



Security, Reconstruction and Peace

Security

The challenge

Security, for the individual, means an absence of any threat to life, physical integrity and livelihood. For a social community, security means that territorial integrity, sovereignty and the political and economic system are not at risk. In many partner countries of German international cooperation, the security situation is tense, obstructing sustainable development. The spectrum of insecurity ranges from violent crime to armed conflict and the abuse of the monopoly of force by state actors.

Affected countries and relevant regional organisations are often unable to guarantee the citizens' protection or prevent conflicts from erupting into violence. Furthermore, the governmental security forces are often not adequately equipped for their tasks and, in some cases, may themselves contribute to the escalation of crises. Working in such environments is a major challenge for the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, both in terms of achieving objectives and safeguarding the security of personnel.

Our approach

In order to create long-term conditions for peaceful conflict management, rule of law and functioning security structures, the institutions and stakeholders entrusted with security tasks must comply with legal principles and work in a professional and effective manner. Providing security is one of the state's core functions. The security sector encompasses all institutions and agencies which enable the state to perform this role. They include the relevant parliamentary committees and ministries, the police, the military, and the law enforcement agencies.

GIZ supports security sector reforms in partner countries with the aim of strengthening democratic control and improving the capacities of security and law enforcement agencies.

GIZ's activities in this field focus on:

- improving democratic control and civilian oversight of the security sector;
- developing policies and strategies;
- reforming relevant legislation;
- improving personnel and institutional capacities in the security sector, excluding military tasks or repressive measures;
- strengthening civil society's role in the security sector.

Our services

We provide services in the following areas:

- **Build-up of police forces and police reform:** GIZ supports national police forces in its partner countries in building their capacities and improving their relations with the civil population.
- **Community policing:** In order to improve local security, GIZ supports reforms in local policing with active community involvement. This approach can be utilised to implement comprehensive police reforms, it can also stand alone or be combined with other objectives such as anti-corruption or improvements in gender equality.
- **Strengthen regional peace and security architectures:** GIZ supports the work of regional organisations such as the African Union and regional economic communities as elements of the African peace and security architecture. This includes strengthening institutional crisis prevention capacities, developing the civilian components of peacekeeping units, and improving capacities for stabilisation and reconstruction in post-conflict settings.
- **Border management:** Well-functioning border management is essential in facilitating freedom of movement of people and goods across national borders. It helps to curb the trafficking of arms, drugs, people and other commodities and to prevent uncontrolled border crossing by criminal elements.



GIZ provides support in border delimitation and demarcation, promotes better cross-border cooperation, and assists with technical aspects of border security.

- **Control of Means of Violence:** Illegal or uncontrolled weapons and ammunition, explosive remnants of war and mines threaten sustained development. Hazardous biological or chemical materials, suitable for use in or as weapons, also contribute to insecurity. Moreover, ex-combatants are a major potential risk to peace processes. GIZ builds its partners' capacities to control the production, proliferation and use of weapons and ammunitions and ensure their safe storage. It also supports the rehabilitation of residential areas which have become inaccessible due to their contamination with the remnants of war, and promotes the disarmament, demobilisation and re-integration of ex-combatants.

Your benefit

We enhance our partners' capacities to achieve sustainable improvements in the security situation, offering a combination of in-depth expertise in the field of peace and security and longstanding regional and project management experience. Our measures and service packages are defined jointly with our partners on the basis of detailed needs analyses and are carefully tailored to the specific context of the country or region. Our conflict- and risk-sensitive approach enables us to implement programmes and projects in a results-oriented, reliable, competent and responsible manner even in high-risk areas.

Examples from the field

The programme on 'Strengthening Police Structures in the Palestinian Territories', commissioned by the German Federal Foreign Office and launched in 2010, aims to improve the facilities and training available to the police in the Palestinian territories. During the first phase, four police stations and one training station were planned and developed together with the partner, and the requisite technical equipment was identified and procured. During the second phase, comprehensive advice and support were provided during the construction of the facilities. The new stations offer the infrastructural and logistical amenities required for professional every-day policing which is responsive to the needs of citizens in the respective localities. Training was also provided for a number of police officers.

Since 2012, on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), GIZ has been providing support to the Committee on Security established by the Assembly of Kosovo. As a newly independent state, Kosovo faces the challenge of developing new institutions of democratic governance. In the security sector, a further challenge arises: Kosovo must create democratic structures for its security agencies, which originate in the Kosovo Liberation Army. GIZ is assisting the Assembly of Kosovo in establishing legal frameworks and formulating policy guidelines for the assumption of national security responsibilities and in building democracy in the armed forces by strengthening the role of civil society. Draft legislation on the parliamentary control of the security forces and on the associated appointment of an ombudsman based on the German model has now been drafted and adopted by the Assembly at first reading.

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