

# Module 2: Mandated Tasks of United Nations Peacekeeping Operations

## Lesson 2.2



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## Peacebuilding Activities



# Relevance

Peacekeeping personnel are “early peacebuilders”:

- Peacekeeping is temporary
- Peacebuilding helps lasting peace



# Learning Outcomes

Learners will:

- List examples of mandated tasks which are peacebuilding activities
- Describe peacebuilding activities
- Identify different roles of mission components in peacebuilding activities



# Lesson Overview

1. Overview of Peacebuilding Activities
2. Mine Action
3. Disarmament, Demobilization & Reintegration of Ex-Combatants
4. Security Sector Reform
5. Rule of Law-Related Activities
6. Electoral Assistance
7. Support to the Restoration & Extension of State Authority



## Learning Activity

2.2.1

Film: *Rule of Law, Peace and Security*

### Instructions:

- What does it mean to be “safe” and “secure”?
- How does the state contribute?
- How can the mission support the state?

**Time:** 15 minutes

- Film: 6:48 minutes
- Discussion: 5-7 minutes

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSWR\\_WXDMhU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSWR_WXDMhU)



# 1. Overview of Peacebuilding Activities

- Mine Action
- Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR)
- Security Sector Reform (SSR)
- Rule of Law (ROL)-related activities
- Electoral assistance
- Support to the restoration and extension of State authority



### Importance of Peacebuilding Activities

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#### **Instructions:**

- Consider the testimonies of civilians
- Discuss impact of the challenges on civilians
- What is needed to improve lives?

#### **Time:** 15 minutes

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



## 2. Mine Action

- To reduce the threat and impact of landmines, explosive remnants of war, other explosive hazards
- Five pillars:
  1. Clearance
  2. Risk education
  3. Victim assistance
  4. Stockpile destruction
  5. Advocacy







## 2. Mine Action

- United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS)
- **UNPKO** integrates mine action, UNMAS leads





### 3. Disarmament, Demobilization & Reintegration (DDR)

- **Disarmament:** collection, documentation, control, disposal of weapons
- **Demobilization:** discharge of active combatants from armed forces or groups
- **Reinsertion\*:** transitional assistance covering basic needs
- **Reintegration:** process to acquire civilian status, sustainable employment, income





