

# Module 1: An Overview of United Nations Peacekeeping Operations

## Lesson 1.8



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Mission Partners



# Relevance

Peacekeeping personnel are expected to work with:

- National partners – key stakeholders
- UN Country Team (UNCT)
- External partners



# Learning Outcomes

Learners will:

- List types of mission partners and examples
- Explain why national partners are key partners
- Explain why the UNCT is important
- Describe the UN's "integrated approach" and the benefit



# Lesson Overview

1. Importance of Mission Partners Working Together
2. Different Mission Partners
3. National Partners
4. UN Partners
5. External Partners



# Learning Activity

1.8.1

## Football/Cricket

### Instructions:

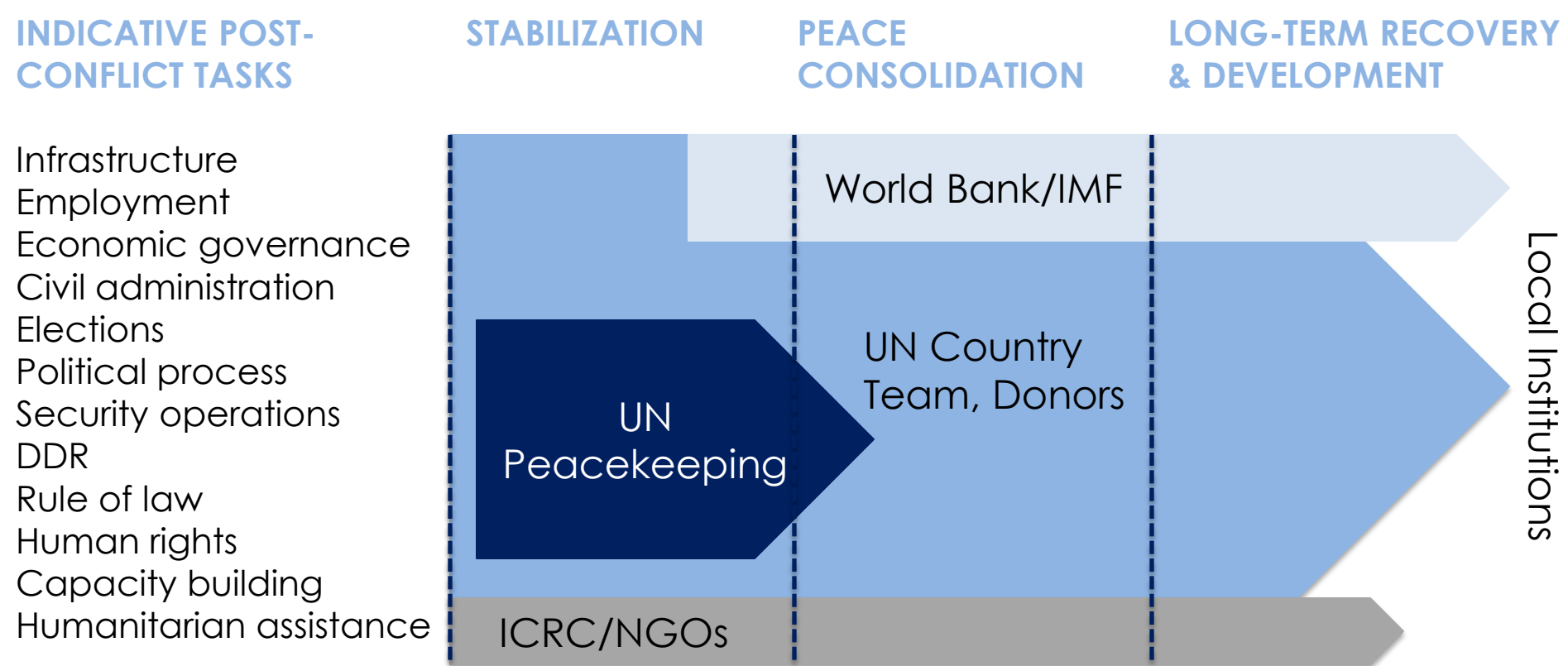
- Think about a sport
- Discuss different players' contributions towards the “goal”
- Draw comparisons between the mission and different players in a host country

