

DCAF's Approach to Economic and Social Rights in Armed Forces Contexts

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DCAF's work

Supporting democratic governance of the security sector (rule of law, accountability, protection of rights in the armed forces)

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Development of knowledge products		PEER-REVERED FUBLICATION
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Regional Exchange Mechanism	Policy and Legal Advice	Economic Rights?
	Capacity-building and awareness- raising	Why? Morale, retention discipline, legitimad
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Comparative Overview: Key Findings

- Intersection of rights (S&E and C&P rights)
- Lack of awareness about rights (and legal clarity)
- Limited access & trust in complaint mechanisms (30%+ feared retaliation)
- Lack of information (need for monitoring)
- Demographic factors: age (mil. hierarchy), ethnicity & language, education
- Nutrition



Comparative Overview: Key Findings – Remote military units

- Limited access
- Limited monitoring
- Lack of access/presence of medical personnel, supply of medication, psychological support
- Limited ability to report complaints or contact family
- ✤ Higher risk of suicide



Legal Gaps

- Enforcement
- International law
- Forced labour (disciplinary measures, maintenance of premises)







Good Practices

- Monitoring
- Awareness raising (training, roundtables, posters/leaflets/memos)
- Reporting systems





Human rights training



Duration: 1,5-2 days

Trainers: International + Legal department

Barriers: Language, representativeness (location), resources, knowledge retention



Human rights training

Day 1: Core Rights and Legal Protections

- •Introduction to human rights in the armed forces
- •Application of human rights law to conscripts (incl. restrictions & discipline)
- •Freedom of expression, use of social media & phones
- •Freedom of assembly and association
- •Prohibition of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment, and right to life
- •Prohibition of forced labour
- •Economic and social rights:
 - Adequate housing & accommodation
 - Sufficient and nutritious food

Day 2: Inclusion and Accountability

- •Rights of minorities & managing diversity
- •Protection of rights during national emergencies
- •Reporting and complaints mechanisms: procedures and practical exercise



DCAF Tools

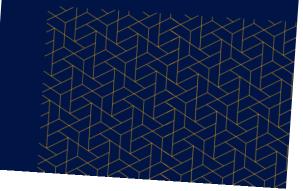
Training program & materialsStandardized survey

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Knowledge products

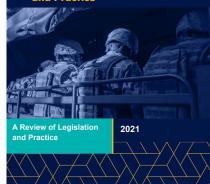
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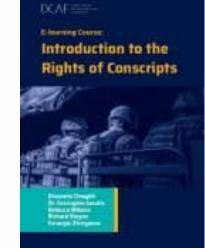
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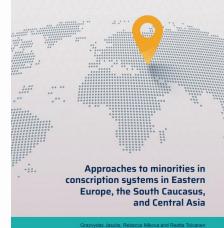
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Human Rights of Armed Forces Personnel:

COMPENDIUM OF STANDARDS, GOOD PRACTICES AND RECOMMENDATIONS



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