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*Dear Partners and Colleagues,*

*As we return from the summer months and step into a new season, I am filled with optimism about the fresh opportunities ahead. Our efforts to bring coherence and symbiosis to the humanitarian–development–peacebuilding nexus are more vital than ever. I hope this autumn brings renewed energy to reimagine how we can bridge divides, foster resilience, and inspire transformative solutions both among the communities we serve and the organisations we serve with.*



*At SeeD, we are entering this season with fresh ideas, new collaborations, and a strong commitment to expanding the impact of our evidence-driven work, from trauma healing and collaborative livelihoods, from multi-systemic risk and resilience assessments to methodological innovations. We look forward to deepening our partnerships, positioning ourselves where we can create the greatest value and co-creating pathways that move us closer to a more inclusive and peaceful world.*

*I look forward to seeing many of you, whether at workshops, conferences, dialogue sessions, or for new joint initiatives, and to the inspiring collaborations that lie ahead.*

*Kindly with peace,  
Dr. Ilke Dagli-Hustings  
Director General*

## Overview of SeeD's Latest Efforts

Despite the summer hiatus, SeeD has worked hard to advance its global mission through new thinking, new publications, events, and strategic collaborations since June. **In Côte d'Ivoire**, we published the first Peace Electoral Barometer (BaSE-CI), an early-warning tool for political and electoral violence, and together with our partners Resilience pour la Paix, we were able to resume the Development & Resilience Index Against Violent Extremism (DRIVE) 2024 project with Norwegian support since its pause in January 2025 when USAID ceased all operations.

**In Somalia**, SeeD along with its partners PDRC, DhaxalReeb and BuildUp organised validation workshops in South West State and Puntland under the Heshiis Beeg project.

**In Cyprus**, we are beginning the external impact assessment of the EU Scholarship Programme for Cypriot Youth at United World Colleges, working closely with the Cyprus Peace and Dialogue Centre.

**In Ukraine**, we published new analytical reports together with UNDP, focused on different themes such as veterans' reintegration and youth.

**In Fiji**, we are ready to launch the SCORE fieldwork and collect data from over 1,500 respondents, and last but not least, **in Bosnia**, we are starting to calibrate a new wave of SCORE, building on the waves conducted in 2014 and 2020. Also notably, we published the **12 Years of SeeD** report, reflecting on our journey and impact since 2012, and are preparing to co-organise two peace workshops at the Geneva Peace Week in October 2025.

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## News

### **DRIVE 2024 | August 2025 | Côte d'Ivoire**

The DRIVE 2024 project has resumed with support from the Government of Norway after being halted due to the termination of USAID funding. Implemented in partnership with Resilience pour la Pai, DRIVE focuses on identifying the key stressors and resilient capacities that help protect communities in northern Côte d'Ivoire from the influence of violent extremist groups. The project which is currently in its advanced analysis phase has already completed 3 out of 4 main stages (calibration, data collection and data analysis). The validation of the content for the 2024 index and the production of the main report is expected by the end of the year.

### **Engaging with Ukraine Humanitarian NGO Platform | September 2025 | Ukraine**

On 5th September, our Director of Innovation Alexander Guest participated in the Humanitarian-NGO Platform Country Directors' meeting in Ukraine, which brought together over 100 international and national NGO members. The presentation focused on how SeeD's data, dashboards, methods and analytical products can inform humanitarian efforts, contribute to the Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus, and support risk and resilience approaches in the country. We look forward to collaborating closer with the Platform and supporting their evidence-based policy and programming in Ukraine.

### **[Geneva Peace Week | October 2025 | Switzerland](#)**

SeeD will co-organise two peace workshops at Geneva Peace Week 2025. We hope you can join us!

#### **1. From Tipping Points to Turning Points: Tools, People, Practice**

Co-organised by SeeD, Kofi Annan Foundation, and KRIS for Peace, this workshop addresses the links between climate, environment, and peace. The session will highlight how community and sectoral interventions can mitigate climate-driven fragility. Participants will co-create solutions through interactive case studies, exploring how different levels of analysis—individual, community, and sectoral—can converge for stronger peace outcomes.

