



# Module 1, Lesson 2

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MISSION COMPONENTS AND EXTERNAL PARTNERS

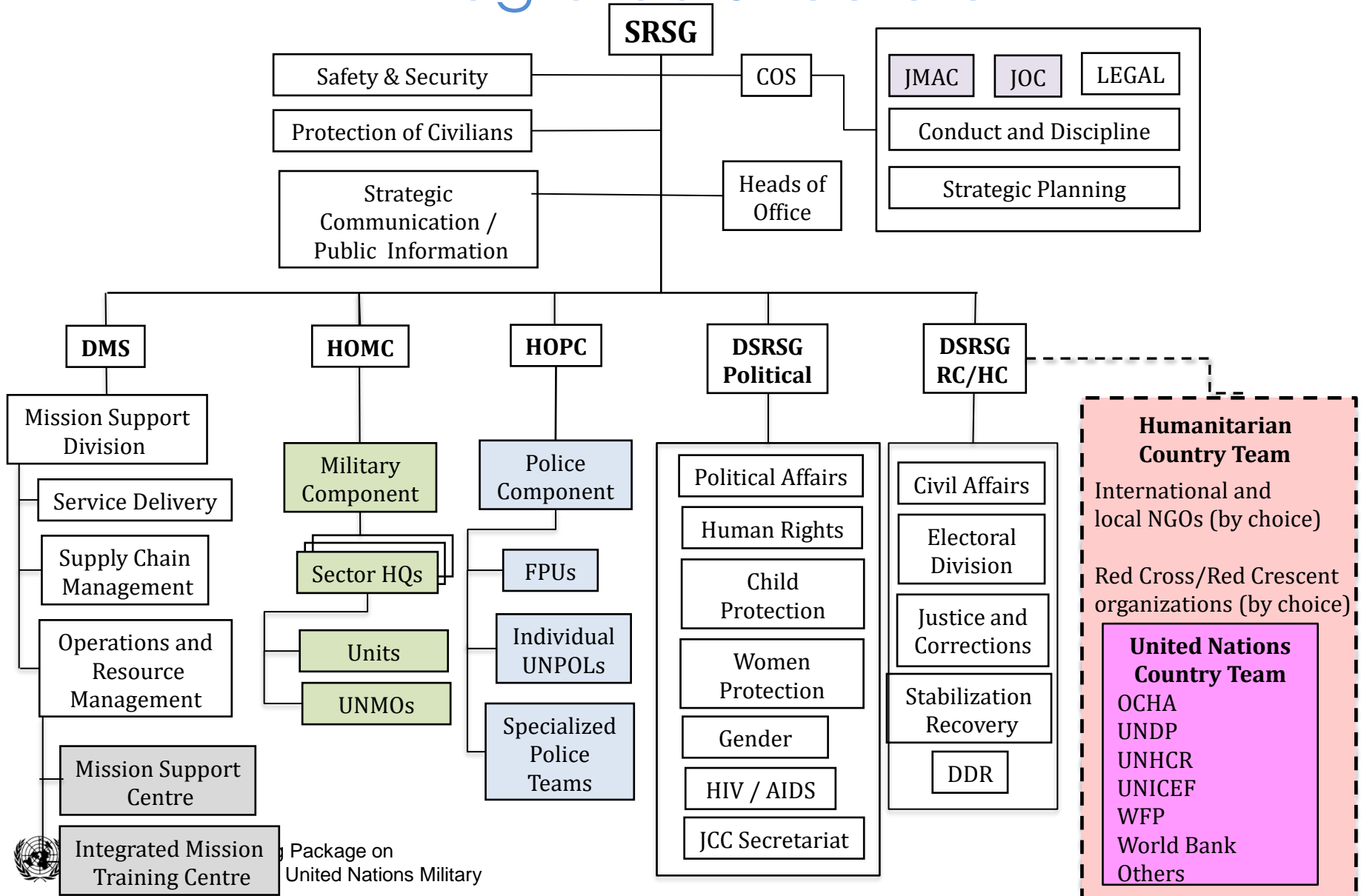


# Learning Objectives

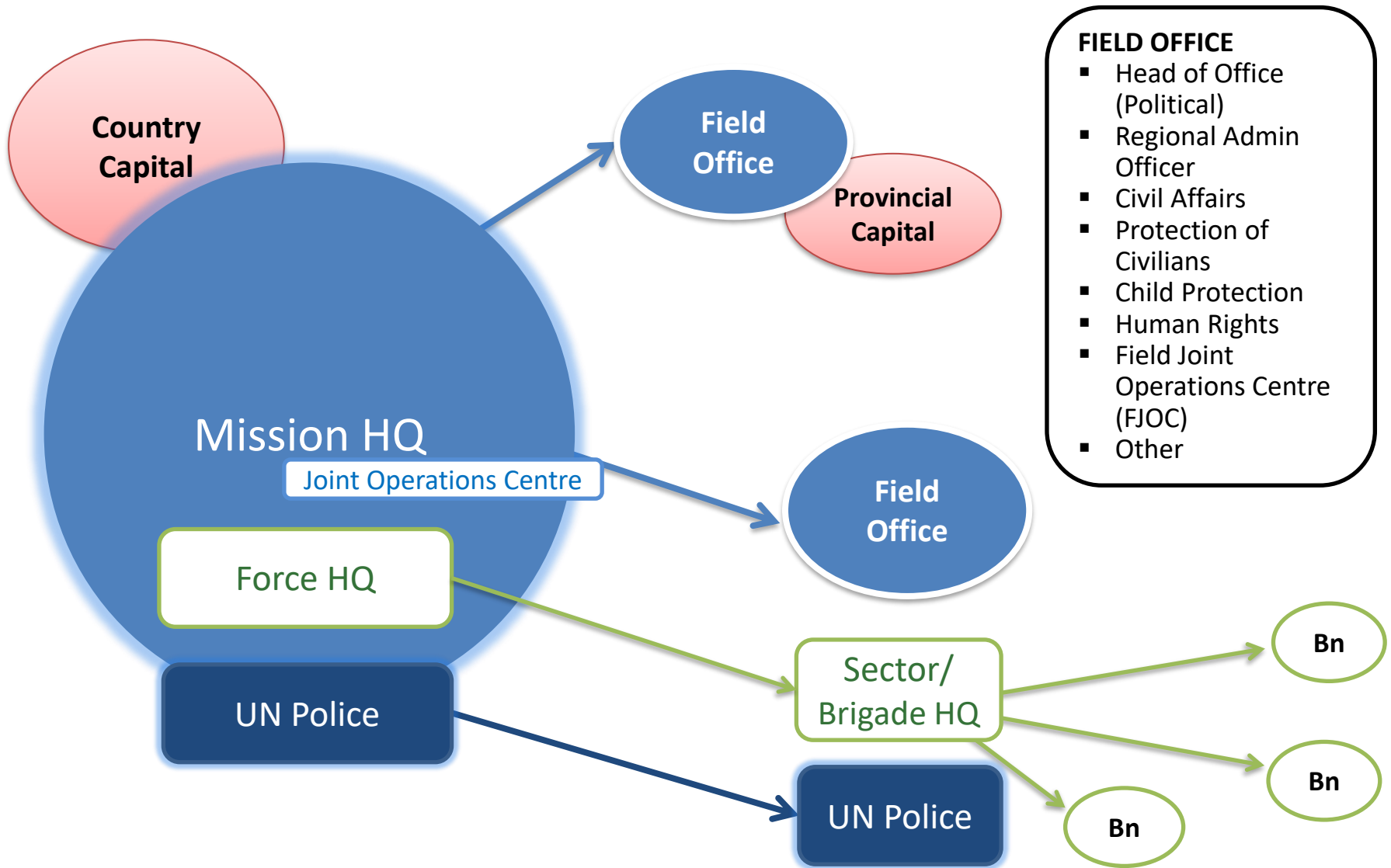
- **Recognize** that protecting children in armed conflict is a shared responsibility
- **Describe** the roles and responsibilities of the mission components with regard to protecting children
- **Explain** the coordination mechanisms in a mission



