Module 3: Individual Peacekeeping Personnel

Lesson

3.6

Safety and Security for UN Personnel

Relevance

- Dangerous and life-threatening situations

- UN measures in place

Learning Outcomes

Learners will:

- List the categories of threats to the UN

- Explain who is responsible for the safety and security of UN personnel

- Describe the Security Levels System (SLS)

- Explain security clearance procedures for travel

Lesson Overview

1. Definitions

2. Categories of Threats to the UN

3. Responsibility for UN Safety & Security

4. UNSMS

5. SRM

6. SLS

7. Security Plan

8. MOSS & MORSS

9. TRIP

10. What Individual Peacekeeping Personnel Can Do

Film: *Challenges in the Field*

Instructions:

- What threats are faced by UN personnel?
- Discuss ways to protect the safety and security of UN personnel and its premises in the field

Time: 10 minutes

- Film: 4:39 minutes
- Group work: 5 minutes

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1. Definitions

- **Safety:** protection against accidental events
- **Security:** protection against intentional damages
- **Threat:** a person or thing which causes harm
- **Vulnerability:** a weakness which makes one susceptible to harm
- **Risk:** the likelihood of a threat occurring as a result of vulnerabilities

2. Categories of Threats to the UN

Armed Conflict

Terrorism

Crime

Civil Unrest

Hazards

3. Responsibility for UN Safety & Security

- Host government – primary responsibility
- United Nations Security Management System (UNSMS) – to reinforce and supplement
- You are also responsible

4. UN Security Management System (UNSMS)

- Enables conduct of UN activities while ensuring safety, security and wellbeing of personnel, and security of UN premises and assets
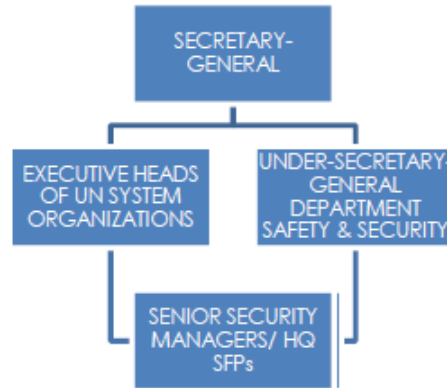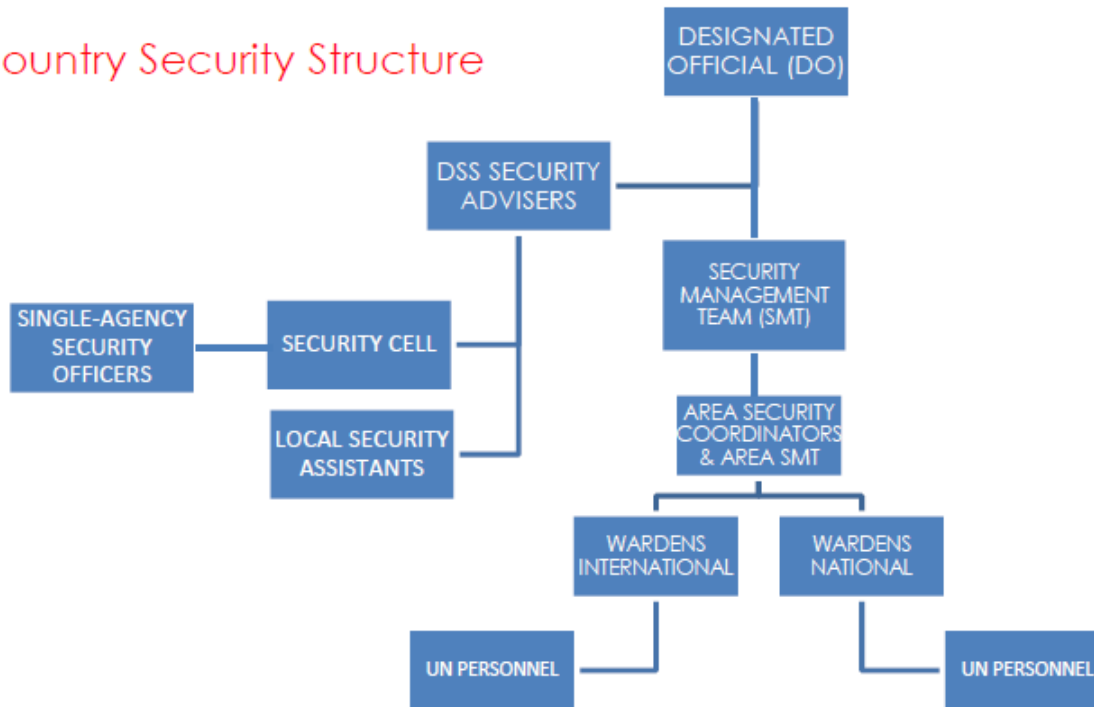
4. UN Security Management System (UNSMS)

