

# The conflict sensitive due diligence worksheet

Decision description	
Date	
Completed by	

## Background

Provide background to the decision being made.

**Test 1 – the objectives test: are the objectives of the activity relevant, timely and appropriate within the peace and conflict environment?**

What are the possible courses of action in response to the situation? Which one is being considered?

What is the objective of this course of action?

Is the objective relevant in the peace and conflict context? How do you know?

- Does the activity address a genuine need?
- Is the expected result from the activity likely to be sustainable given likely changes in the peace and conflict context?
- If the peace and conflict context has shifted recently, does the need which the activity addresses still exist?
- Is the objective compatible with other activities underway or proposed, including by other donors or implementers?

Is the objective timely?

- Is it feasible to work towards this objective in the current peace and conflict context or is it necessary to wait until the situation changes or work on other things first?
- Are there other needs that would be a higher priority than the one this activity is trying to address, such as urgent humanitarian needs, conflict prevention or conflict reduction?
- Will beneficiaries and other stakeholders see the objective of the activity as a priority at the current time?

Is the objective appropriate? Are there any considerations or concerns about what you are trying to achieve?

- Does the activity unfairly benefit one group of others?
- Does the activity aim to provide support to actors who are involved in conflict-promoting behaviour?
- Does the activity aim to provide support to actors who have engaged in concerning behaviour relating to human rights?

### Test 2 – the harm-minimisation test: have all reasonable measures been undertaken to identify and reduce the ways in which the activity could cause harm?

- Identify actions involved in the decision
- Work through interactions typology and identify potential risks of harm. How will you know if they've occurred?
- Identify mitigations and incorporate into activity
- Identify responses and incorporate into activity design

Risk	Description	Mitigation/response	Monitoring

### Test 3 – the benefit-maximisation test: have all reasonable measures been undertaken to identify and leverage opportunities to contribute to peace through the activity?

What factors relating to peace and conflict will the activity affect? Can you adjust the activity to have more impact on these factors in a positive way? How?

What relationships between stakeholders might the activity affect? Can you change the ways you deliver to improve those relationships? How?

Is there a way you can use your activity to strengthen political peace processes? How?

## Test 4 – the proportionality test: do the benefits identified in tests 1 and 3 outweigh the harms in test 2?

Is there another way to achieve the same objective that would be less harmful?

What would be the cost of not doing the action?

Do the benefits outweigh the harms? State why.

## Recommendations and next steps