# UN Mission – Generic Multidimensional Integrated Structure



# UN Field Office



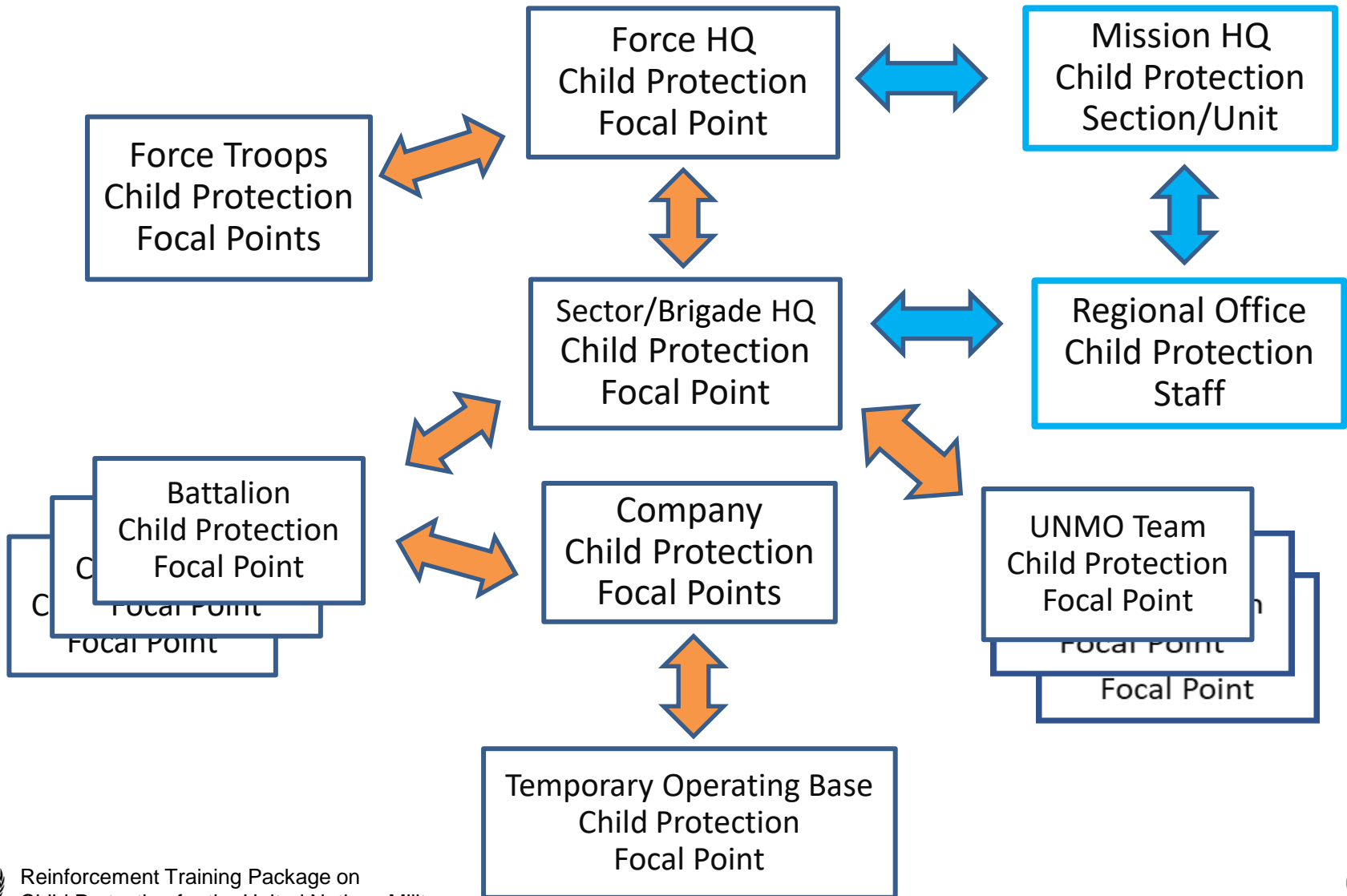
# Civilian Child Protection Staff

- **Points of contact** on child protection within peacekeeping mission
- **Advise** mission leadership on child protection
- **Mainstream** the child protection mandate across mission components/sections
- **Liase** with Protection of Civilian Advisers and uniformed components on prevention activities
- **Conduct training** on child protection for civilian and uniformed components
- **Monitor and report** on the six grave violations against children
- **Co-chair** the Country Task Forces on Monitoring and Reporting
- **Engage in dialogue** with parties to the conflict
- **High-level advocacy** for child protection needs
- **Coordinate** with UNICEF and other relevant actors

*Note: a Child Protection Unit may be a stand-alone mission section or may be embedded within the Human Rights component*

