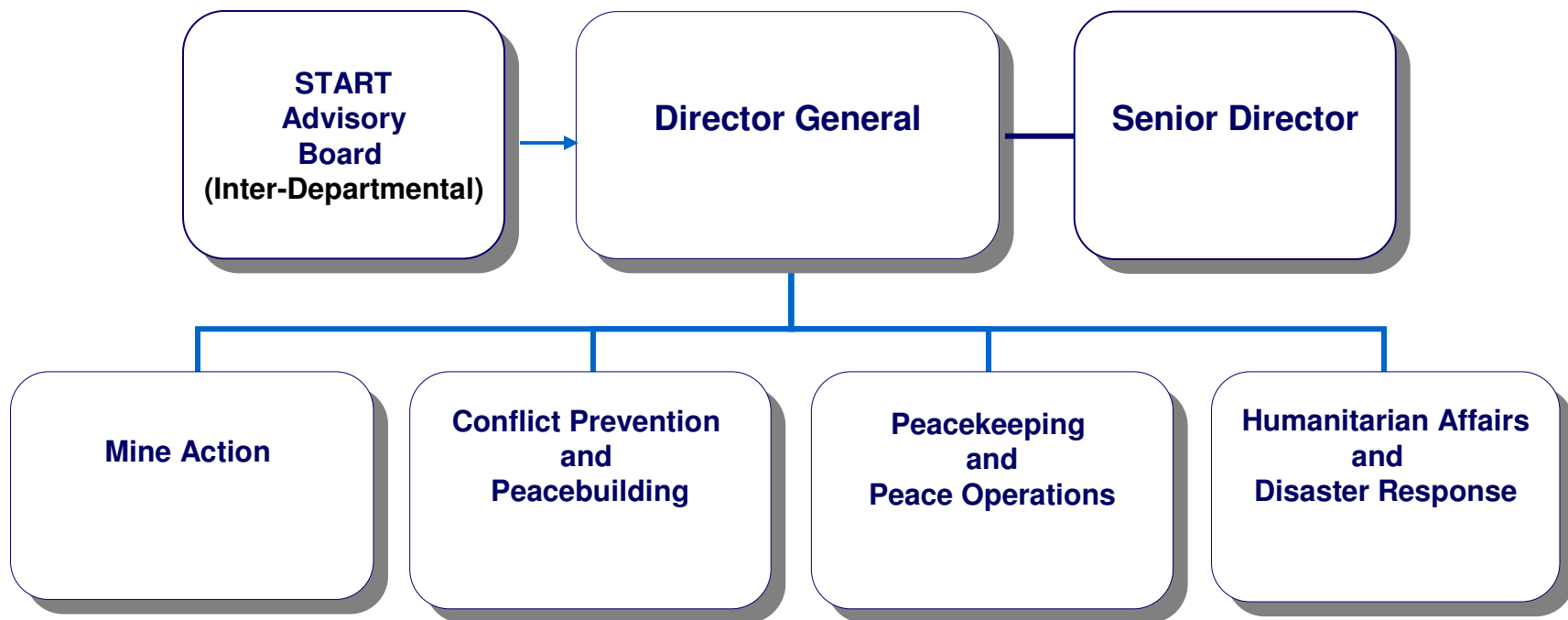
Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force (START)

START takes a leadership role in coordinating DFAIT and Other Government Departments

- Established in 2005, START has 66 employees
- Partnership with DFAIT's geographic desks and missions abroad
- Strengthened inter-departmental cooperation:
 - START Advisory Board:
 - Acts as interdepartmental consultative body
 - Ensures coherent policy development and integrated initiatives
 - Assistant Deputy Minister and Deputy Minister Interdepartmental Steering Committees
- Coordination role in responding to natural disasters, including leadership on government-wide Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)



START Organizational Structure





Global Peace and Security Fund (GPSF)

- ***Global Peace and Security Program (GPSP)*** – Timely and coherent responses to peace and security challenges of fragile states/states in transition, including conflict prevention, crisis response and stabilization initiatives
- ***Global Peace Operations Program (GPOP)*** – Building peace operations capacity in Africa and other regions through a range of activities including regional peace funds, training, technical assistance and in-kind contributions
- ***Glyn Berry Program (GBP)*** – Emphasis on democratic transitions, the rule of law and accountability, human rights and the protection of civilians, conflict prevention and public safety
- ***Canadian Police Arrangement (CPA)*** – Covers incremental costs associated with the deployment of policing experts, working closely with the RCMP and its International Police Program to attain a target standing capacity of 200 experts