### 3. Disarmament, Demobilization & Reintegration (DDR)

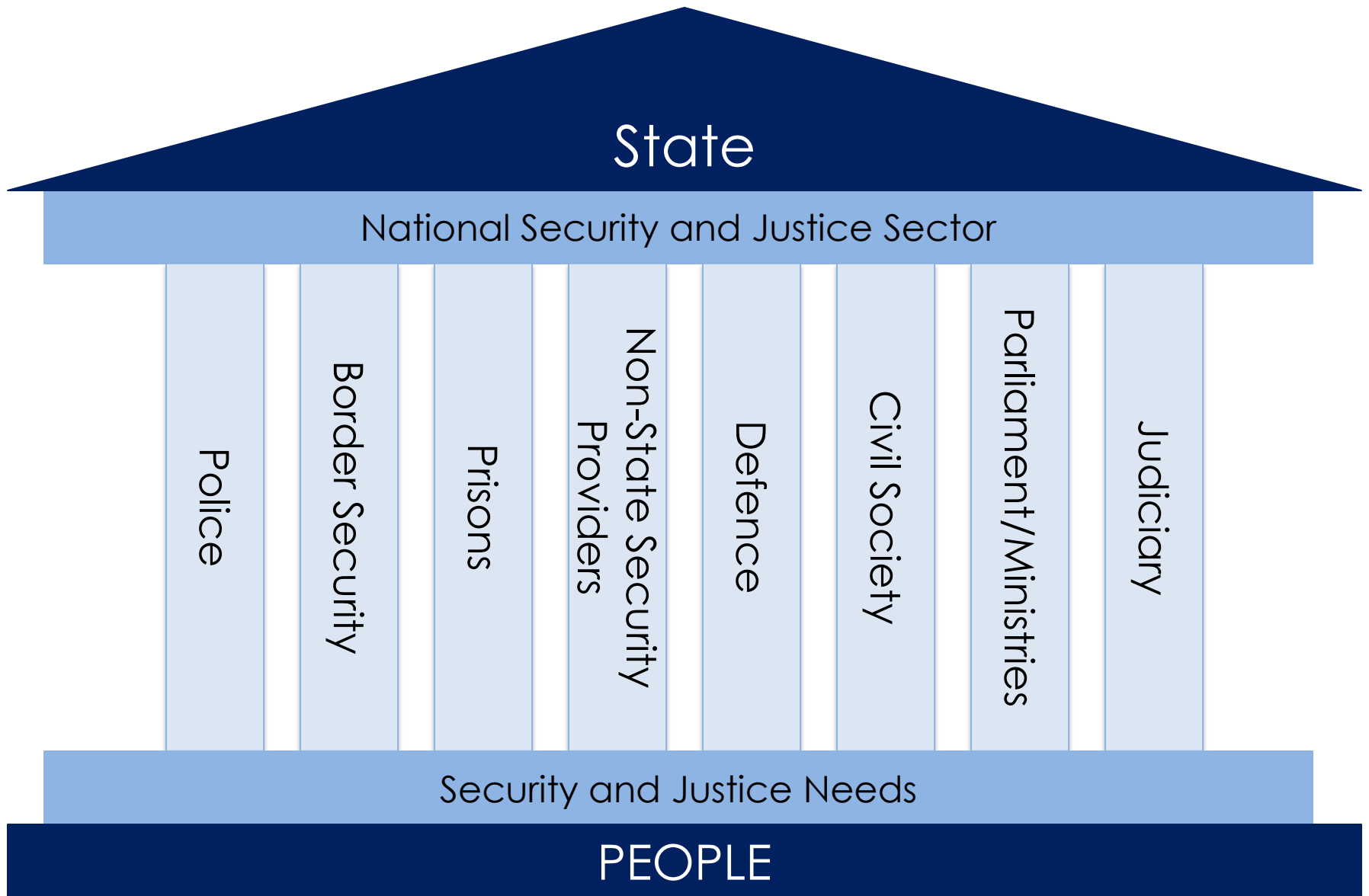
#### UNPKO:

- Contributes to UN system efforts
- Enables national DDR programmes
- Provides technical advice
- Secures disarmament and cantonment sites
- Collects and destroys weapons





# 4. Security Sector Reform (SSR)





## 4. Security Sector Reform (SSR)

### **UNPKO:**

- Facilitates national SSR dialogues
- Develops national security policies, strategies, plans
- Strengthens oversight, management, coordination
- Prepares legislation
- Mobilizes resources, harmonize support
- Education, training, institution building
- Monitors and evaluates
- Defence sector reform



## 5. Rule of Law (ROL)-Related Activities

- **ROL:** legal and political framework under which all persons and institutions, including state, are accountable
- Laws are:
  - Publicly promulgated
  - Equally enforced
  - Independently adjudicated
  - Consistent with IHRL





## 5. Rule of Law (ROL)-Related Activities

### UNPKO:

- Comprehensive plans include building police stations, court houses, prisons
- Develops local capacity, human resources
- Oversees rehabilitation of training centres, universities





## 6. Electoral Assistance

- Legal, technical, logistic support to electoral laws, processes and institutions
  - Technical assistance
  - Election observation, other assessments
  - Organization or supervision of elections







## 6. Electoral Assistance

- Department of Political Affairs' (DPA) Electoral Assistance Division
- **UNPKO** collaborates with DPA and UNCT





## 7. Support to the Restoration & Extension of State Authority

- Rebuilding legitimacy and people's confidence in state institutions





# 7. Support to the Restoration & Extension of State Authority

## UNPKO:

- Key role of Civil Affairs Officers
  - Develop accountability, transparency
  - Preliminary assessments of needs
  - Monitor delivery of public services
  - Local civic education, sensitization
  - Logistical, administrative support
  - Capacity-building of local people
  - Support to policy, planning, decision-making
  - Mobilization of donor interest



# Summary of Key Messages

- Peacebuilding activities – mine action, DDR, SSR, ROL, electoral assistance, support to extension/restoration of State authority
- Peacebuilding activities – create conditions for lasting peace
- Different roles of mission components – lead, support



# Questions



# **Learning Activity**

## **Learning Evaluation**