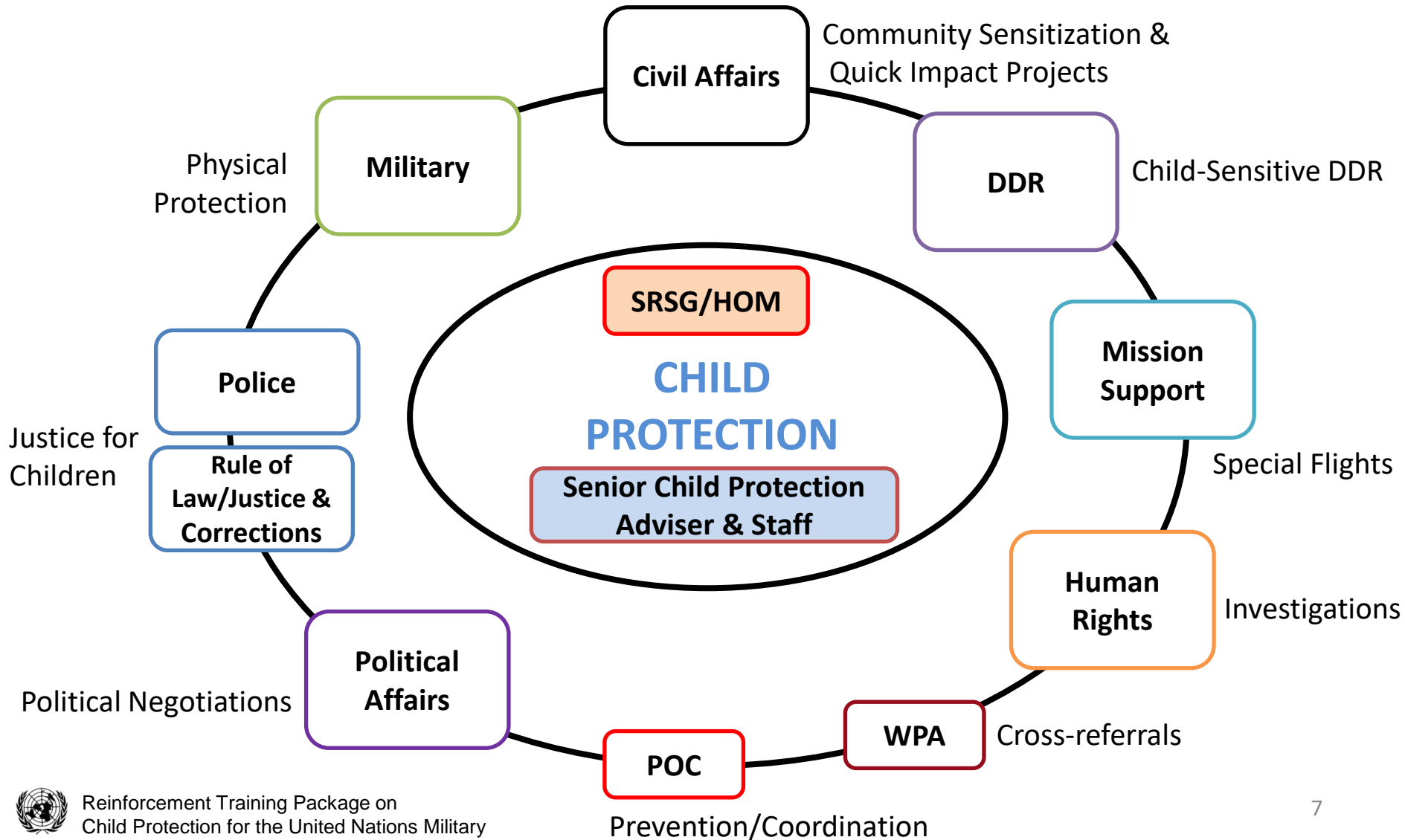


# Military Component Child Protection