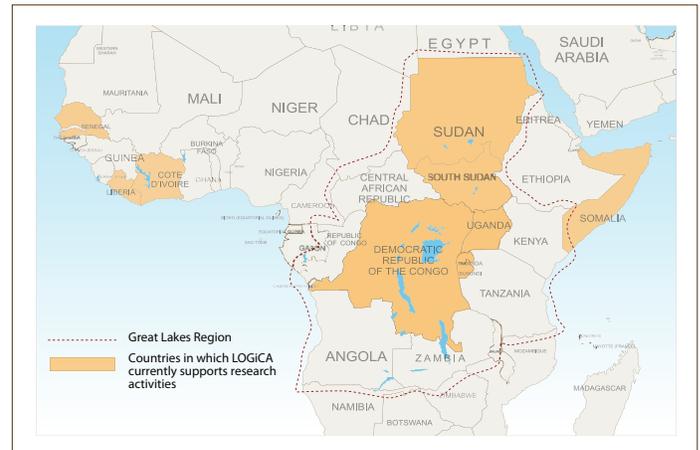


The Learning on Gender and Conflict in Africa (LOGiCA) Trust Fund aims to contribute to peace and security in Sub-Saharan Africa by supporting gender-sensitive activities related to insecurity and violence in conflict-affected and post-conflict countries in the region. LOGiCA addresses the following key themes: gender sensitivity in demobilization and reintegration (D&R) programs, sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), vulnerable women in conflict-affected areas, and young men at-risk of engaging in conflict.

The LOGiCA Trust Fund was created in 2009 with funding from the Governments of Canada, Denmark, Norway, and Sweden and is implemented by the World Bank.

LOGiCA endeavors to fund innovative learning initiatives that generate knowledge and good practice on how to address key gender and conflict issues. LOGiCA prioritizes learning activities with operational significance and the development of knowledge products that practitioners can leverage to inform and translate into future interventions.

LOGiCA currently supports research activities in 10 countries, including Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Liberia, Rwanda, Senegal, South Sudan, Somalia, Sudan, and Uganda.



LOGiCA also supports regional institutions, for example through technical assistance to the International Conference for the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR).

In pursuit of its objectives, LOGiCA supports:

- Technical assistance for gender-sensitive programming in D&R operations
- Learning initiatives on gender for vulnerable groups in post-conflict settings
- Knowledge generation, outreach and communication

Current programming across these components includes, among others:

Gender-sensitive programming in D&R operations

- Support to national commissions of D&R programs in Burundi and Rwanda to strengthen capacity on the implementation of gender-sensitive activities.
- Implementation of an in-depth study in Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda examining (i) the impact of departure and reintegration of ex-combatants on families and (ii) the role families play in the reintegration process.

Pilot projects for vulnerable groups in post-conflict settings

Sexual and Gender-Based Violence

- Impact evaluation of a pilot project supporting survivors of SGBV in South Kivu (DRC) in order to identify low-cost and scalable interventions that demonstrably improve the psychological, social, physical and economic functioning of survivors of sexual and gender based violence.
- Implementation of SGBV program in Cote d'Ivoire focusing on a social norms marketing campaign and technical support for the revision of the Cote d'Ivoire Penal Code; and an impact evaluation to understand mechanisms influencing attitudes toward and incidence of intimate partner violence, household decision-making and the effect of related programming.
- Impact evaluation of WINGS, an economic empowerment project in Northern Uganda targeting vulnerable women affected by the LRA. LOGiCA is testing the relative benefits of including male partners as part of broader training activities, as well as cost-effectiveness of providing follow-up visits for female entrepreneurs.

Engaging at-risk male youth

- Rigorous impact evaluation of a pilot project testing innovative approaches for reducing violence and poverty among high-risk urban street youth in Monrovia. The initiative is examining the impact of combining micro-enterprise start-up assistance with cognitive behavioral therapy and life skills training.
- Comprehensive intervention and parallel research in Uganda examining livelihood diversification activities and life skills support for disarmed male youth in the Karamoja region as part of a broader initiative to understand better linkages between the use of violence and economic conditions, sense of well-being and presence or absence of stress.

Knowledge Generation, Outreach and Communications

Knowledge Generation

- Development of assessment tools measuring local understandings of empowerment, psychosocial wellbeing, self-esteem and social connectedness in Uganda and Eastern DRC. LOGiCA is currently working with the Transitional Demobilization and Reintegration Program (TDRP) to apply these tools in the context of ongoing research in relation to a pilot project to strengthen women's economic associations in Northern Uganda.
- Elaboration of a study in Eastern DRC investigating perpetrators' motivations for engaging in sexual violence during armed conflict, both at the individual level or as part of broader strategic or tactical action.
- Development and testing of training manuals and capacity building activities to improve operational knowledge in Burundi, DRC and South Sudan on how to engage men and young boys in the prevention and mitigation of SGBV.
- Development of comprehensive Background Notes on gender and conflict issues for Cote d'Ivoire, Darfur, Somalia, South Sudan and Rwanda.

Knowledge Dissemination and Communication

- LOGiCA continues to provide technical assistance to the ICGLR for the planning and implementation of its regional strategy to address SGBV.
- LOGiCA has supported and helped coordinate several knowledge sharing and learning events, including: USIP-hosted symposium *'The Missing Piece: Sexual Violence in Conflict and Post-Conflict Settings'* held in February 2013 in Washington, DC; a seminar presenting impact evaluation findings from the *'Addressing Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) Project in South Kivu, DRC'* in collaboration with the Global Center on Conflict Security and Development; and training of local partners on research tools developed by Harvard Humanitarian Initiative in Goma, North Kivu.