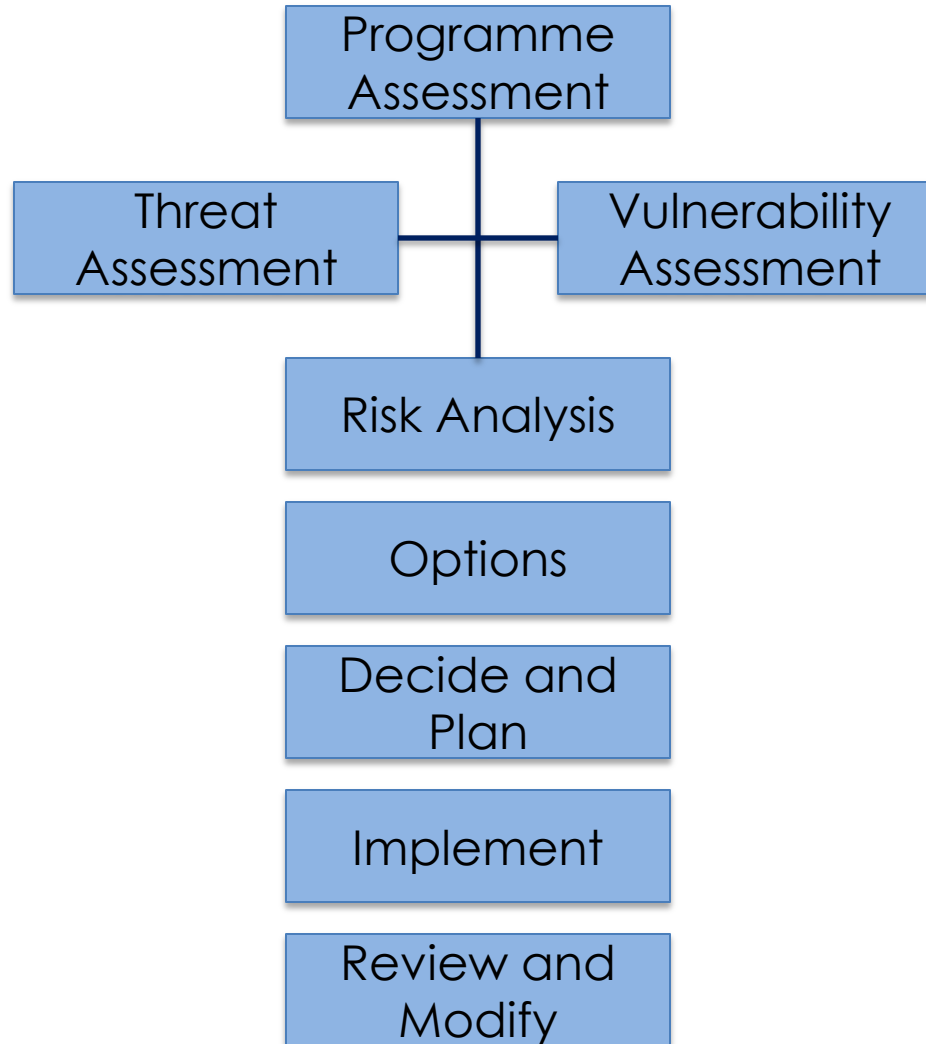UN Strategic Management System

Security Management Structure

SECRETARY-GENERAL

EXECUTIVE HEADS OF UN SYSTEM ORGANIZATIONS

UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL DEPARTMENT SAFETY & SECURITY

SENIOR SECURITY MANAGERS/ HQ SFPs

Country Security Structure

DESIGNATED OFFICIAL (DO)

DSS SECURITY ADVISERS

SECURITY MANAGEMENT TEAM (SMT)

