

FBA in Myanmar



The Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA) is commissioned by the Swedish government to work for peace, security and development in conflict-affected countries, as part of Sweden's development aid. Myanmar is one of the countries where FBA is operating.

FBA's Mission

In accordance with the Swedish strategy for development cooperation with Myanmar 2018-2022, FBA supports democratic actors, including elected officials, civil society organizations and representatives of selected ethnic armed organizations in their efforts to promote justice, peace and federal democracy.

The FBA team consist of Myanmar country specialists and senior experts with global experience in peacebuilding and democratization processes. Specific areas of expertise include justice and police reform, transitional justice, women's rights and gender-based violence, adherence to international criminal law, age and gender-sensitive DDR programming, and reintegration of children associated with armed forces. FBA has a broad network of national and international actors in Myanmar and the region, and the resources to provide context-specific and conflict-sensitive expertise related to the current process of reforms and constitution drafting.

Dialogue and Peace Mediation

Focuses on increasing the capacity of actors in conflict resolution processes, including the development of tools and approaches, conflict analysis and conflict transformation. Expert support to constitution drafting may be provided in areas of inclusive outreach and dialogue processes.

Rule of Law

Advice and capacity-building on the inclusion of RoL principles such as separation of powers, institutional independence of the judiciary and oversight mechanisms in constitution drafting. The importance of RoL for just and inclusive societies, and thereby for democratization and civilian governance, is in focus. We highlight the challenges and possibilities of federal systems in relation to parallel and overlapping justice, security and administrative structures.

Security Sector Reform

Advisory services and capacity-building to strengthen transparency, accountability and civilian and democratic management of the security sector. We focus on gender-responsive security sector reform from a holistic and context specific perspective.

Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration

In order for a successful democratization process there need to be conditions for members of armed forces or groups to reintegrate into civilian life. We provide expert knowledge on how programs have been designed and implemented in other countries and available tools.

FBA in Brief

The Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA) is the Swedish government agency for peace, security and development. FBA supports international peace operations and international development cooperation. The agency conducts training, research and method development in order to strengthen peacebuilding and state-building in conflict and post-conflict countries. We also recruit civilian personnel and expertise for peace operations and election observation missions led by the EU, UN and OSCE. The agency is named after Count Folke Bernadotte, the first UN mediator. FBA is under the authority of the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

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