

Terms of Reference (ToRs) for a OECD-DAC mission to Sri Lanka towards presenting findings and recommendations to the participating donors to the “OECD DAC Evaluation of Donor Activities in Support of Conflict-Sensitive Development and Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding in Sri Lanka”

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Purpose of the Mission

The purpose of the Mission is to present lessons and recommendations emanating from the process of the evaluation conducted in Sri Lanka towards improving the “DAC Guidance for Evaluating Conflict Prevention and Peace Building Activities”.

Background

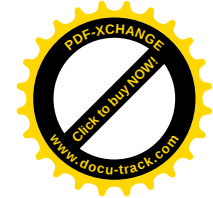
The purposes of the evaluation in Sri Lanka was to help DAC partners working in Sri Lanka in their efforts to support peace building and to undertake conflict sensitive development work, while at the same collect evidence on the applicability of the draft DAC Guidance for Evaluating Conflict Prevention and Peace building Activities.

The overall objective was to assess donor strategies in Sri Lanka since 2002. In particular, the evaluation assessed the relevance, effectiveness, impact, sustainability, efficiency, coherence and coverage of donors activities, and tried to identify and demonstrate results and impact (positive or negative) of these activities. Furthermore, it aimed to identify specific lessons for how donors could improve their approaches to provide more targeted and resource-effective assistance in conflict contexts.

The output was expected to be useful in terms of highlighting lessons and suggesting best practices, and findings were to be used both by DAC partners working for and in Sri Lanka and those involved in program and policy development. In addition, the findings were to be useful for DAC partners involved in developing the guidance on evaluating conflict prevention and peace building activities to improve the final version of the guidance. (TOR, April 2008: see Annex 1)

The work was executed in September/October 2008 by a four-person consultant team. Three areas of work were pursued:

(1) Review of donor strategies: Assess a range of donor strategies for working in and on conflict in Sri Lanka by drawing on a sample of published donor strategies, and gather evidence on their adherence to the DAC evaluation criteria.



(2) **Meta-evaluation of existing project evaluations:** Use a set of programmes /projects that have previously been evaluated, using questions based on the OECD-DAC draft Guidance.

(3) **Donor coordination and coherence:** Assess how donors have coordinated their efforts in conducting peace building activities.

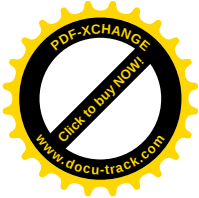
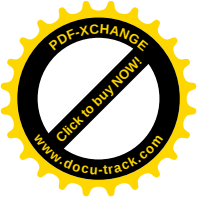
Objective and expected output of the mission

The objective of the mission is to brief development partners / donors operating in Sri Lanka and help them reflect on the study outcomes in relation to the three areas of work mentioned above. More specifically it would:

- 1/ Summarise the main lessons for the audience - especially what were the key findings regarding the design and delivery of Conflict Prevention and Peace Building (CPPB) and development activities in Sri Lanka from 2002-08.
- 2/ Discuss how the report has been disseminated and followed-up within the OECD network including the revision of the OECD "Guidance Note on Evaluating Conflict Prevention and Peace building Activities"
- 3/ Support the audience to then share if / how they may plan to take forward any of the findings and recommendations either in terms of carrying out future evaluations, or preparing future strategies and programmes.

Organisation

Similarly to the initial evaluation mission, this mission is to be organised under the aegis of the Donor Peace Support Group (DPSG). The Coordination Committee (AusAID, UK, Switzerland, UNRC office, WB) would supervise the process on behalf of the DPSG.



Duration of the mission

The mission is expected to last three working days:

- one day for the preparation of the presentation/workshop, including a meeting with the Coordination Committee.
- The second day, during which the event is to be organised (either ½ day or a full day meeting/workshop, to be confirmed)
- The third day for meeting GoSL officials, if required, and for debriefing.

Funding

The mission would be funded by the Development Partners Coordination and Support Fund, administered by World Bank.
