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### Introduction

With the ceasefire following the Memorandum of Understanding signed in Luena on 4 April 2002, Angola entered a new phase in terms of peacebuilding. New opportunities arose and government as well as national and international civil society actors in Angola adapted their programs to the new context.

In order to respond to the new peacebuilding challenges, the 'Projecto de Construção de Paz' (PCP) intends to conduct a peace and conflict assessment together with its partners. The assessment is planned to be conducted in the form of an action research project, producing results and suggestions that will help PCP and its partners to adjust and strengthen their conflict resolution, leadership, and peacebuilding activities in Luanda and in the provinces. The research will further produce concrete peace and conflict indicators that can be used for monitoring and evaluating PCP activities. In this regard, the research results will provide a baseline with which future evaluation research results can be compared with in order to better understand the impact of the programme.

The action research project will identify peacebuilding needs and opportunities in 5 provinces and engage partners and communities in the research. It will publish results and suggestions in different forms in order to be accessible for all those involved in the research, the communities, PCP partners, national and international civil society actors and government entities. For PCP, results will be integrated into ongoing project programming and implementation.

### The action research project

The project is implemented by DW and partner organisations, coordinated by DW's 'Voices for Peace' project in Huambo and assisted by DW's research unit. The project will start in October with a 'pilot' assessment in Huambo province. This activity is aimed at identifying key questions and to prepare the structure of peacebuilding manual, case study analysis and research report. Based on the assessment in Huambo, the research methods seminar will be prepared, to be conducted at the beginning of November in Luanda with the field researchers that will be selected from partner organizations in Luanda and in the respective provinces. They will be trained in conducting a peace and conflict assessment, key stakeholder analysis, conflict mapping, conducting semi-structured interviews, leading focus group discussions and executing a provincial case study analysis.

During November, the field research teams will conduct research in the respective provinces, meeting towards the end of the month with the project coordination in Luanda. The field teams will prepare the case study analysis for editing. The peacebuilding manual and final report will be prepared by the 'Voices for Peace' project team and community members in Huambo. After circulation of first drafts to all partners, suggestions and comments will be included in the publications in January 2003. Editing, printing and dissemination of publications will be done by the project coordination during February and March. A final workshop with all project participants for discussion of results is planned to be held in Luanda at the beginning of April 2003.

## Objectives

### General objective:

To conduct an assessment of peacebuilding needs in Angola through an action research project, disseminating results to key stake holders on all levels of society.

Specific objectives	Research methods / sources / outcomes
1. To assess peacebuilding priorities on the community level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Focus group discussions with community members of different political parties and religious denominations;</li> <li>▪ Interviews with community leaders of different political parties, religious denominations, including 'traditional' leaders;</li> <li>▪ Interviews with NGOs, churches and local government;</li> </ul>
2. To investigate attitudes of government and non government key stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Interviews with local and provincial government;</li> <li>▪ Interviews with provincial UNITA leadership;</li> <li>▪ Interviews with provincial church leadership;</li> <li>▪ Interviews with local and international NGO staff;</li> </ul>
3. To analyse provincial peace and conflict dynamics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Through investigation, identification of principal conflict dynamics;</li> <li>▪ Through investigation, identification of most important peace dynamics;</li> <li>▪ Key stakeholder analysis;</li> <li>▪ Conflict mapping;</li> <li>▪ Other case study analysis methods;</li> </ul>
4. To publish results in ways that make them accessible for a wide audience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Peacebuilding manual for communities;</li> <li>▪ Provincial case studies;</li> <li>▪ Final research report;</li> <li>▪ Website;</li> </ul>
5. To identify peace and conflict indicators for PCP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To integrate key peace and conflict indicators into PCP project programming and implementation;</li> </ul>

## Specific Outcomes

1. Publication of 5000 copies of a community peacebuilding manual, based on research results, translated into at least one national language at the first stage and disseminated to PCP partners, the Angolan peace movement and communities;
2. Publication of 500 copies of a booklet presenting provincial case studies;
3. Final research report, presenting conclusions and recommendations for national and international NGOs, the donor community and government actors;
4. Creation of a website that presents the community peacebuilding manual, case study analysis and final research report;
5. Dissemination of results through national workshop at the end of the project;
6. Identification of Peace and Conflict indicators to be used for PCP and its partners projects;

## Research participants

<b>Task / responsibility</b>	<b>Implementing actor</b>
Implementing agency: Project Coordination:	Development Workshop Angola DW 'Voices for Peace Project' in Huambo <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Project coordinator</li><li>- Project coordinator assistant</li><li>- Technical assistant (DW research unit)</li></ul>
Field research Bié:	Christian Children's Fund
Field research Huambo:	Voices for Peace Project and partners
Field research Luanda	PCP partners
Field research Moxico	CEAST
Field research Kuando Kubango	CCG
Field research Zaire	<i>open</i>
Preparation of case studies	Provincial field research teams
Preparation of community peacebuilding manual	Voices for Peace Community groups in Huambo with assistance of project coordination
Preparation of final report	Project coordination
Creation of website	DW Angonet
Publishing	'Voices for Peace' printing unit

## Time frame

### 2002

October	'Pilot' assessment in Huambo Province
November	Field research in 5 provinces
December	Analysis of information and first drafts of case studies, peacebuilding manual and report. Preliminary conclusions and suggestions by dissemination of drafts to partners for comments.

### 2003

January	Conclusion of final drafts
February	Editing of publications
March	Printing and dissemination
April	Workshop with all participants and key stakeholders for discussion and dissemination of research results