



# Lesson 3.8

## Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR)

# Content



- What is DDR?
- Participants, beneficiaries and eligibility
- UNMO roles in DDR
- Guiding principles on gender in DDR



# Learning Outcomes

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- Explain the UN approach to DDR
- Identify the participants and beneficiaries in DDR
- Describe the UNMO roles in supporting DDR
- Explain the guiding principles of gender in DDR



# What is DDR?



- A process that contributes to security and stability in post-conflict environments by disarming combatants, removing them from military structures, as well as socially and economically integrating them into society
- Involves political, military, security, humanitarian and socio-economic dimensions



# Guiding Principles of DDR



- People-centred
- Flexible, transparent and accountable
- Nationally owned
- Integrated
- Well planned





# Combatant



- Member of a national army or irregular military
- Actively participating in military activities and hostilities
- Involved in recruiting or training military personnel
- Holds a command or decision-making position within a national army or armed organization
- Arrived in a host country carrying arms or military uniform as part of a military structure
- Assumes any of the above attributes



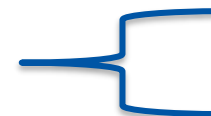
# Three Components of DDR



- **Disarmament**

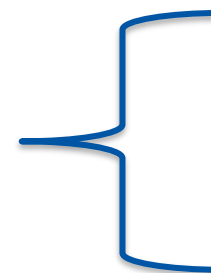
- **Demobilization**

- **Reintegration**



**Processing**

**Reinsertion**



**Repatriation**

**Rehabilitation**

**Reconciliation**

**Resettlement**



# Disarmament



- Collection, documentation, control and disposal of small arms, ammunition, explosives, light and heavy weapons of combatants and often also of the civilian population



- Includes the development of responsible arms management programs

# Categories of Individuals in Disarmament



- **Combatants**
  - Government forces
  - Opposition forces



- **Other armed actors**
  - Civil defence forces
  - Irregular forces (including PMCs)



- **Civilians**
  - Volunteers

# Relevant Forms and Certificates for Disarmament



Annex D  
Weapons and Ammunition Handover Certificates

Weapons Handover Certificate

| Ser  | Weapon Type         | Weapon Serial Number | Year | Calibre | Country of Origin | Manuf.      | Monograms and Special Markings | Remarks                        |
|------|---------------------|----------------------|------|---------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| e.g. | AK-74 Assault Rifle | 1234                 | 1988 | 5.45mm  | Soviet Union      | Kalashnikov | UD7-88 1988                    | 2 x magazines<br>Damaged stock |
| 1.   |                     |                      |      |         |                   |             |                                |                                |
| 2.   |                     |                      |      |         |                   |             |                                |                                |
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| 17.  |                     |                      |      |         |                   |             |                                |                                |
| 18.  |                     |                      |      |         |                   |             |                                |                                |

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|-----------------|--|----------------|--|
| HANDED OVER BY: |  | TAKEN OVER BY: |  |
| RANK OR TITLE:  |  | RANK OR TITLE: |  |
| UN ID #:        |  | UN ID #:       |  |
| SIGNATURE:      |  | SIGNATURE:     |  |
| DATE:           |  | DATE:          |  |

- Weapons Reporting Template
- Ammunition Reporting Template
- Weapons and Ammunition Handover Certificates
- Weapons and Ammunition Destruction Certificates

# Demobilization



Formal and controlled discharge of active combatants from the armed forces or other armed groups



# Stages of Demobilization



- **First stage:**

- Processing of individual combatants in centres or designated camps



- **Second stage:**

- Provision of support to the demobilized persons (reinsertion)



# Reinsertion



- Assistance offered to ex-combatants during demobilization but prior to the longer-term process of reintegration



- It is a form of transitional assistance to help cover the basic needs of ex-combatants and their families

# Examples of Demobilization Activities



- Education
- Sports, recreation, entertainment



- Job counselling and referral
- Vocational skills/agricultural training



# Reintegration



- The process by which ex-combatants acquire civilian status and gain employment and income



- Reintegration is a long-term, continuous social and economic process of development

# DDR - Participants and Beneficiaries



- Participants are individuals who receive direct assistance through the DDR process



- Beneficiaries are both individuals and groups who receive indirect benefits through UN-supported DDR operation or programme

