



The purpose of this consultancy was three-fold:

- 1) To enable the Office of the Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict (OSRSG-SVC) and the UN Action network to support accelerated implementation of the Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Arrangements on Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (MARA) in the selected priority countries of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), South Sudan, Central African Republic (CAR) and Cote D'Ivoire
- 2) To undertake ad hoc reviews of conflict-related sexual violence, and to assess the UN's response in selected situations of concern
- 3) To assist with the design and implementation of comprehensive strategies to combat sexual violence in priority countries

The consultant, Simona Pari, attended as planned the UN Action strategic planning meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, from 17 – 20 October 2011. The meeting served as an opportunity for briefing and engagement with UN Action focal points.

The consultant was meant to be a standing member of the reference groups established to identify technical and strategic support needs in the countries identified for accelerated implementation of the MARA. As this group had not yet been created at the time of the consultancy, the consultant was not requested to conduct any activity related to the implementation of the MARA.

The consultant was meant to undertake at least four country visits to support accelerated implementation of the MARA or the implementation of the comprehensive strategies to combat sexual violence. The selected countries should include DRC, Cote D'Ivoire, CAR, and South Sudan. Until the end of March 2012 four missions had been conducted, two to DRC and two to Cote d'Ivoire. Among the activities conducted during these missions, the consultant supported the implementation of the strategy to combat sexual violence in DRC and the development of a national SGBV strategy in Cote d'Ivoire. The consultant furthermore provided advice on coordination, strategic and programmatic issues and developed a situation analysis and gap analysis in each of the two countries.

The consultant was to represent the OSRSG SVC and UN Action network on selected inter-agency assignments and review missions as well, on request, but was not requested as the SRSRSG was supported by staff from her office.