

Promoting Security and Human Rights through Multistakeholder Engagement



IMPLEMENTING THE VOLUNTARY PRINCIPLES ON SECURITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Implementation of the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights (VPs) requires close cooperation between oil, gas, and mining companies, governments, civil society, and affected communities. National-level implementation has been undertaken in several countries, notably Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Ghana, Myanmar, Nigeria and Peru. The Voluntary Principles Initiative (VPI), the multi-stakeholder membership organization that supports the VPs, is committed to reinforcing this multistakeholder engagement, making national-level implementation a key priority for the initiative.



Based on extensive desk and field research in the DRC, Ghana, Myanmar, Nigeria and Peru, this joint initiative between DCAF and the Fund for Peace (FFP) seeks to collect good practices and lessons learned from national-level VPs In-Country Working Group experiences. The resulting research study provides guidance to existing groups and insights for the establishment of new in-country processes. More broadly, the study is intended to contribute to wider debates on how multi-stakeholder processes in fragile settings involving governments, companies and civil society can promote security, development and respect for human rights.

The research study is the companion to a practical guidance tool: **From Commitment to Impact: A Guide for Local Working Groups on Business, Security and Human Rights**. The guide offers practical checklists, lessons learned and recommendations to support effective multistakeholder engagement processes.



In June 2020, DCAF launched the study in an online webinar on *Addressing the Human Rights Impacts of Security Through Multi-Stakeholder Engagement and Regulation* during the United Nations Virtual Forum on Responsible Business and Human Rights. View the event here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQHPlfzO5NQ>

The study and accompanying guide are available in English, French and Spanish.



The Security and Human Rights Implementation Mechanism (SHRIM) - Enabling Multistakeholder Action

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