### Time: 5 minutes

- Brainstorming: 3 minutes
- Discussion: 2 minutes



# 1. Importance of Mission Partners Working Together





## 2. The Different Mission Partners

- National Partners
- UN Partners
- External Partners





# Learning Activity

1.8.2

## Mission Partners

### Instructions:

- Think about a country with a UN peacekeeping mission
- Brainstorm examples of UN, national and external partners

### Time: 5 minutes

- Brainstorming: 3 minutes
- Discussion: 2 minutes





### 3. National Partners

- State actors: host government, ministries, military, police
- Non-state actors: civil society, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), private sector





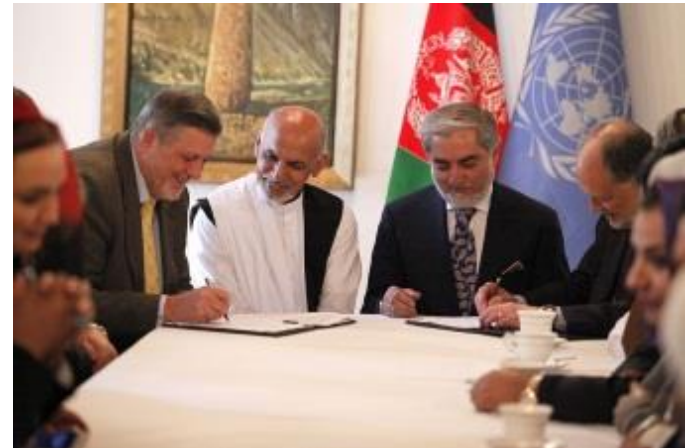
## Why “Key Partners”?

- Have the most at stake – beneficiaries, clients
- Efforts ensure host government can meet the needs of its people
- Promotion of national and local ownership is a success factor



## State - Host Government

- Most important non-UN actor
- Interactions on many levels
- Partnerships with other state actors – national military, police
- Include variety of political views and social groups





## Non-State - Civil Society

- A community of citizens linked by common interests and activities
- Political parties, national NGOs and other associations, communities or groups of citizens
- Include men and women, marginal and vulnerable people





