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Local Focus Program on Civil-Military Relations (MASL #P309194)

CCMR's custom-designed Expanded International Military Education and Training (EIMET) approved workshop entitled "Local Focus Program on Civil-Military Relations" is conducted by a Mobile Education Team (MET). Flagship (Civil-Military Relations (MASL # P309070) programs normally are conducted in the capital cities of the host countries, since these programs focus on national issues that are usually the responsibility of national leaders of government, the armed forces and civil society. We have found, however, that especially in larger countries, where lines of communication are long and/or weak and the span of control is such that the central government has difficulty governing effectively its vast territory, that the perspective of far flung localities, or localities with different demographics, can be quite different than that of the central government. The Local Focus Program is intended to deal with the same kinds of issues as in the Flagship seminar, but from the perspectives of local participants. Local participants come from the cities, districts, provinces, states and security forces where the program is held. Generally, the central government does not send people to participate in these programs. CCMR is capable of working in very modest, even austere, areas.

The goals and objectives of this seminar are much the same as with the Flagship program, but focused on local interests. At the end of the seminar participants will have a greater level of mutual understanding, knowledge and respect for the roles, missions and responsibilities that their organizations have in establishing and maintaining appropriate civil-military relations in a democratic political dispensation.

At the end of the seminar participants prepare an Action Plan as a synthesis of their ideas and recommendations. The Plan is intended to serve as a guide to transform those ideas and recommendations into action.

Participants: Participants are selected by the host government 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. Rank and position depend on the specific country involved, but participation is more dependent on responsibility rather than rank.