CCMR custom-designed Expanded International Military Education and Training (E-IMET) approved workshop entitled “Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR),” is conducted by a Mobile Education Team (MET). The purpose of this course is to discuss the concepts, policy and strategy of an integrated DDR program. We use the United Nations (UN) framework for IDDR. We begin with the structures and processes involved in integrated planning for DDR at the national level. That is followed by the identification of operations, programs and the support required to disarm, demobilize and reintegrate former combatants socially and economically into civil society.

We also discuss cross-cutting issues such as women, gender, youth, cross border population movements, food aid, HIV/ AIDS and other health concerns. This is an ideal program to conduct sub-regionally.

At the end of the program, participants will have a greater level of understanding, knowledge and respect for the role various actors play in designing and implementing an integrated DDR program. The capstone exercise in the seminar will require the participants to outline a DDR program for their country/countries.

Participants: Participants are selected by the host government(s) and the American Embassy. Numbers can range from 40 to 80, with 60 being ideal. Half the total should be military with the other half composed of civilian and civil society participants. Rank and position vary depending on the country/countries involved, but participation is more dependent on responsibility than rank. Members of international organizations should also be invited to participate in this program.