



**Progress towards peace in Yemen  
through security sector stabilisation**

## What we do

**DCAF** is a Swiss foundation whose mission is to improve the security of states and their people through promoting security sector reform and governance (SSG/R).

**SSG/R** is a process that aims to reform the security sector of a state towards good governance to provide effective and accountable security services, within a framework of democratic civilian control, rule of law and respect for human rights.

## The nexus between SSG/R and peace

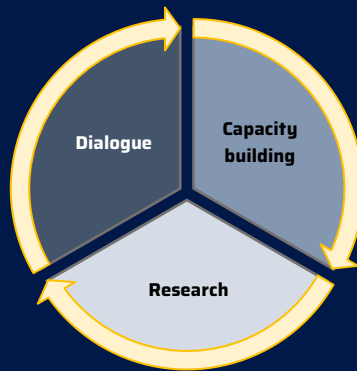
**Security sector stabilisation (SSS)** is a holistic process applicable to conflict-affected states to improve confidence, facilitate political dialogue and ultimately enable a political settlement that could lay the groundwork for longer-term SSG/R.



## Our approach in Yemen

**Yemen** is a fragmented state with multiple security actors competing across and beyond national borders, exposing civilians to large-scale human rights violations and restricting their access to humanitarian aid. A profound issue of distrust and the respective hardening of positions from warring parties prevent them from openly discussing both short and long-term security arrangements that are essential for political settlement.

**Our strategic aim** is to create a safer environment for all Yemenis. By allowing space for security dialogue, we encourage security actors to deliver basic security services to local communities and foster a more conducive environment that contributes to the ongoing peace process. Since 2018, our programme has been working towards two complementary streams of effort: a) addressing immediate security challenges facing civilians by supporting short-term initiatives; and b) fostering a vision for longer-term security arrangements through gradual confidence-building between conflict actors. To support these objectives, our approach revolves around the following three strategic components:



Convene dialogues on security issues impacting the peace process between representatives of security institutions affiliated to the main conflict parties, tribal figures and community-based actors across political and geographical divides.



Build the knowledge and technical expertise of local actors, including women's and youth organisations, to enable them to engage more meaningfully in security stabilisation efforts and dialogues.



Produce leading research and comparative studies relevant to Yemen security context to stimulate discussions, identify lessons and draw on international peacebuilding practices.

## Our engagement towards inclusivity

Every aspect of our programmatic cycle aims to reflect the views and ensure the meaningful participation of a wide range of relevant stakeholders across gender, generational, tribal, political divides. We also strive for equitable geographical representation within each group.



**Women and youth:** We encourage the participation of women and youth from various locations and background to create an inclusive space for dialogue and promote a people-centred approach to security that raises the voices and concerns of women, boys and girls.



**Tribes:** We ensure that the various Yemeni tribes embedded in Yemen's social fabric can bring their perceptions to the table and share their unique experience in supporting local security measures in a way that contributes to building Yemen's security sector's future.



**Political affiliations:** We are constantly guided by the principles of neutrality and impartiality. As such, we pay particular attention in giving an equal voice to all conflict parties to foster constructive consensus and encourage solutions that transcends political divides.



**Regional actors:** We regularly engage with regional players influencing the dynamics of Yemen's ongoing peace process, so each activity of our programme is informed by and reflective of their security priorities and strategic positioning.

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