

Peace, stabilisation and migration

KEY SUCCESSES

- + 20 years of experience working in and on conflicts
- + Proven experience in managing multi-million-euro funds focusing on conflict, stability, security and migration on behalf of a variety of key donors (e.g., KfW, SIDA, the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- + Strong track record of managing nexus projects, overlapping development aid, humanitarian assistance, and security
- + Under NIRAS management, Denmark has become the 6th largest contributor to European civilian Common Security and Defense Policy (CSDP) missions among the EU Member States in terms of personnel numbers, and 4th best in terms of gender balance of seconded candidates

Services we can offer you ...

- Inclusive and sustainable conflict prevention, peace-building and security sector reform
- Tested teams of respected professionals highly experienced in managing complex and sensitive conflict contexts
- Strong in-house capacity combined with easy access to thousands of relevant external experts in conflict management
- Extensive expertise in strengthening institutions and empowering civil society organisations (CSOs) in countries affected by protracted conflict and instability
- Conflict sensitivity analysis – conflict integrated assessment and planning
- “Do no harm” principles across programming and high standards of duty of care procedures
- Monitoring, evaluation and learning support
- Facilitation of training courses, workshops & seminars



2000

Experts trained and deployed through the Danish Peace and Stabilisation Response mechanism to civilian crisis management and democratisation missions on behalf of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the last 12 years (+€60 million managed)



178

Projects in the 35 most fragile and conflict-affected states in the last 5 years



130

CSOs and state institutions trained in the implementation of UNSCR 1325 contributing to women's participation in peace-building efforts

Towards a more secure, stable and sustainable future

Since 2014, the world has seen an alarming increase in the number of violent conflicts. Violent conflict is increasingly recognised as one of the major obstacles to reaching the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). If these trends continue, it is expected that 60% of the world's poor will live in fragile and conflict-affected settings by 2030. By leaving already disadvantaged groups of global poor to fend for themselves in increasingly violent environments, this prognosis challenges the central transformative promises of the SDGs: to “leave no one behind” and to “endeavour to reach the furthest behind first”. At the same time, heightened violent conflict has forced a historically high number of people to flee their homes. Conflicts (compounded by climate change) perpetuate fragility of countries and systematically undermine the development in both poor and former middle-income countries (such as Syria). According to the UN, approximately 70 million people have been displaced by war and armed conflict, and 130 million are in need of humanitarian assistance.

In light of this reality, donor and recipient countries are adapting and aligning their approaches, integrating foreign policy, development and humanitarian instruments. With the imperative to react to and act within situations of instability and conflict, development actors are increasingly focusing on conflict prevention and resolution, mediation, state and

peace-building and strengthening of resilience to crisis as well as irregular migration. We remain actively committed in all our programmes to address the root causes of irregular migration and displacement through targeted interventions in different sectors that affect it, such as climate change adaptation, peace and security, poverty reduction, agricultural development, and human rights, to name just a few.

At the forefront of addressing global challenges

At NIRAS, we believe that addressing the challenges of preventing violent conflict and sustaining peace require expertise and experience from working both on and in conflict. We have over 20 years experience of contributing to the prevention, resolution and mediation of conflicts and building of stability, resilience and long-lasting peace in fragile, conflict-affected contexts. We have successfully lead assignments that have enhanced the ability of communities to resolve and prevent conflicts and supported drivers of sustainable change in conflict-affected areas.

Our work in strengthening institutions and empowering civil society in places of protracted conflict and instability has contributed to building community resilience to violence. We are aware that development interventions influence conflict settings and thus carefully assess the role we play, the change we drive, and the assumptions we make in order to create positive impact where we work and avoid doing harm.