SINGLE-AGENCY SECURITY OFFICERS

SECURITY CELL

LOCAL SECURITY ASSISTANTS

AREA SECURITY COORDINATORS & AREA SMT

WARDENS INTERNATIONAL

WARDENS NATIONAL

UN PERSONNEL

UN PERSONNEL

5. Security Risk Management (SRM)

Programme Assessment

Threat Assessment

Vulnerability Assessment

Risk Analysis

Options

Decide and Plan

Implement

Review and Modify
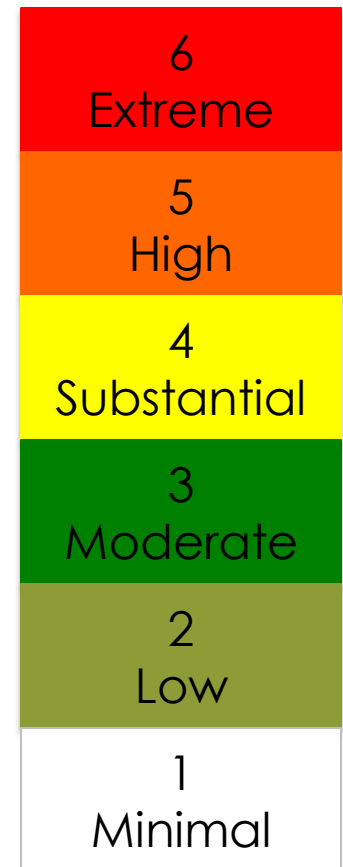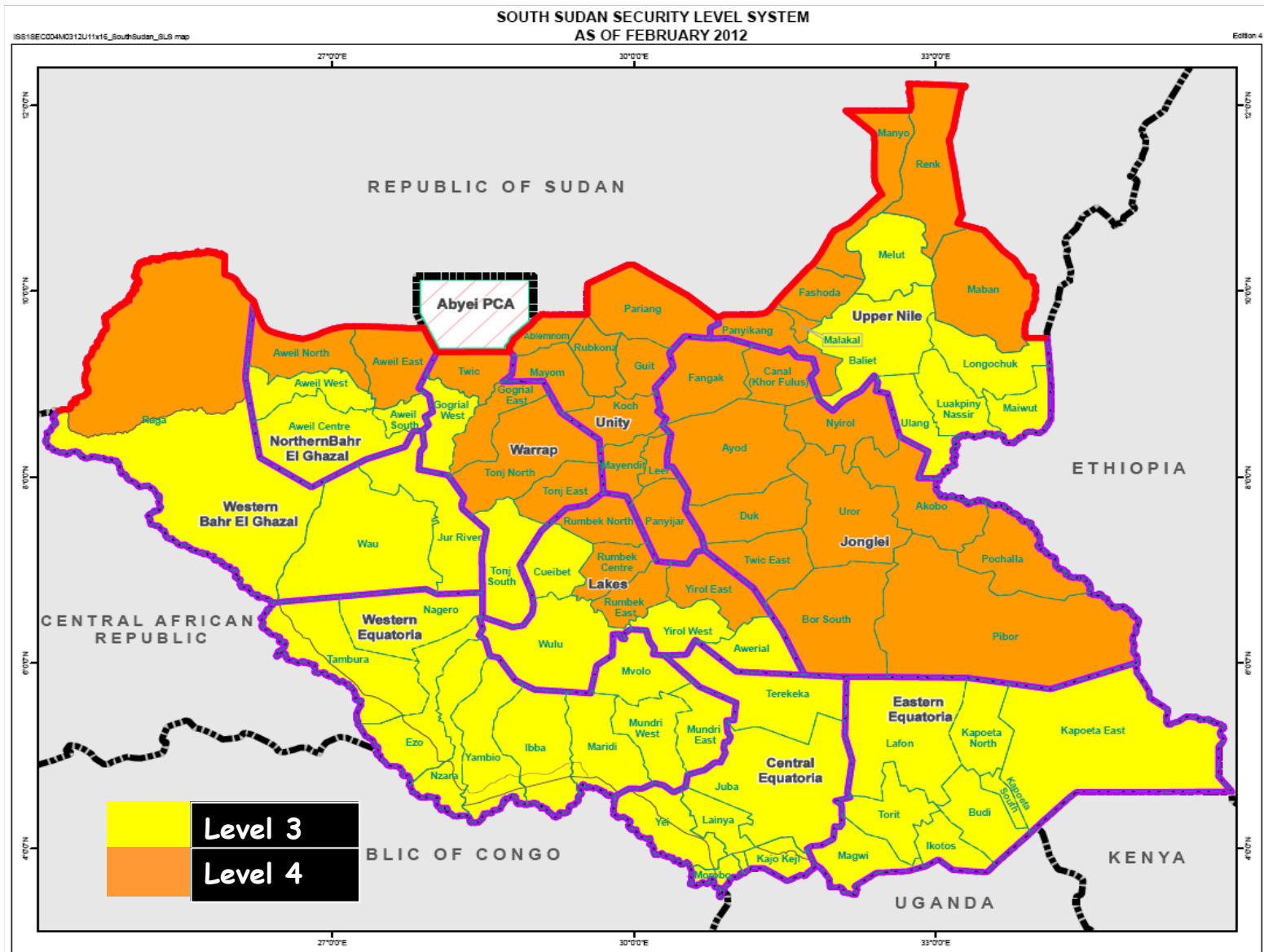
6. Security Level System (SLS)

