Security Sector Technical Advisor

Yangon, Yangon Region, Myanmar · Strategy and Advisory Support · SASI-70

Description

Background

The Joint Peace Fund (JPF) has been set up by 11 international donors to support the nationally owned peace process in Myanmar. This fund is set to run until at least 2021. JPF’s overarching strategic objective is: inclusive peace is reached through agreements and strengthened stakeholders, institutions, and processes. The structure of its strategic approach broadly reflects the shape of the nationally owned peace process: strengthening conflict management mechanisms created by ceasefire agreements (outcome 1); supporting formal and informal negotiations and dialogues (outcome 2); and promoting inclusivity through broad participation in the peace process (outcome 3).

The JPF is composed of a Technical Secretariat (TS) that is operated by the Nordic International Support Foundation (NIS) and a Trustee and Contract Manager (TCM) operated by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS). The Nordic International Support Foundation is a Norwegian and Myanmar-registered organization that provides technical services in support of peace, stabilisation, and reconciliation in conflict and post-conflict areas.

As a multi-donor trust fund JPF’s innovative design takes a holistic approach, using a “collaborative design” methodology that focuses on funding a broad range of stakeholders (approximately 90% of grant recipients and 73% of funding goes to national organizations). The JPF support reflects the belief that the road to peace in Myanmar lies in an inclusive approach, from the high-level negotiation process to remote communities working for peace in their villages. JPF strives to maintain an accurate and timely knowledge management system, directly linked to its monitoring, evaluation, reporting processes, so that the fund’s strategic and operational investments achieve maximum impact in support of the JPF’s strategic objective.

The Technical Secretariat of the JPF is now seeking to hire an experienced Security Sector Advisor (International) to join the Strategy and Advisory Support (SAS) Team.

Activities

- **JPF Security Sector Programming Approach**
  - Conduct a mapping of security sector stakeholders, interests, agendas, and dynamics as they relate to the NCA, Framework for Political Dialogue, and peace process negotiations, including an analysis of individual parties’ interests, capacities, and activities
  - Map donor support for security sector programming
  - Conduct a review of the JPF’s security sector portfolio against identified peace process needs
  - Draft a JFP security sector programming approach identifying how JPF support will enable effective participation in the peace process

- **Technical Advisory Support to the Political Dialogue and Peace Process Negotiations**
  - Provide specialized technical advisory support on security sector issues as requested by Government, political party, and EAO parties to the peace process, and Civil Society Organizations.
Monitor the need for support to relevant working committees, and the advisory support currently provided by different actors, and identify gaps to be filled.

**Advisory Support to JPF Projects in the Security Sector Thematic Areas**
- Monitor political developments around security sector issues that pertain to JPF program implementation and provide periodic updates to ensure the continuing relevance, appropriateness, and political sensitivity of JPF projects.
- Advise the Program Team on security sector projects currently funded by the JPF, the formulation of any new security sector projects, and the reformulation of existing projects that are being considered for extension, providing input on relevant political and thematic considerations.
- Ensure security sector project proposals are coherent with the security sector programming approach, politically appropriate, and in line with JPF principles, policies, and other relevant programming approaches.

**JPF Security Sector Implementing Partner Coordination**
- Develop a JPF security sector implementing partner coordination platform concept centered on a common strategic outcome and coordinated series of outputs, a periodic meeting with JPF IPs, and a monthly update on developments in the security sector.
- Assist the JPF to coordinate with other stakeholders (donors and national and international organizations) to help ensure coherent, timely and appropriate technical assistance to peace parties and key processes.
- Represent the JPF in forums covering security sector programming approach and policy.

Develop a security sector programming approach to guide the implementation of the JPF strategy:

**Outputs**
- Mapping of security sector stakeholders, interests, agendas, and dynamics as they relate to the NCA, Framework for Political Dialogue, and peace process negotiations, including an analysis of individual parties’ interests, capacities, and activities.
- Mapping of donor security sector programming support.
- Review of the JPF security sector portfolio against identified peace process needs.
- JPF security sector programming approach.
- JPF security sector implementing partner coordination platform concept.
- Advisory support to peace process parties.
- Advisory support to JPF.
- Monthly updates on developments in the security sector.
- Inputs to JPF quarterly and annual reports.
- Weekly activity reports.

**Requirements**
- An advanced degree in security studies, military affairs, or a related field.
- At least 10 years’ experience working on security sector reform.
- Deep knowledge of Myanmar and the peace process, preferably including experience working in Myanmar.
- Ability to work in highly sensitive environments.
- Fluency in English.
- Experience in peace process or transitional environments.
- Demonstrated technical advisory experience with a diverse range of clients.

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