A long-time trusted partner of the Danish Government

Since 2008, NIRAS has managed Denmark's Peace and Stabilisation Response (PSR). The PSR is a global emergency response mechanism and roster under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, responsible for the deployment of civilian experts to international stabilisation, conflict prevention, peacekeeping and democracy-building missions coordinated by the EU, OSCE and the UN throughout the world's hotspots. NIRAS identifies, trains and deploys approximately 150 experts annually within key areas including strategic advice and mentoring on security sector reform in Iraq and Ukraine, training of security forces in human resources systems, the fight against terrorism and organised crime, adherence to international human rights and gender frameworks, and border control and management of irregular migration in Somalia, Libya and The Sahel as well as monitoring of international human rights and peace agreements in Georgia.



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Migration and refugee responses in East Africa/the Horn of Africa

On behalf of KfW, NIRAS is administering two funds focusing on migration and refugees in East Africa. The Regional Migration Fund (RMF) is an instrument financing different infrastructure projects in the Horn of Africa to improve (socio-economic) opportunities for migrants, refugees and the population of host communities. The Refugee Response Fund (RRF) supports the Ugandan Government in addressing the needs of South Sudanese refugees and host communities in Uganda. The overall objective of the RRF is to contribute to securing basic needs as well as the social and economic development of refugees and people living in host communities.



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Integrating conflict sensitivity in justice and human rights work in Mali

NIRAS has supported the Malian civil society organisation DEME SO (House of Law). For the past 25 years, DEME SO has provided access to justice and human rights through legal clinics and judicial aid offices embedded in courts and paralegal officers settled at community level, offering free legal aid and assistance to marginalised citizens. NIRAS improved the capacity of DEME SO staff to incorporate conflict sensitivity approaches in their own trainings, awareness raising and education activities at community level, as well as in their overall programming and project cycles.

Sample references	Place	Client	Years	Value (€)
Administrative Management of Denmark's Peace and Stabilisation Response (PSR/FSB)	Global	DANIDA	04/2008-02/2023	6,298,015
Consulting services to support IGAD with the implementation of the Regional Migration Fund supporting Migrants, Refugees and host communities in the IGAD Region (Regional Migration Fund - RMF) funded by German Financial Cooperation	Djibouti, Ethiopia, Sudan, Kenya	KfW	09/2019-09/2023	3,248,415
Fund for the Support of Drivers of Change / Gestionnaire du Fonds d'Appui Aux Moteurs du Changement (FAMOC)	Mali	DANIDA	12/2018-12/2022	2,144,000
Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF) - MEL Agent	Global	FCO	01/2019-09/2022	687,191
Support for South Sudanese Refugees and Host Communities in Uganda (Refugee Response Fund)	Uganda	KfW	02/2019-05/2021	1,054,730
Conflict Sensitivity Support and Environmental Support to the NGO DEME SO in Mali	Mali	SIDA	11/2019-01/2020	89,633
Water for Eastern Equatoria - Integrated Water Resource Management (ProWaS/SSN-EES)	South Sudan	Netherlands	11/2013-10/2019	3,874,077
Rwanda Migration Profile	Rwanda	IOM	12/2017-07/2019	13,866
Management of a Secretariat to Support Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law NGOs operation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT)	OPT	Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands & Switzerland	07/2013-06/2018	3,616,275
Technical Assistance to the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) in strengthening the institutional capacity and improving the disaster and emergency management system	Turkey	EU	03/2016-10/2018	2,740,000
Building Resilience to Water Stress in Somaliland: Preparation of a Water Resources Management and Investment Plan	Somaliland	AfDB	10/2016-12/2018	2,000,000
Evaluation of UN Women Country programme in Afghanistan	Afghanistan	SIDA	10/2017-04/2018	85,700
International Training Programmes (ITP) in UNSCR 1325 Women, Peace and Security	Global	SIDA	12/2010-06/2017	4,000,000
Peace Development, Youth Promotion and Fight against Corruption - Peace Fund in Timor-Leste	Timor-Leste	GIZ	08/2014-11/2016	714,000
International Training Programme (ITP) - Partnership for Peace and Security in Africa	Africa	SIDA	10/2010-12/2015	2,400,000



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