# Examples of Participants and Beneficiaries



**Members of  
Armed Forces**



**Disabled People**



**Dependants**



**Communities**



**Women**



**Youth**



**Children**



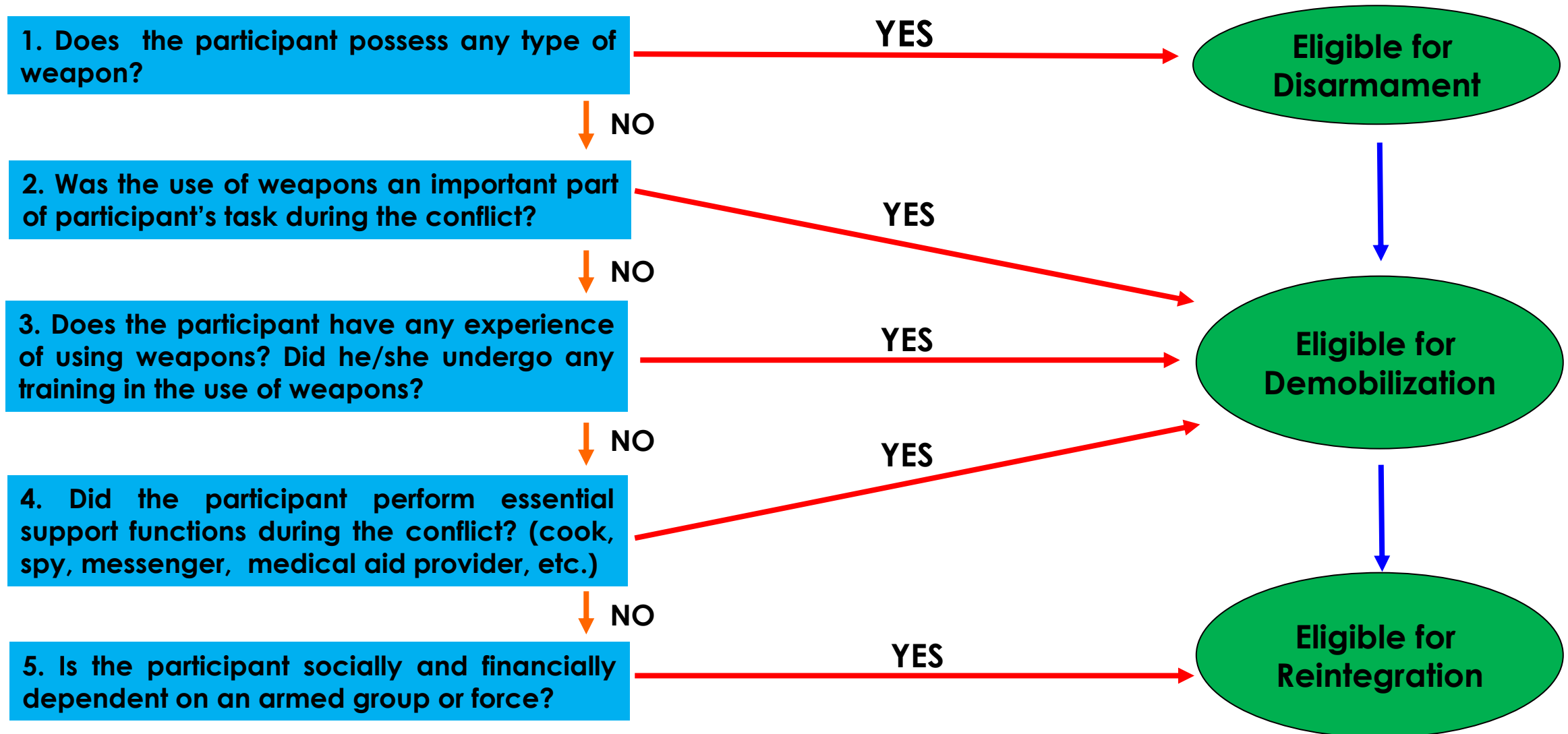
**Civilian Returnee**



**Abductees**



# Generic Eligibility Criteria in DDR



# UN Agencies Funds and Programmes in DDR



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization



WORLD  
METEOROLOGICAL  
ORGANIZATION



World Health  
Organization



Food and Agriculture  
Organization of the  
United Nations



UNDRR

UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction



THE WORLD BANK  
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OCHA

UNITED NATIONS  
UNIVERSITY

UN  
environment  
programme



World Food  
Programme



IOM  
THE UNITED NATIONS  
MIGRATION AGENCY



unitar

United Nations Institute for Training and Research



UNHCR  
The UN Refugee Agency

unicef  
for every child

UN  
WOMEN



# Roles of UNMO in DDR



- Screening of participants and beneficiaries
- Screening of weapons and ammunition of combatants
- Identification of combatants carrying ammunition and explosives
- Supervision of combatants during the full unloading procedure of weapons
- Screening and initial registration of combatants



# Roles of UNMO in DDR (Cont.)



- Reception of arms, ammunition, and explosives
- Provision of early warning and wider information operations
- Managing spontaneous disarmament
- Reporting or investigates the loss or theft of weapons or ammunition



- Impact of CRSV
- Specific needs of children
- Resources for UNMO
- Persons with disabilities
- Gender
- Women
- Youth

# Guiding Principles on Gender in DDR



- Respect for human rights
- Non-discrimination, fair and equitable treatment
- Gender equality and women's participation

# Summary of Key Messages



- DDR entails disarming combatants, removing them from military structures, and integrating them socially and economically into the society in a post-conflict environment
- DDR process includes participants and beneficiaries such as members of armed forces, communities, children, youths, women, abductees, disabled persons, civilian returnees and dependants
- UNMO roles in DDR include screening, identification, supervision, reception, management, and reporting
- UNMO considers key factors during DDR screening process and guiding principles on gender equality



# Learning Activity 1

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## Plenary Quiz (True or False)

1. DDR is a process that contributes to security and stability in post-conflict environments by disarming combatants, removing them from military structures, as well as socially and economically integrating them into society.

☐ True

☐ False

# Learning Activity 1



2. A combatant is a person who only falls into one of the following categories:

- Member of a national army or an irregular military; or
- Someone actively participating in military activities and hostilities.

( ) True

( ) False

# Learning Activity 1



3. UNMO can play critical roles in a DDR process. These roles, among others, include:

- Screening of participants and beneficiaries.
- Screening weapons and ammunition of combatants.
- Screening and initial registration of combatants.

( ) True

( ) False

# Learning Activity 2



Group Discussion

Total Time: 15 min

Preparation: 8 min

Discussion: 7 min

- What are the three components of DDR?
- Who are the participants and beneficiaries in DDR?
- What are UNMO's roles in DDR?
- When assisting the DDR process by screening participants, what issues should UNMO pay careful attention to?
- What are the guiding principles of gender in DDR?