FORUM: Advisory Panel

QUESTION OF: Measures to Promote Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration in Ethiopia

MAIN SUBMITTER: Syria

CO-SUBMITTERS: China, Chile, Belgium, France, Russia, Niger, UK, USA

THE ADVISORY PANEL

*Fully aware* that the victims of wars in Ethiopia have been revealed to long-term health risks such as PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder) and eating disorders to anxiety followed up with depression,

*Bearing in mind* that further armament can make more atrocity crimes and put East Africa in jeopardy,

*Cognizant* of the spreading armament which destroys human rights by increasing torture, sexual violence, slavery, labor exploitation,

*Acknowledging* the consequences that armament can bring which can bring mass killing and destroy a city by harming most of the population in the city,

*Emphasizing* more than 49.5% people in Ethiopia suffer from serious mental problems due to constant wars,

1. Strongly encourages organizations such as VA (Veterans Affairs) and the United Nation to recognize the need to reduce the pain and suffering those who experienced a war has to go through:

1. Advocating the importance of designing and implementing this program with a primary focus on addressing the mental health needs of post-war soldiers under ex-combatant mental health organization (EMHO):
2. encourages mental health specialists to join the program design team to guarantee a nuanced and complete approach to mental health treatment,

ii. facilitates international mental health organization collaboration to include evidence-based and culturally sensitive methods into program mental health efforts,

1. Drawing the attention of the United Nations(UN) to provide counseling sessions to any of all who has a war experience and suffers from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), a common mental health disorder shown among ex combatants:

i. offering free mental counseling for survivors of wars in Ethiopia who is suffering from severe trauma,

ii. providing free health insurance to ex-soldiers in need of mental health counseling sessions;

2. Establishes education of war programs around Ethiopia for all genders and ages of people who did not get proper education because of misguided policies such as traditions they practice in Ethiopia in such way but not limited:

a) Promoting the establishment of education camps that deal with war education for any age and gender:

i. inform and educate future or present parents the risks and dangers of armament,

      ii. inform and educate women due to the increasing rate of gender violence,

b) Educating young generations since they are weak for knowledge and needs to be educated before actual war happens in their life about how dangers and consequences of armament negatively influencing both the economy and the country,

1. Advertising the consequence of armament through campaigns that are promoted under UN that talks about disarmament using the concept of danger levels:
2. establish a newspaper or magazine for the ones in rural area who does not have access to internet that talks about victims who experience,
3. establish simulations on websites that explains and shows other countries what people in Ethiopia has to goes through due to the consequences of the war in Ethiopia;

3. Encourages many post-soldiers to stand up and ensure targets of the war in Ethiopia has a right to speak up for the disarmament:

1. Encouraging victims of war in Ethiopia to stand up against war and armament in Ethiopia:
   * 1. allowing the victims the opportunity to make a speech in front of diverse countries to let the countries know what kind of suffering they are going through in the lives of target of war in Ethiopia,
2. Establishing video and news how people in Ethiopia are suffering:
   * 1. make a recording of how many people are suffering from the war and what the war results such as death of people,
     2. conduct a live interview of the ex-combatants who are suffering from the aftermath of the war,
     3. employ UN peacekeepers who have gained trust among the citizens;

4. Establishes Ex-Combat Training Association (ETA), for the purpose of helping the ex-combats who served a long time in the military to adapt in society:

1. Employing the expert in on employment and retraining sector under control of ETA:
   * 1. provide the salary under the fund of ETA,
     2. verify the employers through members of United Nation(UN) and Ethiopian   Finance Committee(EFC),

1. Creating the education center where ex-combatant can educated for free by:
   * 1. use fund under ETA to buy the materials for the infrastructure,
     2. hire the expert on creating the building,
2. Raising the fund under various types of medias which will include:

i. Social network services advertisement,

ii. TV advertisement,

iii. Radio advertisement;

5. Establish a better health programs for ex-combatants to help them after returning from the Tigary war with help of allies and organizations to convince them to give donations:

1. Encouraing different social media platforms to alter current situation that ex combatants are suffering which will include:

i. Social media (TikTok, Youtube, X, etc),

ii. News channels (CNN, BBC),

1. Calling upon the Ethiopian government to allocate funds from the United States or other relevant organizations to create an Ex-combatant Health Support Program(EHSP):
2. encourages the Ethiopian government  to cooperate with the Ethiopian Finance Committee(EFC) to manage and support EHSP,
3. promotes EHSP by honest reporting on money use and program progress to guarantee accountability,
4. promotes engagement with financial specialists and international organizations to improve EHSP financial management and money use;

6. Encourages the active engagement of political leaders in advocating for the well-being for ex-combatants:

1. Encouraging the political leaders to cooperate with International Court of Justice (ISJ) to establish the law that supports the ex-combatants which will include:
2. allocate the fund for the ex-combatants under each nations based on their economic level,
3. provide benefits for ex-combatants including veterans extra point system,
4. Collaborating with the World Company Organization (WCO) to ensure that all ex-combatants are provided with opportunities for employment.
5. reducing tax for the companies who are providing job for ex-combatants,
6. reducing the debt for the companies who are providing job for ex-combatants;

7. Establish a reintegration program for ex-combat soldiers that have experienced war in Ethiopia in such ways but not limited to:

1. Supporting soldiers who can’t get into the society more opportunity to get to know about the real society:
2. establish a program that helps soldiers to war situations rather society how to get along society such as VR simulations of real society,
3. encourages technology experts and psychologists to cooperate and create educational component for the VR program including social norms, cultural practices, and communication practices,
4. Establishing the monitoring program to evaluate how ex-combatants are adapting within the society:
   * 1. construct a separate mentoring community to guide the ones who cannot adapt to the society,
     2. establish a application such as AI friend to be a listener to soldiers who isn’t seen progress according to the monitoring program; experienced war and can not get along to the society;

8. Encourages Ethiopian government to cooperate with other institutions to make further research to help Ethiopia in fully engaging disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration by:

1. Employing the verified researches and anthropologists who are familiar with Ethiopia's current situation:

i. cooperate with UN to establish a certificate process where Ethiopian government can select from verified researchers who have the certificate,

ii. Cooperate with WCO to allocate the fund to employ the researchers and anthropologists,

1. Creating a survey for ex-combatants in Ethiopia to let other countries government know how they can support Ethiopia government:

i. submit solutions for other governments to know how they can support Ethiopia for disarmament and reintegration by recognizing the support that Ethiopia ex-combatants really need,

ii. request the Ethiopian government to take in consideration of the solutions submitted by the other government officials to seek for a meeting in cooperation for a better future in supporting Ethiopia.