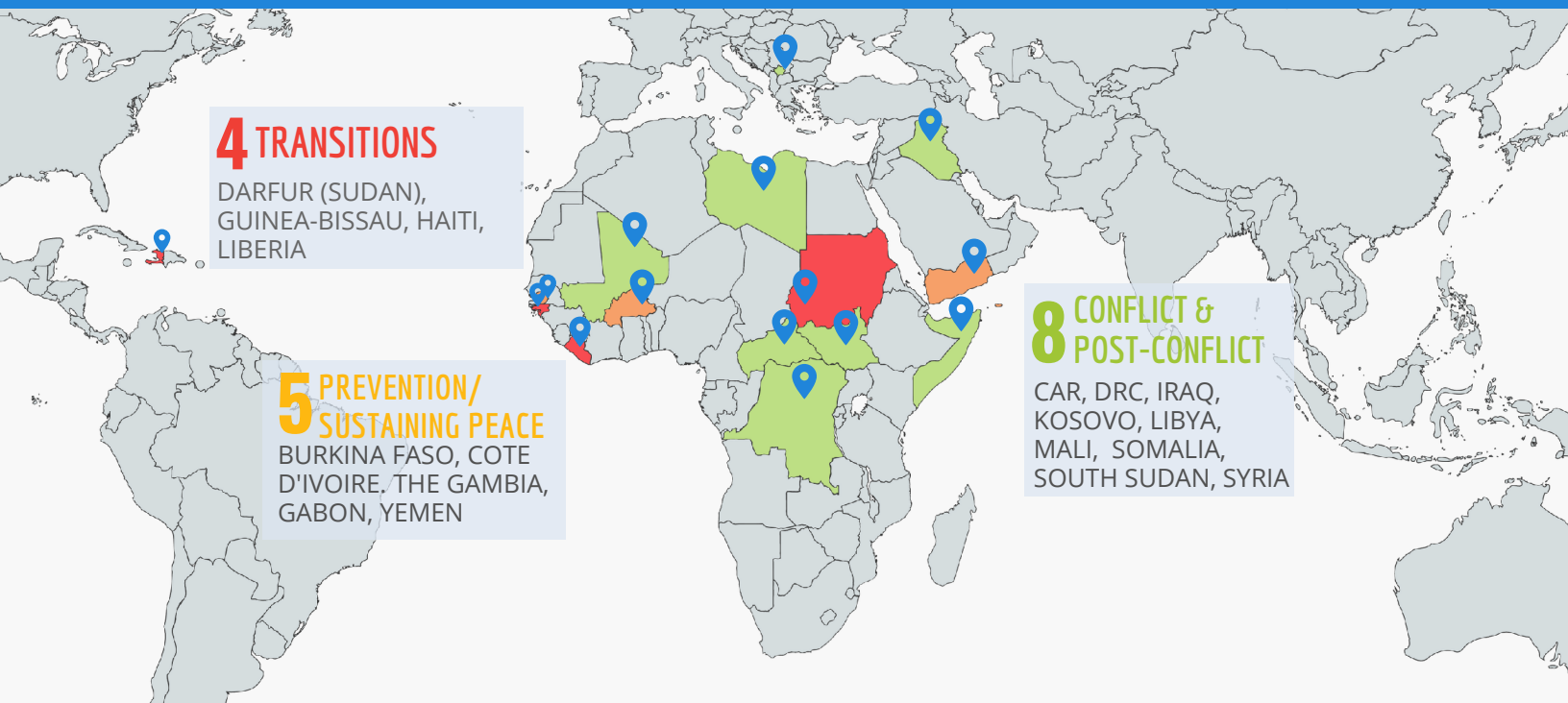




GLOBAL FOCAL POINT FOR THE RULE OF LAW (GFP)

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 and others, 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.**

GFP coordinating platforms and working group arrangements are established both at Headquarters and in the field to increase United Nations coherence, align strategies and programs with national development plans, serve as a single entry-point for host governments, and to 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 UN approach to rule of law assistance, relying primarily on voluntary funding and striving to **increase impact and results** by:

GFP PARTNERS
UN entities working on the rule of law including DPO, UNDP, OHCHR, UNHCR, UNODC, UNOPS, UN Women and the EOSG.

