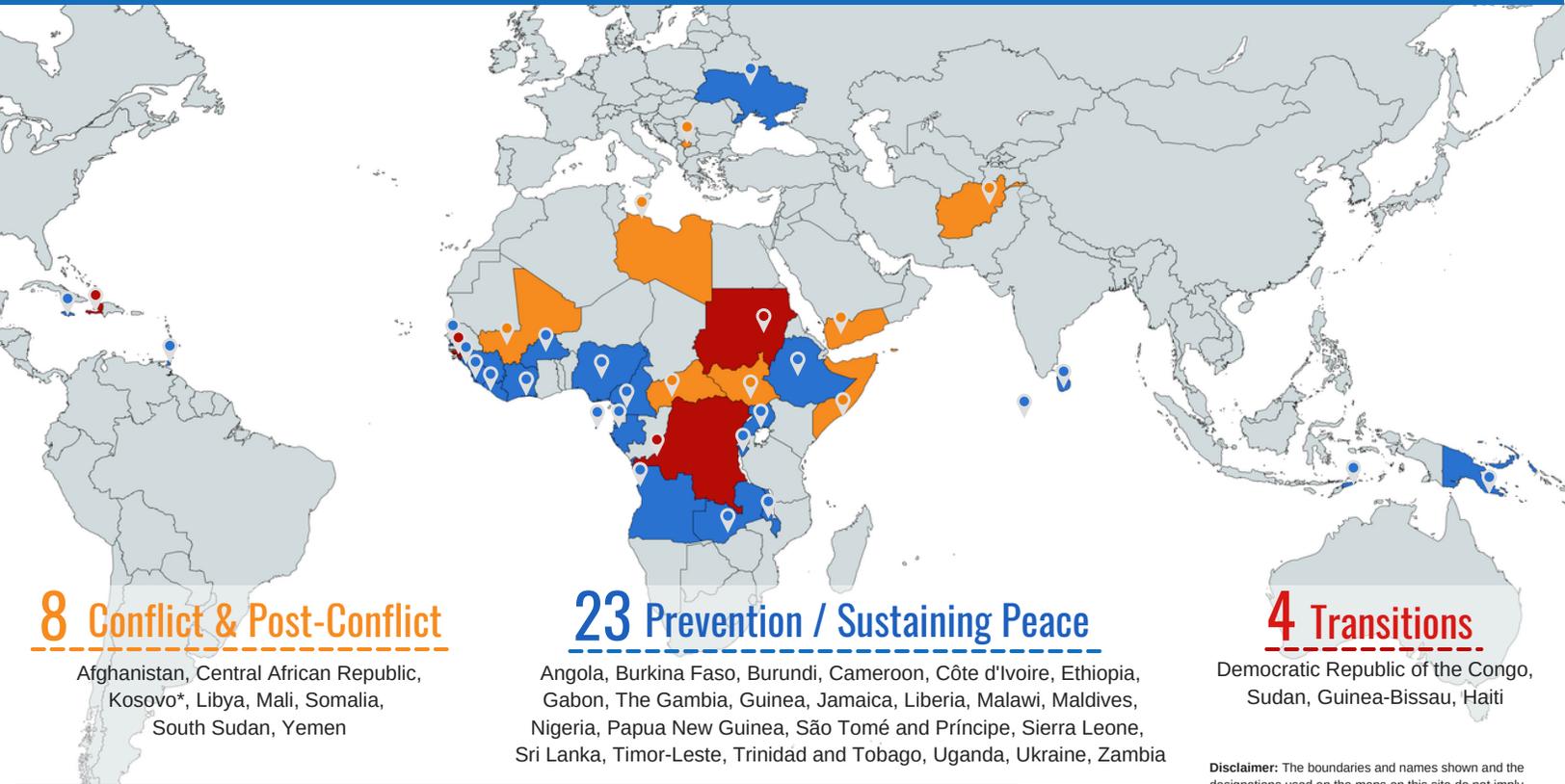




# GLOBAL FOCAL POINT FOR THE RULE OF LAW (GFP)

A JOINT ARRANGEMENT FOR RULE OF LAW DELIVERY IN CRISIS SITUATIONS

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## A COORDINATED UN APPROACH TO THE RULE OF LAW

The **Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law (GFP)** is a United Nations platform co-chaired by DPO and UNDP that is designed to **strengthen the provision of rule of law assistance** to address and prevent violent conflict, to protect human rights and to restore justice and security for conflict-affected people. The GFP is a **field-focused arrangement** that enables United Nations entities, including UNODC, UNHCR, OHCHR, EOSG, UNOPS, UN Women, ToE and UNICEF to jointly pursue shared objectives, in accordance with their mandates and capacities. GFP partners promote United Nations norms and standards, including **gender mainstreaming** and **human rights-based approaches**.

programs with national development plans, serve as a **single entry point** for host governments, and achieve better results drawing on the expertise of the contributing agencies.