📅 14 October | 🕒 9:00 - 10:30 | 📍 Conference Center C2, Hybrid

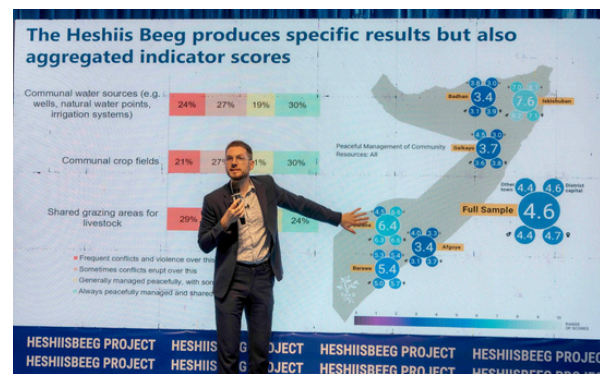
#### **2. Anticipating Risk, Enabling Peace: Data-Driven Prevention of Electoral Violence in Africa**

Organised by SeeD together with Interpeace and WANEP, this workshop will explore how data-driven tools like the Peace & Electoral Stability Barometer and Hotspot Mapping can help prevent electoral violence. The session will showcase how participatory evidence and anticipatory approaches can inform early warning systems and inclusive prevention strategies. Join us

📅 15 October 2025 | 🕒 15:00–16:30 | 📍 Room C3, Conference Center, Maison de la Paix

### **[Heshiis Beeg Results Workshop | September 2025 | Somalia](#)**

Our Director of Innovation Alexander Guest, presented the results of the Heshiis Beeg (Somalia Conciliation Barometer) at a two-day workshop on 7–8 September. The event, held with the support of the Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation (MoIFAR), and co-organised by SeeD, BuildUp, PDRC and DhaxalReeb, funded by the Somalia Stability Fund, brought together officials from several ministries and offered a space for evidence deliberation with various stakeholders. The workshop successfully showcased how Heshiis Beeg can be integrated into decision-making systems, using data to strengthen peace, resilience, and conciliation efforts in Somalia.



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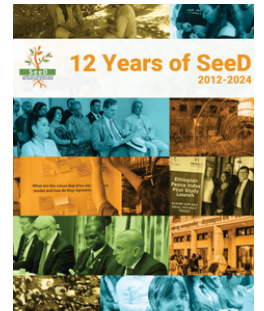


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## Featured Publications

### 12 Years of SeeD Report

Our new publication 12 Years of SeeD reflects on the organisation's journey since 2012, tracing its growth from a Cyprus-based initiative into a global hub for peacebuilding and resilience. The report highlights key achievements and impact, flagship tools, new innovations, and lessons learned across 20+ countries, while paying tribute to the people and partnerships that shaped this work. Read the full report [here](#).

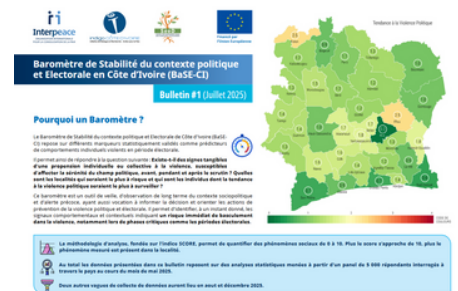


### Adapting to civilian life: Entry points to strengthen veterans' reintegration in Ukraine

This new publication, commissioned by UNDP, draws on reSCORE Ukraine 2024 to explore how returning service members navigate the shift from military to civilian life. The report examines five key dimensions – demobilization services, mental and physical well-being, social support, and economic reintegration – while identifying the barriers and opportunities that shape veterans' adaptability. It highlights findings on PTSD, employment challenges, trust in institutions, and the role of family and community support, offering practical recommendations to strengthen reintegration systems. Read the full report [here](#)

### Stability of the Political and Electoral Context Barometer in Côte d'Ivoire

We are pleased to share the first Bulletin of the Stability of the Political and Electoral Context Barometer in Côte d'Ivoire (BaSE-CI), published in September 2025. Drawing on data from 5,000 respondents nationwide, the barometer functions as an early warning tool to monitor risks of political and electoral violence. The results highlight sharp political polarization, with young people (18–24) showing the highest propensity for violence, and regions such as Yamoussoukro, Folon, Marahoué, and Gôh-Djiboua identified as key areas of concern. Read more [here](#).