## 4. UN Partners





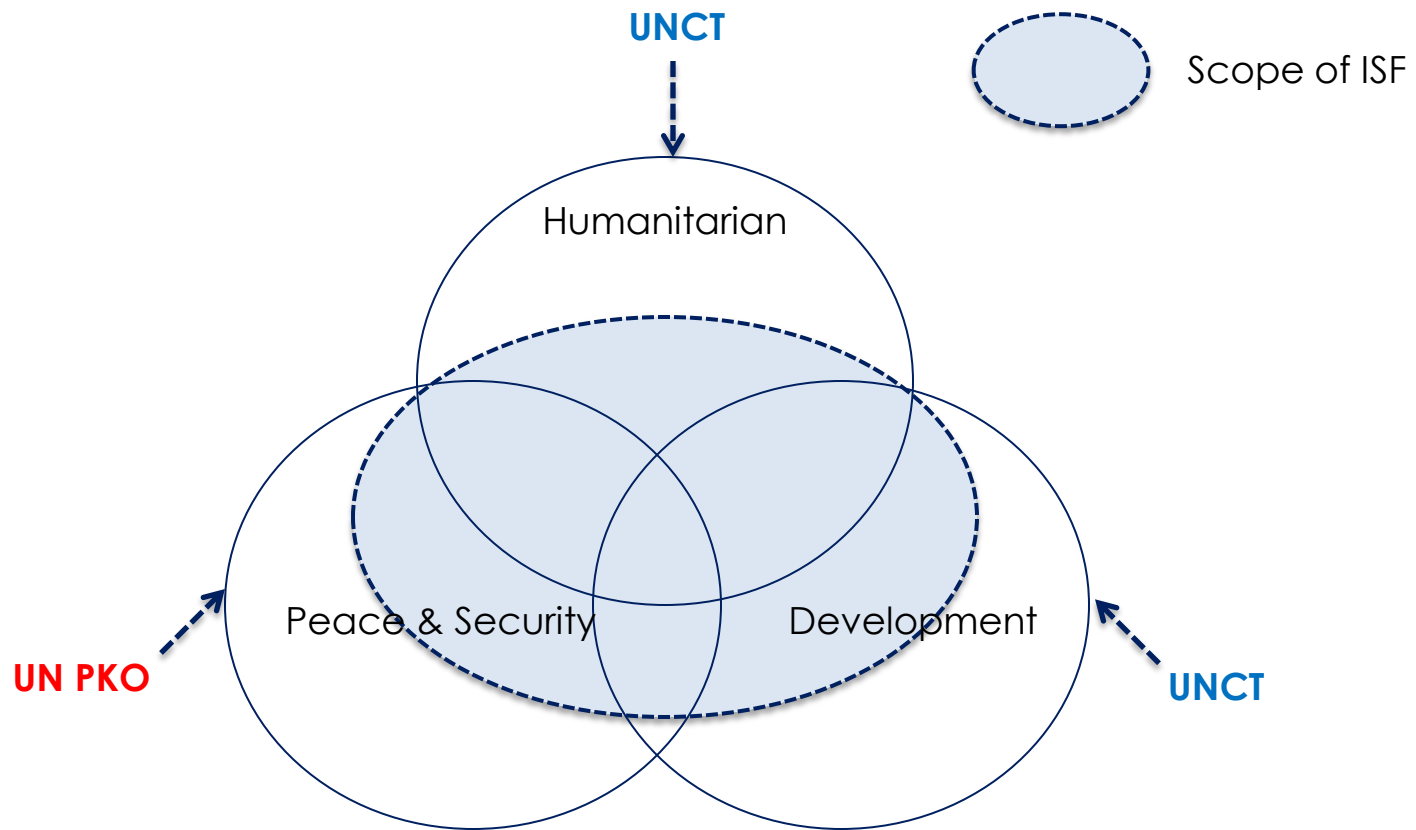
## Why Important?

- Knows host country and conflict situation
- Relationships with national partners
- Continuity for peacebuilding activities
- Financial resources and expertise





# Integrated Approach





## 5. External Partners

- International organizations
- International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- Individual Member States
- Intergovernmental Organizations







# Why is Coordination & Cooperation Important?

- Large number of external partners
- Separate but overlapping mandates and expertise
- Independent agendas
- Different timelines and work methods



## International Organizations

- Includes NGOs with an international presence
- Can provide humanitarian assistance





## International Committee of the Red Cross

- Important humanitarian actor
- Mandate: protect and assist victims of armed conflict
- “International legal personality”





## Individual Member States

- Diplomatic community
- Bilateral donors
- Contractors
- Non-UN led military forces





## Intergovernmental Organizations

- Regional and sub-regional organizations
- Differing roles and relationships with the UN
- Peace enforcement operations





## Learning Activity

1.8.3

### Partners Working Together

#### **Instructions:**

- Consider the needs of a country after conflict
- Brainstorm tasks carried out by the international community and the mission
- Identify tasks addressing critical, short term needs and long term needs

#### **Time:** 10 minutes

- Group work: 5-7 minutes
- Discussion: 3 minutes



# Summary of Key Messages

- Mission partners – national, UN, external
- National partners are key partners – impacted by and have an impact on achieving mandate
- UNCT is a valuable resource
- “Integrated approach” involves UN system working together to realize a common strategic vision – cooperation increases and sustains impact



# Questions





# **Learning Activity**

## **Learning Evaluation**