Focal Point System

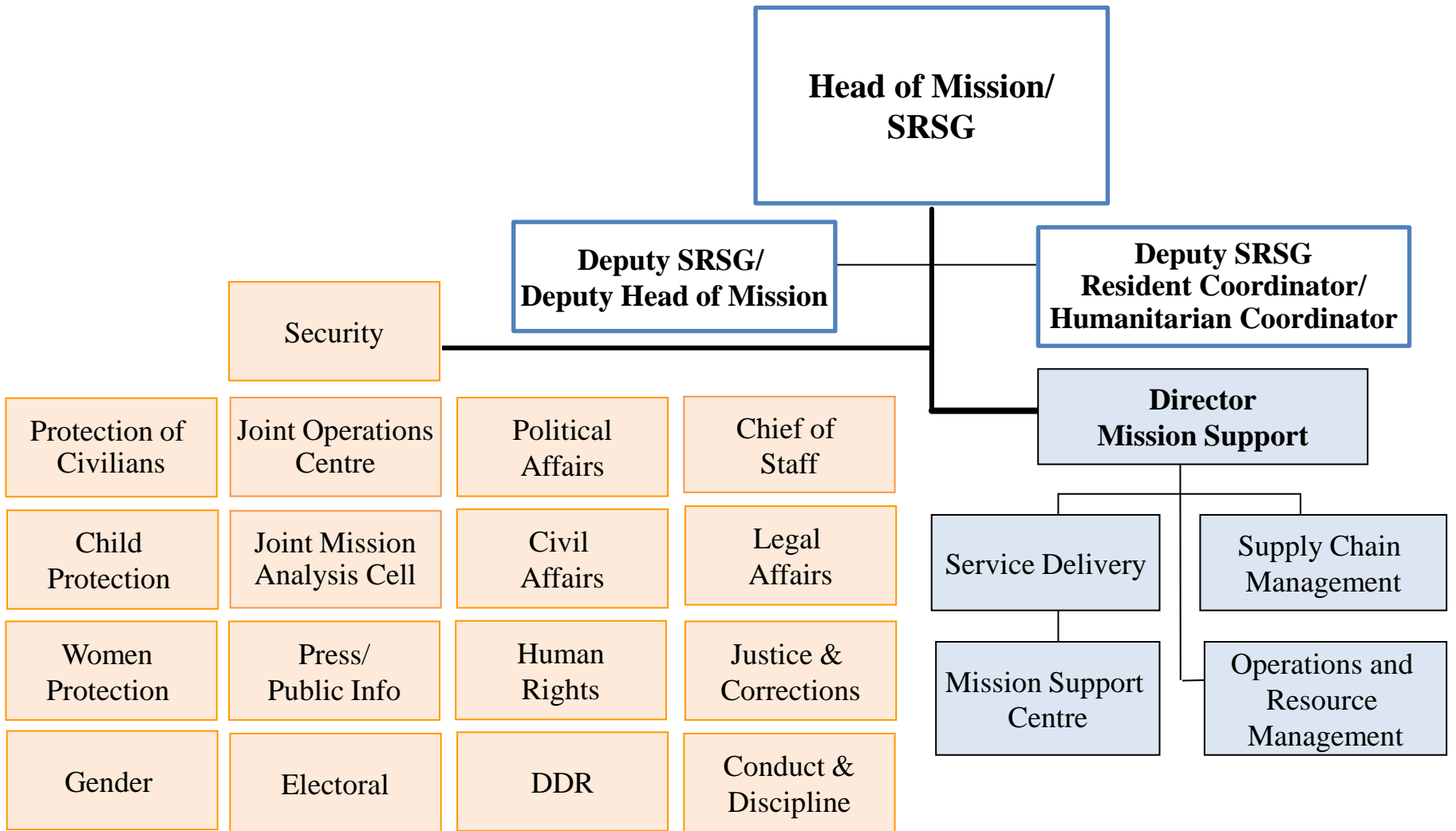


# Sharing Responsibility

