



COMMUNITY BASED REINTEGRATION AND SECURITY (CBRS) SPECIALISED TRAINING COURSE FOR PRACTITIONERS

9th to 15th November 2014, Barcelona, Spain

INTRODUCTION

The specialised training course on Community Based Reintegration and Security (CBRS) for practitioners is jointly organised by the Barcelona International Peace Resource Center, and Transition International. The course builds upon the successful annual specialised reintegration course. The course explicitly explores new practices and lessons learned on the shift towards comprehensive context and community driven reintegration and community security programming. It includes an in-depth exploration of the different dynamics of reintegration processes as relevant to ex-combatants, returning refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), Children Associated with Armed Groups and Forces (CAFAAG), and the local population. Different targeted reintegration projects usually occur in parallel and tend to create further divides in the communities. This course explores these dynamics and explores different means to build bridges between the different reintegration and community security approaches in order to foster durable solutions to the different groups and to their host community.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CBRS COURSE

This course has the specific aim of bringing together experienced practitioners from around the world to learn about cutting-edge approaches and theories, to share experience, and develop their skills to effectively plan and deliver community-based reintegration and security programmes.

The training will allow participants to assess specificities of different programming contexts, develop informed and coherent programmatic responses, coordinate and implement context driven socio-economic reintegration and community security programmes in partnership with communities. The overall objectives of the course are therefore to:

1. Create a common understanding of the different approaches in reintegration and community security programming
2. Obtain an understanding and the tools to effectively assess local context dynamics for CBRS programming.
3. Learn how to design context driven CBRS programmes, in a multi-stakeholder fashion.
4. Obtain the tools to implement context driven CBRS programming that includes social, economic and political reintegration, and community security.
5. Learn how to monitor and evaluate CBRS, in a community based fashion.

COURSE CONTENT

We will explore new ways for the design and delivery of future reintegration programmes, with the intention to move towards a more coherent community based approach. The course will thus promote a move away from 'one size fits all' to more flexible, context specific, pragmatic, and achievable reintegration and reinsertion approaches, firmly rooted in the diversity of local realities. This course also proposes ways for reintegration assistance to be locally relevant by using participatory approaches and through facilitating local civil society. It explores ways to implement a national CBRS programme that is flexible and responsive to local realities, but which is still uniform enough to monitor and evaluate at a national level.

The course will explore how community-based economic development can increase economic opportunities for both the reintegration of programme beneficiaries and the wider community, encouraging acceptance amidst those hosting communities. This course teaches about investments into selected infrastructure projects with direct economic impact, using Value Chain Development (VCD) approaches, building on local resources, and ongoing economic activities.

Design, implementation and monitoring with a conflict sensitive lens will be taught, but it will also go a step further, exploring how to design CBRS programmes based on thorough conflict analyses, with the aim to actually contribute to conflict transformation and strengthening of dialogue and conflict mitigation processes and capacities. The course will also explore methods to increase community understanding and support for reintegration programmes, building trust and increasing tolerance, which supports reconciliation, strengthens social cohesion, and reintegration.

Lessons learned indicate that reintegration is not possible if security concerns of communities are too significant. Community security programmes do exist in some countries but they are often implemented in isolation of Disarmament Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR) and Return and Reintegration programmes. In the course, a new modality – originally designed for Sudan – will be presented and further explored, where community security programming is linked to CBR in the new approach labelled Community Based Reintegration and Security (CBRS).

The course will furthermore explain how CBRS allows for more gender responsive programming. This includes catering for Women Associated with Armed Forces and Groups (WAAFAG), returning women and girls, making space for women to be heard in the community, and designing assistance for them. It also includes interventions intended to reduce violent forms of masculinities, and related Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV), by working with groups of men. Special attention will also be given to reintegration programming for children, in a more context driven manner and explicitly mixing CAAFAG with local children and youth, as well as with returning refugee children and youth. A strong focus will be on approaches geared towards avoiding further or future recruitment of children and youth.

