

PEACE AND SECURITY

Rationale: The Peace and Security program seeks to promote peace by addressing the need for new policies and practices to provide for human safety in regions of armed conflict. Achieving this goal will involve the military, local police, international defense forces, diplomats, humanitarian relief organizations, private firms, and others. It will also involve establishing new working relationships and better coordination among them to provide for more effective human security.

Goal: To provide for better protection and safety in areas of armed conflict by improving U.S. and international peace operations, military policy, and police practices.

Objectives:

A- Strengthen U.S. and international policy on peace operations

Increased U.S. government and international capacity is needed to better coordinate response to international crises and to improve U.S. and international coordination with the wide range of organizations engaged in peacebuilding. These agencies include: civilian police forces, local military units, governmental and nongovernmental organizations (including relief agencies, military and security forces), the UN, and regional organizations (including NATO, the OAS, the African Union, and the European Union).

B- Improve coordination and capacity of agencies in post-conflict planning and operations

U.S. forces and others involved in peace operations need to better coordinate their activities and develop a common set of priorities in order to maximize effectiveness in areas of armed conflict. Primary interests of the Foundation are:

- disarming, demobilizing, and reintegrating ex-combatants
- protecting non-combatants, including refugees
- professionalizing police to enforce laws
- developing civilian-controlled military to secure borders
- providing safe conditions to enable citizens to become active in their society and government

C- Increase public and private funding for effective peacebuilding in regions emerging from armed conflict

Increased staffing and new policies and protocols require substantial funding. One measure of the Foundation's success will be seen in increased funding for peacebuilding by the U.S. government, other governments, international and multinational organizations, and private organizations, including philanthropic and other non-profit organizations.

Geographic focus: Grants are made primarily to organizations based in the United States, although proceeds from these grants can be used for work conducted in other countries.

Strategies: To achieve its goals and objectives, the Foundation will give priority to projects that:

- focus public attention on the need for U.S. and international policy change in war-torn areas, including the need for new approaches and increased public funding for peace operations
- develop and introduce curriculum changes in military and civilian training programs
- convene agencies and organizations that work in war-torn areas to develop more effective policies and protocols
- conduct demonstration projects in war-torn areas
- convene private donors to share grantmaking experience and draw more funding to this area
- disseminate developments in peacemaking and peacebuilding