- Assigns level of danger
- Identifies and measures security threat in specific location
- Identifies levels of danger on a scale of 1 to 6 (from lowest to highest)
- Focuses on 'how to stay' rather than 'when to go'

6 Extreme
5 High
4 Substantial
3 Moderate
2 Low
1 Minimal

6. Security Level System (SLS)

SOUTH SUDAN SECURITY LEVEL SYSTEM
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7. Security Plan

- Primary management tool for security preparedness

- Describes security measures and arrangements in the event of serious criminality or emergency situations such as hostilities, internal disorder or natural disasters

Emergency Preparedness – The Run Bag

Instructions:

- Imagine there is an emergency situation
- What items would be useful for you to have ready in a "run bag" for survival and evacuation?

Time: 5 minutes

- Brainstorming: 3 minutes
- Discussion: 2 minutes

7. Security Plan

8. MOSS & MORSS

Minimum

Operating

Security

Standards

Minimum

Operating

Residential

Security

Standards

9. Travel Request Information Process (TRIP)

- Allows personnel to process mandatory security clearances online
- Security clearance is required to know your whereabouts, and provide information and assistance in an emergency
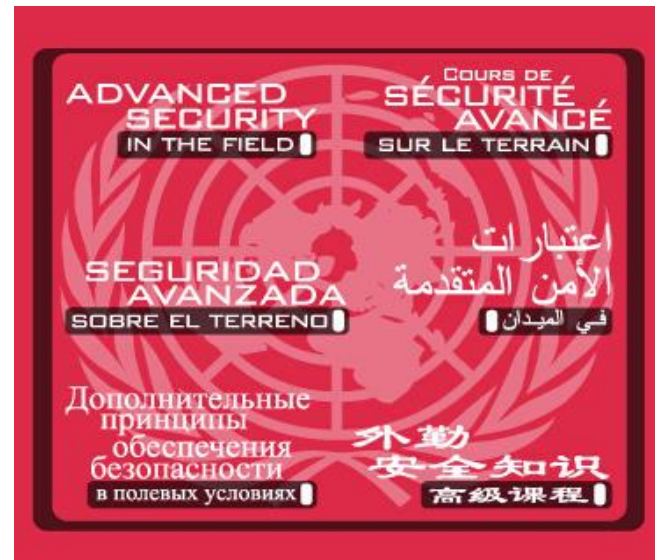
10. What Individual Peacekeeping Personnel Can Do

- Abide by the security policies, guidelines, directives, plans, procedures of UNSMS

Basic Security in the Field (BSITF)   Advanced Security in the Field (ASITF)

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Security Arrangements

Instructions:

- You are an Area Security Coordinator

- Consider the scenario

- Identify the risks to UN personnel

- List actions to improve security and preparedness

- What would you do in the event of violence?

Time: 15 minutes

- Group work: 5-7 minutes

- Discussion: 5-7 minutes

Summary of Key Messages

- Categories of threats to UN – armed conflict, terrorism, crime, civil unrest, hazards

- Responsibility for safety and security – host government, UNSMS, yourself

- Security Level System (SLS) – identifies threat or danger in an area

- Travel Request Information Process (TRIP) – online mandatory security clearance for travel

Questions

Learning Activity

Learning Evaluation