Through joint assessments, planning, and programming, the GFP arrangement has been supporting a **coordinated United Nations approach to rule of law assistance**, relying primarily on voluntary funding and striving to **increase impact and results** by:

- ### GFP PARTNERS
- DPO (co-chair)
  - UNDP (co-chair)
  - EOSG
  - OHCHR
  - UNHCR
  - UNODC
  - UNOPS
  - UN Women

GFP coordinating platforms and working group arrangements are established **both at Headquarters and in the field** to increase United Nations coherence, align strategies and

REDUCING **COMPETITION** 

LEVERAGING **EXPERTISE** 

ENCOURAGING **INNOVATION** 

- ### COVERAGE
- The GFP operates in the following settings:
- Sustaining Peace
  - Conflict & Post-Conflict
  - Transitions

JOINT  
MISSIONS & EXPERT  
DEPLOYMENTS

JOINT  
TRAININGS &  
KNOWLEDGE SHARING

JOINT  
RESOURCE  
MOBILIZATION

JOINT  
PLANNING &  
ASSESSMENTS

\* References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999).

# GFP FACTS AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FIELD

## 107 DEPLOYMENTS OF EXPERTISE

including experts from Standing Police Capacity and Justice and Corrections Standing Capacity, as well as gender, human rights and programming experts

## 55 JOINT ASSESSMENT MISSIONS

to support programming and planning at the national level

## 32 JOINT PROGRAMMES & PROJECTS

to provide assistance and support national rule of law priorities

## \$12 mil. MOBILIZED FOR JOINT PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

in partnership with UNDP Global Programme on Rule of Law and Human Rights

## 35 COUNTRIES & TERRITORIES IN CRISIS SITUATION

supported by GFP since 2012

## KEY RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



### Joint Rule of Law Programming in the Central African Republic

UNDP, MINUSCA and the Team of Experts on Sexual Violence in Conflict are implementing the joint rule of law programme to provide **'Support to the Rule of Law and Reform of the Justice and Security Sectors in CAR'** in 2020-2023. The programme design is informed by lessons learnt from previous joint rule of law programmes in CAR. The programme aims at supporting the **reform of the justice and prison sectors**, the deployment of the Internal Security Forces closer to the population and the improvement of **women's access to justice and security**, including through the investigation and prosecution of **gender-based violence cases**.



### Transition Planning in the Democratic Republic of Congo

In line with the approved transition plan, two new joint programmes on the **'Reform of the Justice Sector'** and **'Reform of the Police Sector'** are being established in DRC. The programmes primarily aim to strengthen rule of law and stabilization efforts and, foster accountability for international crimes and SGBV, with an overall peacebuilding and development approach, while preparing for the gradual withdrawal of MONUSCO. The programmes are being jointly implemented by **MONUSCO, UNDP, OHCHR, and the Team of Experts on Sexual Violence in Conflict**. As a result of the programmes, **more than 1,000 actors** in the criminal justice system received trainings on different topics related to justice, corrections and policing so far.



### Joint Response to COVID-19 Crisis

Starting in March 2020 due to **the COVID-19 pandemic** and wide-ranging travel restrictions, the Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law **re-programmed** its activities to provide joint support to national rule of law authorities in **addressing the health crisis**, intensify **exchanges of information** among its partners on responses to COVID-19 and **provide emergency funding** to support national authorities in their COVID-19 response. Within the first months of the pandemic, **16 settings received** focused COVID-19 support and a total of **\$1.8 million** was allocated through a dedicated partnership between the **GFP and UNDP's Global Programme on Rule of Law and Human Rights**.



### Strengthening Gender Parity for Uniformed Corrections Personnel

The GFP supported an initiative to strengthen the deployment of **women corrections officers** to UN peace operations as **government-provided personnel (GPP)**. The project increased women officers' awareness of deployment opportunities, e.g. through the **launch of the United Nations Women Corrections Officers Network** which already counts **800 members from more than 25 countries**. In addition, the project helped build inclusive and empowering work environments for women GPP through a series of **virtual dialogue sessions** on gender bias and stereotyping and how to be a gender ally, **attended by 120 GPP from six peace operations**, which was accompanied by a social media campaign.

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