



ECPF Internal Steering Committee Meeting

16 February, 2017

ECOWAS COMMISSION



Points discussed during the Last ISC Meeting

- The Internal Steering Committee (ISC) convened a meeting on 14 June, 2016;
- Participants were briefed by the ECPF Secretariat on the outcome of meetings with Development Partners, lessons from a Results-Based Management Training, and the launch of the ECPF website.



Objectives of the Meeting

- Consult with Focal Points to share the assessment of the Consultant on the level of implementation of the ECPF during the period 2013 – 2016 and recommendations to improve ownership of the ECPF from 2017 - 2020;
- Collect and collate inputs from the respective Focal Point Directorates and Development Partners on the Consultant's report;
- Discuss the status of Development Partner support and funding challenges to ECPF programmes and activities;
- ECPF Focal Point Directorates and Partners validate the Draft Report of Consultant.



Update on Follow-up Actions Taken From Last Meeting

- Completion of Partners Contribution Synthesis of 2016;
- Facilitated conduct of Evaluation of Operationalization of the ECPF through GIZ support;
- ECPF Sensitization Workshops with CSOs, Member States and Media Practitioners;
- Identified institutions which can strengthen ECPF ownership and awareness in Member States.
- Challenges
- Perspectives



I- Completion of Partners Contribution Synthesis of 2016

- By the end of October, 2016, the ECPF Secretariat received the completed Partner Contribution template from 8 Partners in total.
- These Partners were Austria, Denmark, EU, France, GIZ, ICRC, Switzerland and USAID.



AUSTRIA

Austria is supporting the following components:

- **Early warning,**
- **Humanitarian Assistance,**
- **Cross border initiatives**
- **Democracy and Political Governance**

Total amount: € 27,865,838 (2013-2018)



DENMARK

Denmark supporting the following components:

- **Early warning**
- **Preventive Diplomacy**
- **Democracy and Political Governance**
- **Security Governance**
- **Women Peace and Security**

Total amount \$6,200,000 (2014-2017)



EUROPEAN UNION

European Union is supporting the following Components:

- **Early warning**
- **Democracy and Political governance**
- **Human Rights and Rule of Law**
- **Security Governance**
- **Practical Disarmament**
- **ECOWAS Standby Force**
- **Humanitarian Assistance**
- **Women, peace & Security**

The total amount finance is: 10th EDF, € 27,000,000 has been approved out of which 9.48 million has been transferred for (2016 to 2019)



FRANCE (MFA - DIRECTORATE FOR COOPERATION ON SECURITY AND DEFENCE)

France is supporting components such as:

- **ECOWAS Standby Force**
- **Security Governance**
- **Human Rights & Rule of Law**

For a total amount of € 18,675000 (2004-2016)



GIZ

The GIZ is supporting the following Components:

- **ECOWAS Standby Force**
- **Early Warning**
- **Democracy and Political Governance**
- **Preventive Diplomacy**
- **Security Governance**

The total amount is €1,946,004 (2016-2017)



ICRC

The ICRC is supporting the following Components:

- **Humanitarian assistance**
- **Practical Disarmament**
- **ECOWAS Standby Force**

On technical support (2016-2017)



SWITZERLAND

Switzerland is supporting the following Components:

- **ECOWAS Standby Force**
- **Practical Disarmament**
- **Cross Border Initiatives**
- **Humanitarian Assistance**

For ECOWAS Standby Force \$ 2,134,000 (2008-2016)



USAID

USAID is supporting the following Components:

- **Early Warning**
- **Preventive Diplomacy**

For an amount of \$ 62 000,000 (September 2015 to March 2020)



BENEFICIARIES

DPA, EWD, DPKRS, MS, WANEP, KAIPTC, EMP, ISMI, KAIPTC and others.



