

HUMAN SECURITY PROGRAM: Coordination and accountability



Coordination

- The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) Peacebuilding and Human Security Division manages the Human Security Program, in cooperation with the Department's Regional Security and Peacekeeping Division and other government departments involved in promoting human security.
- The Human Security Program regularly convenes a Program Advisory Committee, a senior level interdepartmental committee that promotes policy coherence and encourages program complementarity. Chaired by DFAIT, the Committee includes representation from several other government departments, including the Canadian International Development Agency, Department of National Defence, Department of Canadian Heritage, Solicitor General and the RCMP.
- The Peacebuilding Working Group meets monthly to promote program synergy and avoid duplication of activity at an operational level among government departments involved in human security. The Group includes representation from DFAIT divisions involved in peacebuilding and human security, the Canadian International Development Agency Peacebuilding Unit, the Department of National Defence and other government departments, as well as the International Development Research Centre.

Accountability

- Human Security Program project proposals are screened at regular meetings of DFAIT divisions involved in promoting human security and circulated interdepartmentally and to missions overseas for comment, before they are submitted for approval either to the Minister of Foreign Affairs or senior management.
- The Human Security Program operates under a Results-Based Management and Accountability Framework and a Risk-Based Audit Framework as mandated by the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat.
- Outside evaluators are conducting a mid-term performance review of the Human Security Program in 2002. Results are expected in early 2003.
- An internal audit of the Human Security Program was conducted in 2001. Results are available on-line at: <http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/department/auditreports/2002/humansecurityprog02-en.asp>
- Approximately 10% of Human Security Program project recipients are audited every year.