**Proposal for Thematic Working Group – Knowledge Platform Security and Rule of Law**

**Title: Reconstruction Tender 2012-2015 (Network group)**

***Introduction***

To promote human security and rule of law in conflict zones and post-conflict areas, the Ministry has finalized the Reconstruction tender 2012-2015 for civil society organizations with €120 million (of which €40 million for South Sudan). The Reconstruction working group will be a platform to exchange views on monitoring, best practices, evaluation and lessons learned in conflict-affected and fragile states. This can include indicators to measure results of programmes in fragile states. No international agreement exists yet on measuring progress towards realizing joint goals in fragile states. The *New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States* (2011) could offer an important step towards more international consensus on goals, results and, possibly, indicators.

***Focus***

The purpose of the working group is to agree on monitoring and exchange knowledge on post-conflict development programmes in practice, particular in the context of the Reconstruction tender 2012-2015. Sharing knowledge between the partners and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs contributes to narrowing the gap between policy and practice, which is one of the main goals of the Knowledge Platform. An important aspect is to exchange views on and learn lessons from the use of indicators. A number of existing sources can function as a starting point, including the New Deal. Input for the discussions can for example be the list of result areas under the spearhead of Security & Rule of Law and the annual narrative and financial progress reports of the various programmes under the Reconstruction Tender.

***Lead / Participants***

The target group for this working group consists of all implementing partners of relevant MFS-II and Reconstruction tender 2012-2015 coalitions. Partners are invited to express interest in participation in this working group. The Ministry foresees to take a lead role in the first phase.

***Planning/Activities***

* Agree on an Action Plan for the working group
* Agree on a monitoring and evaluation. Formulate monitoring framework for fragile states/post-conflict countries.
* Exchange views on best practices and lessons learned. Share common challenges. Search for synergy between programs.
* Define network activities and identify key research questions for further work in the knowledge platform.
* Formulate concrete plan of action, like developing toolkits, e-learning etc.

***Support by Secretariat***

Support from the Secretariat is required with regard to the logistics and coordination of the working group.

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