Global Peace and Security Fund (GPSF)

GPSF Focus Countries

- **Geographic concentration is highly focused on Government of Canada commitments/priorities**
 - **Sudan**
 - **Afghanistan/ Pakistan**
 - **Haiti**
 - **MEPP - West Bank/Gaza**
 - **Colombia**
 - **Uganda**
 - **Lebanon**



Global Peace and Security Fund (GPSF)

GPSF Sudan Peacebuilding

- **Strengthened Capacity of Justice, Security and Comprehensive Peace Agreement-related Institutions to Deliver on their Mandates**
- **Strengthened Community Security and Access to Justice**
- **Enhanced Capacity of all Relevant Stakeholders to Engage in Renewed Talks for Peace in Darfur**



Global Peace and Security Fund (GPSF)

GPSF Afghanistan

- **Increased capacity of the Afghan National Police to promote Law and Order in key districts of Khandahar Province**
- **Increased capacity of and access to the Justice System in key districts, with a focus on Khandahar**
- **Increased capacity of the Corrections System to help bring Prisons and Detention Centres closer to International Standards and, *inter alia*, ensure the appropriate treatment of Prisoners and Detainees, with a focus on Khandahar**
- **Strengthened Border Management/Dialogue between Pakistan and Afghanistan**
- **Strengthened Planning, Programming and Resourcing Capacities among key institutions**
- **Increased capacity of the Afghan government to promote Dialogue and Reconciliation**



Global Peace and Security Fund (GPSF)

GPSF Haiti

- **Increased Security – Increased Effectiveness and Capacity of government and non-governmental entities to resolve and prevent conflict and reduce insecurity at the community level**
- **Enhance the Rule of Law – Increased effectiveness, professionalism, accountability and capacity of the Rule of Law institutions to provide security in Haiti**
- **Reduce Regional Factors of Instability – Increased capacity of Haiti's border management services to provide security and services along Haiti's land and maritime borders**



Global Peace and Security Fund (GPSF)

GPSF Middle-East Peace Process – West Bank/Gaza

- **Security Sector and Rule of Law institutions deliver on their respective mandates in accordance with international best practices, norms and standards**
- **Conflicting parties, intermediaries and affected stakeholders have the capacity to engage in peace processes**
- **Regional organizations and government institutions have the capacity to establish the conditions for safe and secure environments**



Global Peace and Security Fund (GPSF)

GPSF Colombia

- **Truth, Justice and Confidence-Building – Increased effectiveness and capacity of government and non-governmental entities to advance truth, justice and reconciliations processes for victims of the conflict**
- **Security and Stability – Increased effectiveness and capacity of government and non-governmental entities to engage in security and stability measures that prevent and reduce open and targeted violence**



Global Peace and Security Fund (GPSF)

GPSF Uganda

- **Conflict Resolution, Peace Negotiations – Increased ability of the Government of Uganda and the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA) to engage in dialogue and cooperation for conflict resolution, in particular to ensure rapid implementation of the peace agreements**
- **Respond to Peace and Security Challenges – Increase the ability of the United Nations, Government of Uganda and others acting in support of the peace process to mobilize resources to respond to peace and security challenges, in particular in response to the ways forward indentified in the peace plan**

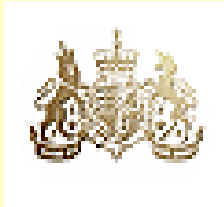


START - International Context

START Partner Organizations



U.S. Office of Reconstruction and Stabilization



UK Stabilisation Unit



EU Crisis Response Mechanism



UN Peacebuilding Commission, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery and wider UN system



START - Policy & Operational Challenges

- **Securing and Delivering Fast-Response Projects to International Crises while:**
 - **Responding to Government Accountability and**
 - **Local Ownership**

- **Mobilizing and Deploying Civilians to Non-Permissive/High-Risk Environments**

- **Whole-of-Government (including whole of DFAIT) Coordination and Leadership**

- **Defining and Reporting on Results**

- **Conflict Prevention**



Get in touch with START

- **START Web-Site:**
 - http://geo.international.gc.ca/cip-pic/cip-pic/start_qtsr-en.aspx

- **START Brochure:**
 - *Mobilizing Canada's Capacity for International Crisis Response*

- **Newsletter:**
 - <http://geo.international.gc.ca/cip-pic/services/subscribe-en.aspx>

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