

# CONTRIBUTING TO PEACE CONSOLIDATION IN AFGHANISTAN (CPCA) - DESCRIPTION

The project entitled Achieving the MDGs through Peacebuilding: Capacity building in transition to democracy, community based-dialogue and peacekeeping operations for international, national and local actors in Afghanistan aims to map, evaluate and strengthen mandated local / national state, civil society and UN peace consolidation expertise & capacity in Afghanistan, to support creation of a conducive context for achievement of MDGs in the aftermath of violent conflicts. Using a multi-stakeholder approach, the project will strengthen the target group's capacity for peace consolidation, transition management from peacekeeping/peace enforcement to peacemaking/peacebuilding, and support the improvement of targeted programming for violence prevention. The project will: identify and assess capacity, human and institutional needs, achievements and lessons learned in Afghanistan's peacebuilding, peace consolidation and violence prevention capacity building programmes and practice; design a capacity building module addressing identified needs and integrating achievements/ lessons learned; and engage in visibility and advocacy activities supporting the long term sustainability of the project results. Project outputs and results will then be shared and effectively distributed to key Afghan and international actors

## TARGET GROUP

The target group will include key Afghan government/state actors, policy and decision makers, civil society/non-state actors dealing with development, transition, peace consolidation in Afghanistan, staff of UN agencies and peacekeeping missions and UN Country Teams in Afghanistan, other intergovernmental and international actors active in Afghanistan. Representatives of these groups will be included both in the project planning phase, and its implementation.



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## PROJECT OBJECTIVES AND FORESEEN IMPACT

The project aims to create the following long-term impacts:

i) enhanced Afghan ownership over peacebuilding and peacemaking capacities required by a peaceful transition process; ii) highlighted link between the need for nationally and locally owned peacebuilding and peacemaking capacities, and the successful engagement with MDG targets; iii) boosted national, local and community based capacities to achieve MDG targets in the post-2014 transition period through the use of peacebuilding/ peacemaking skills and knowledge; iv) central role placed on the traditional/ indigenous peacebuilding/ peacemaking practices in overall capacity building processes in Afghanistan; and v) strengthened role of the Afghan civil society in the provision of such capacity building programmes for national and local actors.

In order to achieve these foreseen changes, the main objectives of the project include: i) the planning and implementation of a comprehensive 3 months needs assessment/ research process looking at the capacity building needs, challenges, achievements, lessons learned and recommendation in peacebuilding and peacemaking in Afghanistan; ii) the development and dissemination of a 20 page needs assessment/ research report that raises awareness on the issues mentioned under the 1st objective, offering policy recommendations in line with the overall aim of the project; iii) the facilitation of a 3-day workshop aimed at 20 national, local and international capacity building actors engaged in Afghan peacebuilding and peacemaking strategy development for the transition and post-transition period; and iv) enrich the pool of materials developed for capacity building organisations working in the context of Afghanistan with 1 handbook, that outlines processual and content steps for the development of nationally and locally owned, evidence and demand based capacity building programmes.

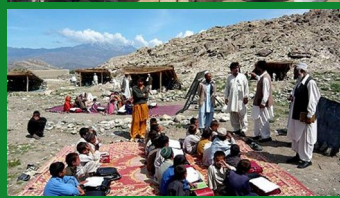
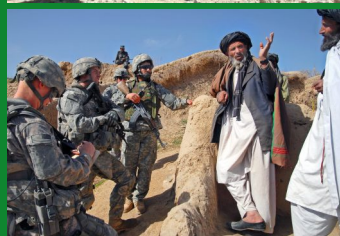
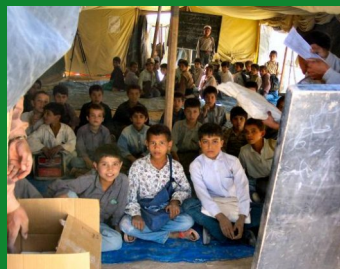
## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

1. Needs Assessment and Country Report Development on the institutional, capacity building, competency and human resources strengths, gaps, requirements and achievements towards sustained peace consolidation in the frame of MDG achievement;

2. Capacity building programme development and implementation customized to the exact needs and context in Afghanistan and building upon Afghan and international expertise, lessons and needs-identified by participant stakeholders<sup>1</sup> in the first phase of the project;

3. Publications/Resource development: i) Country Needs Assessment Report; ii) "Lessons identified in peace consolidation capacity building in Afghanistan: Strengthening International Support for National Infrastructure and Capabilities through Peacebuilding." (working title)

4. Coordination and Advocacy: meetings with relevant Afghan and international experts to make the project purpose, outcomes and outputs known and materials and resources available (in Brussels and Bucharest)



## IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATIONS:

**Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR)**

PATRIR is active since 2001 in the field of peacebuilding, conflict transformation and violence prevention worldwide. Combining training/ capacity building, peacebuilding and violence prevention actions, consultancies with major international organisations, awareness raising and policy formation, PATRIR has been contributing to increasing peacebuilding and violence prevention practice from a process and content point of view. PATRIR developed similar multi-year projects in Moldova-Transdnistria, Crimea, and has engaged in multi-year consultation processes for capacity building with the Commonwealth Secretariat, various UN agencies (e.g. Liberia, Nepal, Lebanon), multi-stakeholder groups in Northern Ireland, Nepal, Mexico and several other countries. Through its International Peace and Development Training Center (IPDTC), PATRIR developed an alumni group of over 3000 practitioners internationally.

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**Cooperation for Peace and Unity (CPAU)**

CPAU is an Afghan-led non-profit organisation with almost two decades of experience in promoting peace and social justice in Afghanistan. Founded in 1996, CPAU is the first Afghan-led, research and peace-building organisation in the country. Over the last decade, CPAU has implemented more than 400 projects in more than 26 provinces across Afghanistan, where it has conducted research, peace and conflict management, innovative education and peace-building programming and media projects including providing peace education classes to more than 30,000 male and female students across Afghanistan as well as organizing workshops and training seminars for members of the Afghan government, civil society, and foreign organisations on topics such as conflict mediation and cultural sensitivity. CPAU also created or worked with almost 10,000 shuras/Councils across the country. Additionally, CPAU is a pioneer in the informal justice sector, using innovative programming to establish long term relations between formal and informal justice sectors.

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