COVERAGE
The GFP operates in the following settings: Prevention and/or Sustaining Peace; Conflict and Post-Conflict; and Transitions.

REDUCING
COMPETITION 

LEVERAGE
EXPERTISE 

ENCOURAGING
INNOVATION 

RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF
EXPERTISE & JOINT DELIVERY

JOINT
KNOWLEDGE & TRAINING

JOINT
FUNDRAISING EFFORTS FOR COUNTRY PROGRAMMES

JOINT ASSESSMENTS,
PLANNING & DESIGN OF ASSISTANCE

GFP DELIVERABLES AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FIELD

61 DEPLOYMENTS OF EXPERTISE

including UNPOL officers and experts in corrections, gender and programming to 14 countries (January 2016 to July 2019)

7 WORKSHOPS

organized by GFP for country-level staff and contributed to trainings on transitions and corrections

54 JOINT ASSESSMENT MISSIONS

including to Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, CAR, Côte d'Ivoire, Darfur, DRC, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Jamaica, Mali, Liberia, Libya, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Timor Leste, Yemen (since 2012)

10 JOINT PROGRAMMES

including Central Africa Republic, Kosovo, Mali, Somalia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea-Bissau, Darfur, The Gambia

PEACE OPERATION SETTINGS

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

GFP partners jointly support the restoration of criminal justice and security institutions, including the **operationalization of the national Special Criminal Court**. These efforts support the extension of state authority, the fight against impunity and the effectiveness of the criminal justice system. At Headquarters, GFP partners provide support to the Reference Group on the rule of law and the fight against impunity in CAR, chaired by Morocco, to garner political and financial support for the Special Court and other rule of law initiatives.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

GFP partners' assistance to the **Prosecution Support Cells (PSC)** accelerated trials in the military justice system. The assistance of PSC have resulted in the conviction of 1019 perpetrators, including 507 Forces Armées de la RDC officials and 483 armed groups members and civilians. More female magistrates were deployed to the eastern part of the country in 2017. A total of 1,726 cases of sexual and gender-based violence were registered and 643 judgments were delivered, resulting in the convictions of senior militia members for rape and sexual slavery..

TRANSITION SETTINGS

HAITI

The GFP **joint rule of law programme** aims to:

- Enhance public security via support to the police,
- Promote a more effective and transparent justice system,
- Improve access to justice and enhance the prison administration.

During transition periods, GFP partners have provided **integrated support** to ensure that the vital gains in the areas of police, justice and corrections are sustained and that development priorities are advanced jointly.

LIBERIA

GFP partners **successfully supported the transition process** from UNMIL to UN Country Team partners that are now implementing a well-resourced joint rule of law programme. As UNMIL was closing, the GFP arrangement was instrumental in developing the **joint rule of law programme** which ensured that the UN effectively sustained capacity development support. The programme moves Liberia towards development through access to justice initiatives and community security services for the Liberian People (2016-2019).

PREVENTION/SUSTAINING PEACE SETTINGS

THE GAMBIA

The UN, through the GFP and SSR Task Force, supported the country to complete a government-led and inclusive **SSR assessment**. The assessment successfully laid the foundation for developing a national Security Sector Reform Policy, and subsequently a **security strategy** to address existing gaps. The UN support is designed to connect and sequence implementation of SSR reforms with transitional justice, access to justice, human rights and conflict prevention efforts.

WORKSHOPS

ANNUAL ENTEBBE WORKSHOP

In December 2018, a GFP workshop was held in Entebbe with rule of law practitioners from the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kosovo, Mali, Somalia, South Sudan, and Sudan (Darfur) to further discuss the review recommendations and identify opportunities to enhance rule of law strategies. As a result of this workshop, a community of practice platform was successfully implemented for GFP colleagues to share lessons learned and best practices in joint working.

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