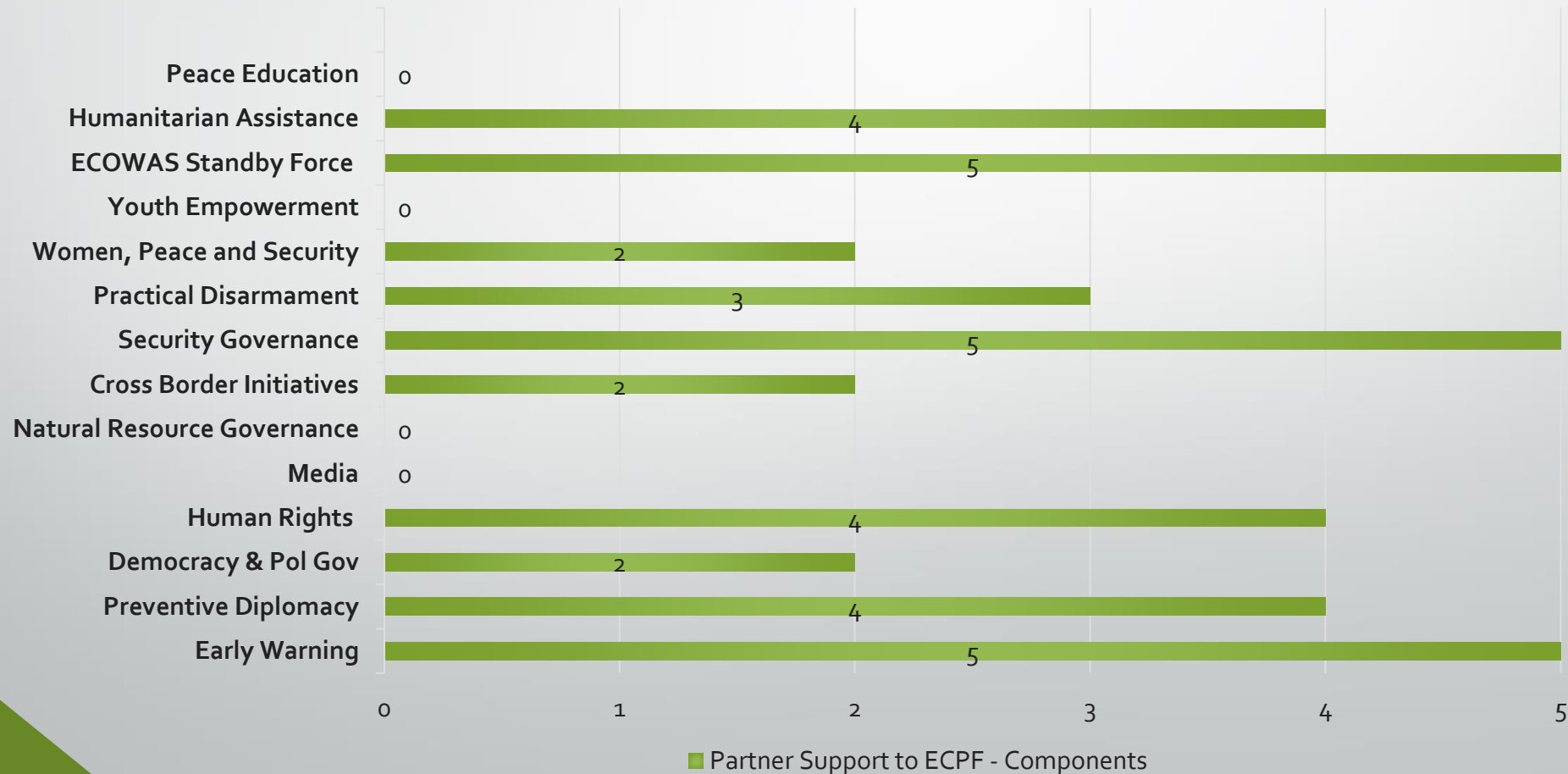
Analysis of Development Partner Support – ECPF Components

- **Partners Support focused heavily on operational conflict prevention activities (Components that respond to an imminent crisis), such as Early Warning, Preventive Diplomacy (Mediation) and the ESF.**
- **Structural conflict prevention activities (Components which aim to strengthen governance institutions and enhance the culture of peace) received relatively low or no support from Partners.**



Analysis of Development Partner Support

Partner Support to ECPF - Components





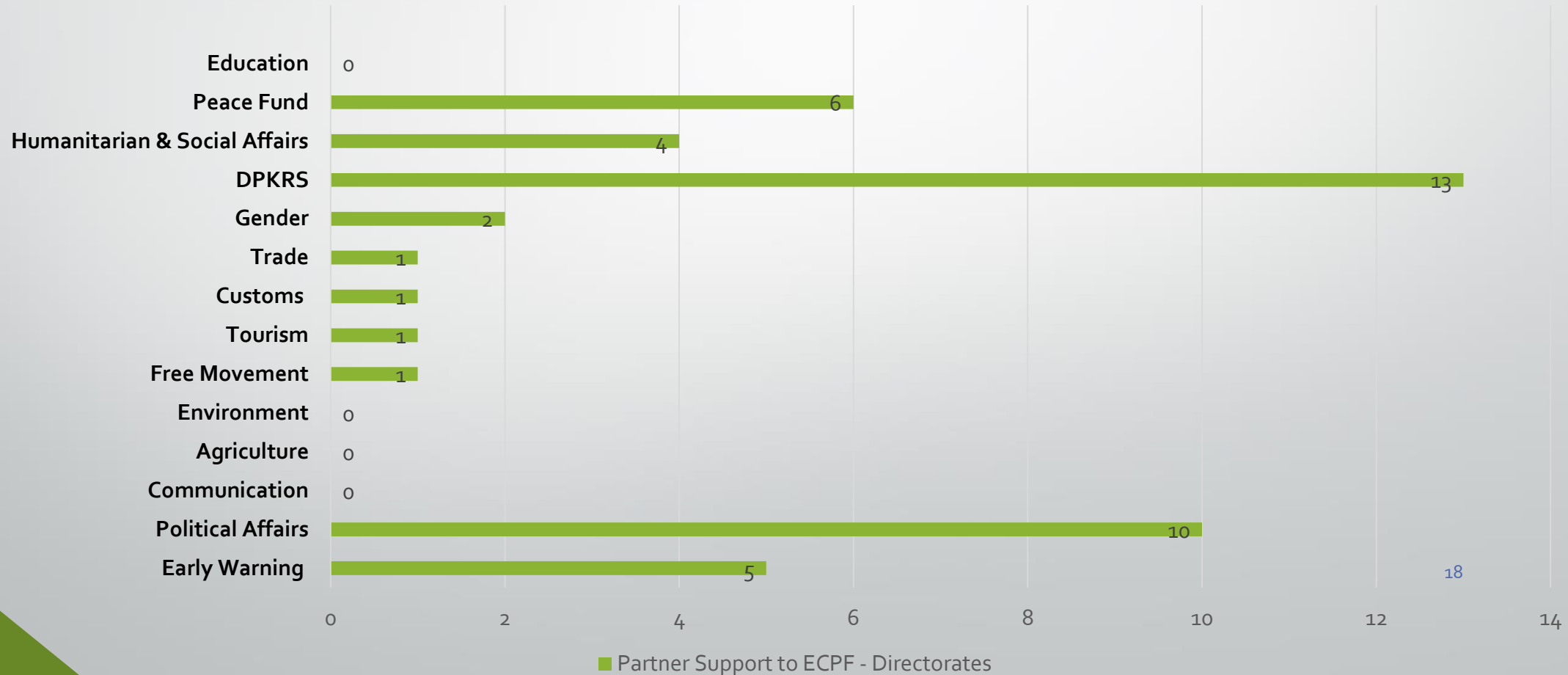
Analysis of Development Partner Support – ECOWAS Directorates

