

# SeeD Newsletter



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*Dear Partners and Colleagues,*

*It is with great excitement that we present the inaugural issue of SeeD's newsletter! At SeeD, our mission is to advance the field of peacebuilding by generating transformative evidence and solutions that promote social cohesion, sustainable peace, and collaborative livelihoods. Through this newsletter, we hope to foster even stronger connections, inspire the adoption of evidence-based practices, and spark the cross-pollination of ideas and partnerships.*



*Together, we are driving meaningful change and building resilient, peaceful communities. Thank you for being part of this shared journey. With our newsletter, we are eager to keep you informed about our featured publications, news about upcoming efforts and success stories, as well as the budding collaborations that are amplifying our collective impact.*

**Dr. Ilke Dagli-Hustings**  
**Director General**

## Overview of SeeD's Latest Efforts

Currently, SeeD is running 10 social cohesion and multi-systemic resilience projects in Ukraine, Moldova, Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, Liberia and the Caribbean. We also look forward to initiating new efforts in Cyprus and Fiji, and to re-establish our Eastern Europe regional office in Kyiv, Ukraine in the very near future.

In the past six months, our Regional Team has developed new assessment tools such as the multi-systemic risk and resilience framework, social tension monitoring mechanism complete with a dashboard and a violent extremism index. Beyond these methodological innovations, we also designed new protocols and randomised control trials focused on multi-family healing spaces in Ethiopia and started working on a media monitoring tool in Moldova.

One notable achievement that we are proud to share is from our West Africa Regional Team Lead. Dr. Bertrand Baldet. Bertrand has presented findings on the link between climate change and armed group recruitment patterns in Niger at a high level impact event hosted by the Permanent Mission of Denmark to the UN in New York, in May 2024. To ramp up our engagement and impact further, our Director General and Director of Operations will be presenting at the Geneva Peace Week, while Bertrand represents us in Beijing, China. Find out more on page 4.

We look forward to sharing more news and achievements with you as we continue our efforts with dedication and passion.



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## Featured New Publications

### SeeD's [Innovation Catalogue](#)

This document catalogues all of SeeD's research and integrated programming tools that were developed and deployed in different contexts in the past decade. It covers resilience assessments, collaborative livelihoods and mental health interventions, expert scoring for SDG and good governance monitoring, along with frameworks that are equipped to measure and foster hard to grasp concepts like political legitimacy, employability and life skills, political violence tendencies, and of course the SCORE Index. We will be updating our catalogue annually as our toolkit grows with new innovations and lessons.



### SHARP Wave 3 [Big Picture Report](#)

SCORE-inspired Holistic Assessment of Resilience of Population (SHARP), is an agile and responsive mobile surveying tool, deployed across three timepoints between 2022-2024 boasting a strong coalition of partners. This reports take a broader look at the trends across the three waves, revealing programmatic pathways and evidence that can help achieve progress towards fostering Ukraine's resilience, understood through the lenses of social cohesion, resistance, and people's needs.



### Returning Home - [Understanding the Perspectives of Veterans in Ukraine](#)

Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, has profoundly affected Ukraine and Europe, leading to an estimated 1.2 million Ukrainian veterans by 2023. This report explores the experiences, needs, and challenges these veterans face as they transition to civilian life, offering evidence-based recommendations for their reintegration. It also examines the perspectives of those who served during the ongoing conflict.



**Returning Home:**  
Understanding the Perspectives  
of Veterans in Ukraine after  
the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2022



**Watch this space for upcoming publications from Rwanda, Liberia, Moldova and the Caribbean.**  
**For a full list of SeeD publications, please visit: <https://app.scoreforpeace.org/en/publications>**

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## Featured Projects

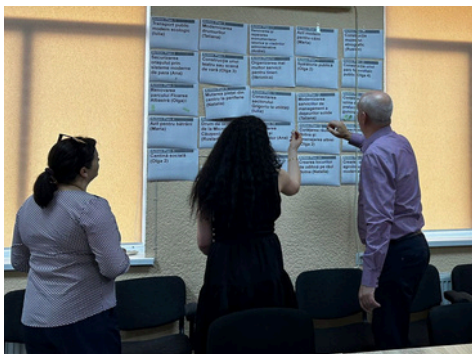


### SCORE LIBERIA

The fourth cycle of SCORE Liberia has been completed with Dr. Bertrand Baldet and Abdon Koko holding a series of stakeholder meetings in Monrovia in July 2024. Integrating the SCORE to support the transition from the national Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD) to the new agenda known as ARREST (Agriculture, Roads, Rule of Law, Education, Sanitation, and Tourism) was in focus, along with sharing the three new publications on gender, livelihoods resilience and civic satisfaction. These publications, along with the results, can be found on [here](#).

### MULTY-FAMILY HEALING SPACES in ETHIOPIA

SeeD, in collaboration with Interpeace and CUSO International, is implementing the [Multi-family Healing Spaces \(MFHS\) initiative](#), a family-focused mental health and psychological support programme in Ethiopia's Benishangul-Gumuz region. This programme aims to enhance socio-emotional wellbeing, strengthen family cohesion, and build supportive community environments that enable girls aged 15-25 to achieve their educational aspirations and future success.



### SOCIAL TENSION MONITORING MECHANISM (STMM) for MOLDOVA

SeeD is designing and implementing the STMM in partnership with UNDP Moldova. The first step involved the development of a theoretical conceptual framework, which led to the design of Household Survey for validation and a Expert Community Scoring Tool (ECoST) for scalable monitoring. 10 Community Security Councils (CSCs) were convened in 10 localities to review the findings and conduct ECoST. Subsequently, CSCs started developing evidence-based action plans using the Structured Democratic Dialogue (SDD) methodology facilitated by experts.

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## News

Seed co-organising a resilience workshop with Interpeace at the Geneva Peace Week on **15 October, 2024**. [Register here.](#)

- West Africa Team and the PROD Department are designing Randomised Control Trials to assess the impact of YMCA interventions in schools and Peace Clubs, which aim to reduce violent tendencies and promote dispute resolution practices among the young Liberians: **Starting in October, 2024.**

- Following training of social workers, health care specialists, counsellors and psychologists in Addis Ababa, the full roll out of the Multi-Family Healing Spaces protocol, reaching up to 700 families, will start in **November, 2024.**

Seed in Partnership with Future Worlds Centre, Cyprus Peace and Dialogue Centre, Rotary International and Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution will organise a 5 day structured dialogue workshop in Washington DC for identifying pathways for achieving progress towards a peaceful settlement in Cyprus: **18-25 November, 2024.**

SCORE Ukraine Initial Analysis Presentation and Social Cohesion Event, which has been an annual gathering since 2019 is planned for early **December, 2024.**

## Partnership Spotlight

### Equal Access International and INDIGO collaboration on scaling the new DRIVE tool in Ivory Coast

Seed has been collaborating closely with Equal Access International and INDIGO in the past year to design and pilot a new assessment tool focused on investigating vulnerabilities and resilience capacities with regards to violent extremist movements. The pilot had proven very successful in informing the design of interventions that can empower communities to identify their home-grown response mechanisms. Following the pilot, the coalition of 3 partners is now preparing to scale up the Development & Resilience Index against Violent Extremism (DRIVE) assessment tool to new locations. This collaboration had been very committed to co-creation and evidence for impact from its inception, coupling high-level engagement with local community engagement. The partners have empowered and joined forces with local community security and collaboration committees. The scale up of DRIVE will cover the previous three districts in Ivory Coast and expand into four new districts in the north of the country.

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