

2006 Highlights



SUPPORTING PEOPLE



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Supporting people

- In March, CR supported a national conference in Sierra Leone which brought together students from fiercely opposing factions in student politics and young people from CR's project in Kenema. Delegates began to unpack the causes and consequences of the history of violence in student politics – and to face the challenge of sustaining peace within their campuses and the country.
- Groundbreaking research by CR and Quaker Peace & Social Witness into the factors leading combatants to leave the Lord's Resistance Army provided crucial new insights to ease their return to civilian life. The knowledge gained will improve local peacebuilding initiatives and significantly enhance the environment for reconciliation.

This page, clockwise from top left: Members of the Bike Riders Association in Bo, Sierra Leone © Rosalind Hanson-Alp; Launch of Accord issue 17 in Azerbaijan; Interview by a journalist from the South Caucasus who tries to portray real life in a divided society; CR's Accord series engages a wide audience, from military to media

Opposite: Participant at a meeting organized by Pact Sudan. © Alex Diang'a/Pact Sudan

Improving peacemaking practice

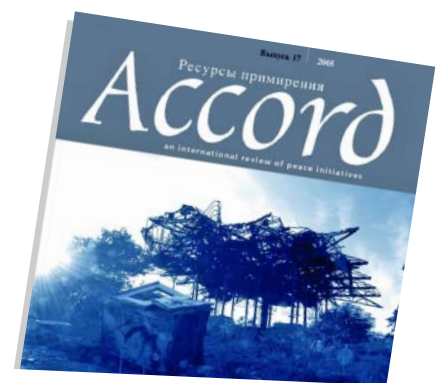
- *Accord issue 17, The limits of leadership: elites and societies in the Nagorny Karabakh peace process* was published in Armenian and Azeri editions. More than 250 policymakers took part in launch discussions: the issue included articles by the Armenian and Azerbaijani Foreign Ministers.
- Senior policymakers and practitioners explored the use and impact of incentives and sanctions in peace processes at an international workshop hosted by CR in September. Insights from the workshop will inform an Accord publication on the topic.

Influencing governments

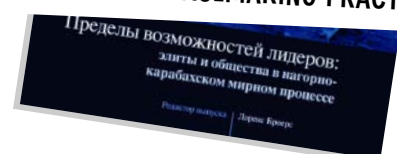
- CR celebrated its 10-year anniversary in November with an event entitled *Peacebuilding works: a British foreign policy priority*. Co-hosted by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the occasion brought together more than 100 peace practitioners, diplomats, politicians, academics and the media.
- In March, June and December, Georgian and Abkhaz politicians and officials met at Schlaining dialogue workshops. Meetings following the workshops allowed further discussion with international analysts and policymakers.

Challenging stereotypes

- Radio listeners in the Russian-speaking world had the chance to hear ordinary people from across the South Caucasus talking about the challenges they face after war thanks to our 'radio diaries' project. A compilation CD and book of the best diaries have now allowed these snapshots of everyday life to reach a wider audience.
- In Sierra Leone, CR facilitated talks between highly marginalized youths often at the centre of conflicts during and after the war, and members of the police and army, creating important links and collaborations as well as developing relationships and resolving misunderstandings.



IMPROVING PEACEMAKING PRACTICE



Providing opportunities for dialogue

- A three day consultation in Juba organized by CR and our partners, brought together more than 100 civil society representatives from all the LRA-affected areas of northern Uganda and south Sudan, including traditional and religious leaders, women and young people. It was the first meeting of its kind since peace talks between the LRA and the Government of Uganda began and provided a platform for the affected communities to exchange their experiences on locally owned peace initiatives and reconciliation efforts.
- In Sierra Leone CR supported the Bo Peace and Reconciliation Movement in their reconciliation work between ex-combatants left out of the official Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration process.