- **While most of the Partner Support for the ECPF is channelled directly to ECOWAS, some support is channelled through regional organizations such as WANEP, KAIPTC, or Member States.**
- **Among the ECOWAS Directorates, DPKRS and DPA receive the most Partner support, however, they are each responsible for implementing 3 Components from the ECPF.**
- **Directorates such as Communication, Agriculture and Peace Education have received no funding for their Conflict Prevention activities in 2016.**



Analysis of Development Partner Support

Partner Support to ECPF - Directorates





II- Facilitated Conduct of Evaluation of Operationalization of the ECPF through GIZ Support

- The ECPF Plans of Action (2012 – 2017), which captures the programmes and activities of each ECPF Component, has reached the end of its timeframe;
- An external Consultant, Mr. Daniel Inkoom, was recruited through the support of the GIZ to assess the level of implementation of the ECPF Plans of Action and recommend strategies to improve ownership of the ECPF;
- The main objective of the consultancy was for the consultant to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the operationalization of the ECPF for the period of 2013 – 2016 (June 2016) and to propose programmatic areas for intervention for 2017-2020.



III a- ECPF Sensitization Workshop – Civil Society Organizations in Member States 16 – 17 August, 2016

- **The Civil Society Organization (CSO) Sensitization Workshop on the implementation of the ECPF in Member States took place from 16 to 17 August, 2015 in Dakar, Senegal.**
- **The main objective of the Annual CSO Workshop is to enhance the role of CSOs in the area of conflict prevention in Member States.**
- **At the end of the Meeting, the participants agreed on the importance of enriching the understanding of regional stakeholders on each component of the ECPF.**
- **The participants voted to make “Youth” the thematic focus of the CSO Workshop in 2017**



III b- ECPF Sensitization Workshop – Member States’ Ministries of Interior and Justice 29 – 30 August, 2016

- **The Sensitization Workshop for Member States on the ECOWAS Conflict Prevention Framework was held from 29 – 30 August, 2016 at the ECOWAS Commission**
- **Participants were more equipped on ECPF and determined to embark on conflict prevention initiatives in Member States.**



III c- ECPF Sensitization Workshop – Media Practitioners

24 November, 2016

- **The Sensitization Workshop for Media Practitioners on the ECOWAS Conflict Prevention Framework was held from 24 November, 2016 at the ECOWAS Parliament.**
- **At the end of the Workshop, the Journalists expressed a strong desire to improve their collaboration with the ECOWAS Commission in the areas of peace building and conflict prevention.**
- **Media Practitioners were willing to create a network to continue advocating for conflict prevention.**



IV- Challenges

- Weak information flow between partners contributions and components
- Weak sharing of information
- Weak use of the website
- Weak financial support to CSOs to implement conflict preventions initiatives;



Perspectives

- Enhance our collaboration/cooperation with all partners ECOWAS, MS and COSs;
- Sensitize partners for resource mobilization for conflict prevention (ECOWAS & MS);
- Advocate for private sector contribution towards conflict prevention;
- Consolidate awareness activities;
- Build capacity of ISC members;
- Increase the use of ECPF website.



CONCLUSION

- **The ECPF Secretariat is working gradually to facilitate effectively the operationalization of ECPF.**
- **This can only be achieved when all the stakeholders understand the ECPF, adjust it to the evolving context and find innovative ways to intervene at country and regional levels with all the stakeholders.**
- **So far some positive steps are made. The ECPF Secretariat still believe that in working together with you we can achieve better.**
- **Develop action plans for 10 ECPF components and contribute to the mobilisation of resources for stakeholders at national level are our new challenges.**
- **The ECPF Secretariat believes that by sharing information and taking new initiatives we can get there.**