**Stay Tuned: New thematic publications in on youth and state citizen unity in Ukraine, and on social tensions in Moldova will be released soon.**

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## Featured Project Updates

### September 2025 | Moldova – Expert Community Scoring Tool (ECoST)

The implementation of the Expert Community Scoring Tool (ECoST) has been completed under the Social Tension Monitoring Mechanism (STMM). 20 Local Expert Groups (LEGs) were convened – 10 in rural areas and 10 in urban localities – bringing together community members such as local authorities, civil society, educators, health workers, private sector actors, and religious leaders. Using both qualitative deliberation and quantitative scoring, the LEGs assessed their communities across welfare, institutional and civic indicators, and intergroup relations.



### September 2025 | Fiji, | SCORE Research on Social Cohesion and Gender Equality

This is the first implementation of the Social Cohesion and Reconciliation Index (SCORE) in the Pacific, conducted with UNDP and UN Women on a nationally representative sample of 1,500 respondents. The study explores intergroup relations, particularly between iTaukei and Indo-Fijian communities, levels of trust in institutions, gender equality and women's participation in leadership, as well as the social implications of climate vulnerability and displacement. Data collection is scheduled to begin soon, following which, the team will proceed with data analysis, participatory data interpretation and stakeholder engagement for evidence uptake.

### September 2025 | Bosnia & Herzegovina | Bridges of Trust – Improving Social Cohesion and Resilience in Bosnia and Herzegovina (SCORE 2025–2026)

We are pleased to announce the launch of a new project in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Bridges of Trust – Improving Social Cohesion and Resilience in Bosnia and Herzegovina (SCORE 2025–2026). Building on earlier SCORE studies conducted in 2014 and 2020, this next phase will generate fresh evidence on identity, trust, intergroup relations, and civic engagement to guide peacebuilding efforts in the country. Through two waves of data collection and analysis, the project will provide insights into how citizens perceive governance, cooperation across social and ethnic lines, and pathways for constructive civic participation. This initiative, supported by UNDP and Denmark, marks an important step in strengthening resilience, fostering inclusive governance, and rebuilding trust in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The evidence and publications of the previous waves of SCORE Bosnia and Herzegovina can be found [here](#).

### September 2025 | Cyprus | Seed & CPDC Partner on EU Scholarship Impact Assessment

Seed and the Cyprus Peace and Dialogue Centre (CPDC) are pleased to announce a new collaboration to lead the External Impact Assessment of the EU Scholarship Programme for Cypriot Youth at United World Colleges (UWC). Starting in September 2025, this partnership will evaluate the programme's effectiveness, highlight areas for improvement, and assess its impact on students, families, and the wider community. With its focus on fostering intercommunal dialogue and reconciliation between Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot youth through transformative education, the programme represents a vital investment in peacebuilding. We look forward to working closely with CPDC on this important initiative and to strengthening future opportunities for collaboration.

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## Partner Spotlight

### [Resilience pour la Paix – New Partner in Côte d'Ivoire](#)

We are pleased to introduce Resilience pour la Paix as the new partner for the DRIVE project in Côte d'Ivoire. The organisation was founded by the former team of Equal Access International, which was dismantled after USAID funding cuts. Rather than dispersing, the team chose to remain together and establish a local entity dedicated to advancing peace and resilience initiatives. Their commitment reflects the importance of sustaining local expertise and ownership, and stands as a strong example of resilience in practice. Through this partnership, SeeD looks forward to continuing collaborative efforts to strengthen communities in Côte d'Ivoire.



From the activities of Resilience pour la Paix  
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