Finally this course explores alternative and additional Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) methodologies and tools that, in addition to programme implementation monitoring by the Government and its partners, allow communities to be part of output and impact monitoring to report regularly on progress, challenges and related needs for adaptation from their perspective.

FOR WHO IS THIS COURSE?

The course is designed to benefit Government officials of countries where reintegration programming is relevant, civil society organisations of these countries, and UN and other international organisations and donors supporting these processes. The course is important for staff from the different national bodies and ministries and international organisations that work on DDR, Refugees, IDPs, Youth, CAAFAG, Gender, Community Security and Community Development.

TRAINING APPROACH

Participants will be encouraged to share experiences amongst themselves, in addition to learning from the experienced trainers. Lessons from past and recent reintegration experiences are constantly used to illustrate theory and standards, and participants are expected to contribute their experiences, thereby creating a wealth of comparative knowledge and experiences into the discussions. Practical hands-on adult learning techniques are combined with transfer of knowledge. A wide variety of teaching methods are used including lectures, discussions, role-plays, simulation exercises, individual learning, cooperative learning, teamwork, multi-media presentations, theatre, art, and practical exercises.

TRAINERS

The course will be led by Irma Specht of Transition International (TI) who has over 20 years' experience working on socio-economic reintegration programmes. Other senior trainers from TI and experts with experience of different programmatic areas will be brought in for particular sessions, to ensure a variety of approaches and perspectives. Further, Guest trainers from international organizations and DDR commissions will be brought in to share their experiences. TI puts great emphasis on delivering the course with a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary team.

DATES & LOCATION

This course will be held from the 9th to the 15th of November 2014 in Barcelona, Spain.

LANGUAGE & COST

This course will be taught in English.

The course duration is 7 full days and the partially subsidised course fee is 2000 Euros. This fee includes accommodation at a residence in an individual room, with en-suite washing basin, and shared bathroom facilities; all meals, including daily refreshments, hospitality events and all course materials. It does not include the cost of travelling to Barcelona.

Payment arrangement information will be included in acceptance letters. Unfortunately the course has no scholarship scheme however TI can provide participants with letters of support in securing sponsorship, within the participant's country of residence.

TRAVEL

BIPRC and TI do not cover participants' travel, visa, or insurance costs. We can provide logistical assistance and letters in support of participants' visa applications upon request.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application deadline is the 15th of September 2014, but acceptance onto the course will be granted on a rolling basis. To apply for the course, please submit your current Curriculum Vitae and the completed application form to Eva Lopez, Course Coordinator, at bcncentrepau@bcn.cat with copy to anne.janssen.ti@gmail.com. Please see the enclosed application form for further details.

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ABOUT US

Barcelona International Peace Resource Center (BIPRC) – www.bcnpeacecenter.cat

The Barcelona International Peace Resource Center (BIPRC) is the outcome of an initiative launched by Barcelona City Council to promote the culture of peace through dialogue, awareness-raising, and training in crisis management and conflict resolution. Created in 2009, the BIPRC is the only center of its kind in Spain. Its work is inspired by the philosophy of centers around the world specializing in crisis management and peace operations. The BIPRC's main activity is an international specialized training program designed to meet the extensive learning needs of civilian personnel and to equip them with the skills they need to engage in field operations around the world. The center offers a range of training courses aimed at professionals working in peacebuilding, complex crisis management, and humanitarian affairs.

Transition International – www.transitioninternational.com

Transition International (TI) is a Netherlands-based, international consultancy firm with a network of senior consultants around the world. We specialise in assisting key actors in tackling the challenges of transitions. We promote change through knowledge development, training and advisory services. TI, while operating on a commercial basis, is a value-driven consultancy firm. We are guided by the ambition to contribute to a peaceful and more secure world, in which human dignity and our environment are both respected and protected. We demonstrate this commitment and promote these values in everything that we undertake. At TI, we understand that context is often at least as important as the substance of a programme or project. We therefore employ a conflict, culture, gender, and age-sensitive approach, and strive towards the broadest possible participation of stakeholders, and affected communities. This CBRS course truly reflects TI's multidisciplinary approach and solid expertise.