

## Post Conflict Management



Violence and destructive conflict can lead to gross human rights violations but can also result from a sustained denial of these rights.

Respect for human rights and dignity for people affected by war are guiding principles for humanitarian assistance and post conflict management. The successful resettlement and reintegration of internally displaced people – including ex-combatants – and the consolidation of war-damaged communities require an understanding of their specific needs, capabilities and priorities. Provision of essential supplies such as water, sanitation, food and medical support is a prerequisite for the protection of life, health, subsistence and physical security. Fostering reconciliation and reintegration helps bring about social cohesion and lasting peace.

Cardno's approach to post conflict management is pragmatic, collaborative and flexible to help manage the risks and opportunities associated with the changing state of security. It involves rapid deployment for an early and sustained presence on the ground and relies upon

working closely with communities to revive agricultural production, support small scale enterprises and help rehabilitate physical infrastructure.

We aim to change the mind-set and attitudes of ex-combatants. We focus on developing skills through vocational training to promote participation in an informed and empowered way. Cardno teams manage short-term labour intensive public works programs. This strategy ensures large numbers of previously unemployed youths can help kick-start the economy, and puts 'money in their pockets', which in turn builds confidence and social relationships.

Cardno understands the necessity to balance building local capacity with the urgent need to secure safety and reduce the impact of humanitarian disasters or conflict. We understand the importance of working within sectoral frameworks to provide immediate humanitarian assistance while working in partnership with local governments to support long-term reconstruction and development.

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### Technical Assistance for the Management of the Disarmament, Demobilisation, Reinsertion and Reintegration (DDRR) Component, Liberia

Client Government of Liberia  
Donor European Commission

The overall objective of this Program was to support the peace process and assist the Government of Liberia in the implementation of a disarmament, demobilisation, rehabilitation and reintegration (DDRR) program to reintegrate ex-combatants into civilian society. Cardno was responsible for the management, development and implementation of this Program. Specifically, Cardno set up the NCDDRR secretariat responsible and for the launch of civilian related demobilisation activities and for the social reintegration by targeting society at large.

### Resettlement and Rehabilitation Program, Sierra Leone

Client / Donor European Commission

The Resettlement and Rehabilitation Program took place in an environment of insecurity and disruption with access to many parts of the country impossible for security reasons. However, it was remarkably successful considering the difficult circumstances under which it had to operate. The Program helped to improve community access to primary health care and education, increase household disposable incomes and provide vocational training to ex-combatants and unemployed youths.

### Community Reintegration Program (CRP), Sierra Leone

Client Government of Sierra Leone  
Donor Department for International Development (DFID) and Government of Japan

CRP was part of the donor response to a country emerging from over a decade of internal war resulting in massive social disruption and physical damage. The objective was to underpin the promotion of sustainable peace, security and stability by supporting the reconciliation and reintegration of ex-combatants and other war affected people into settled and viable communities. CRP supported post conflict reconstruction, economic revival and restoration of social services working with people directly affected by the war at a community level.

### Support to Mine Action and Ammunition Stockpile Destruction, Afghanistan

Client European Union External Aid Program  
Donor European Union, EC Framework Contract Lot 13

Afghanistan is one of the countries most heavily contaminated with mines and explosive remains of war. Since 1988, 1000 sq km of contaminated land have been cleared. However, 2368 communities comprising 700 sq km are still affected. The overall objective of this Project was to assist the government of Afghanistan in implementing its Mine and Ammunition Stockpile Destruction Program by assessing the existing and planned de-mining and ammunition stockpiling Program and identifying primary needs and possible areas of EC intervention.

Cardno has helped deliver a diverse range of post conflict initiatives in the Middle East, Africa and Eastern Europe.

We work closely with development partners to provide planned, appropriate and sustainable outcomes.

### About Cardno

Cardno is an integrated professional services provider, delivering specialist advice to create or improve physical and social infrastructure that underpins communities around the globe. Our team is comprised of leading advisors who plan, design, manage and deliver sustainable projects and programs.

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