## An Example

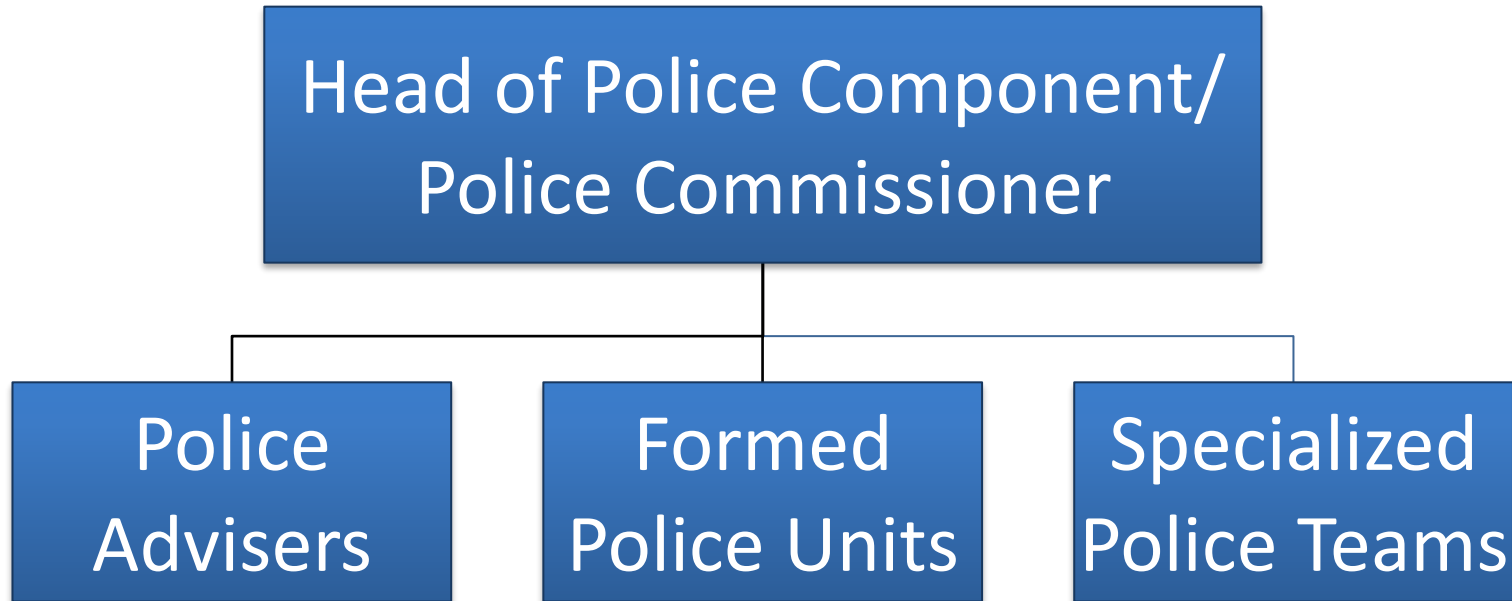


# Civilian Component

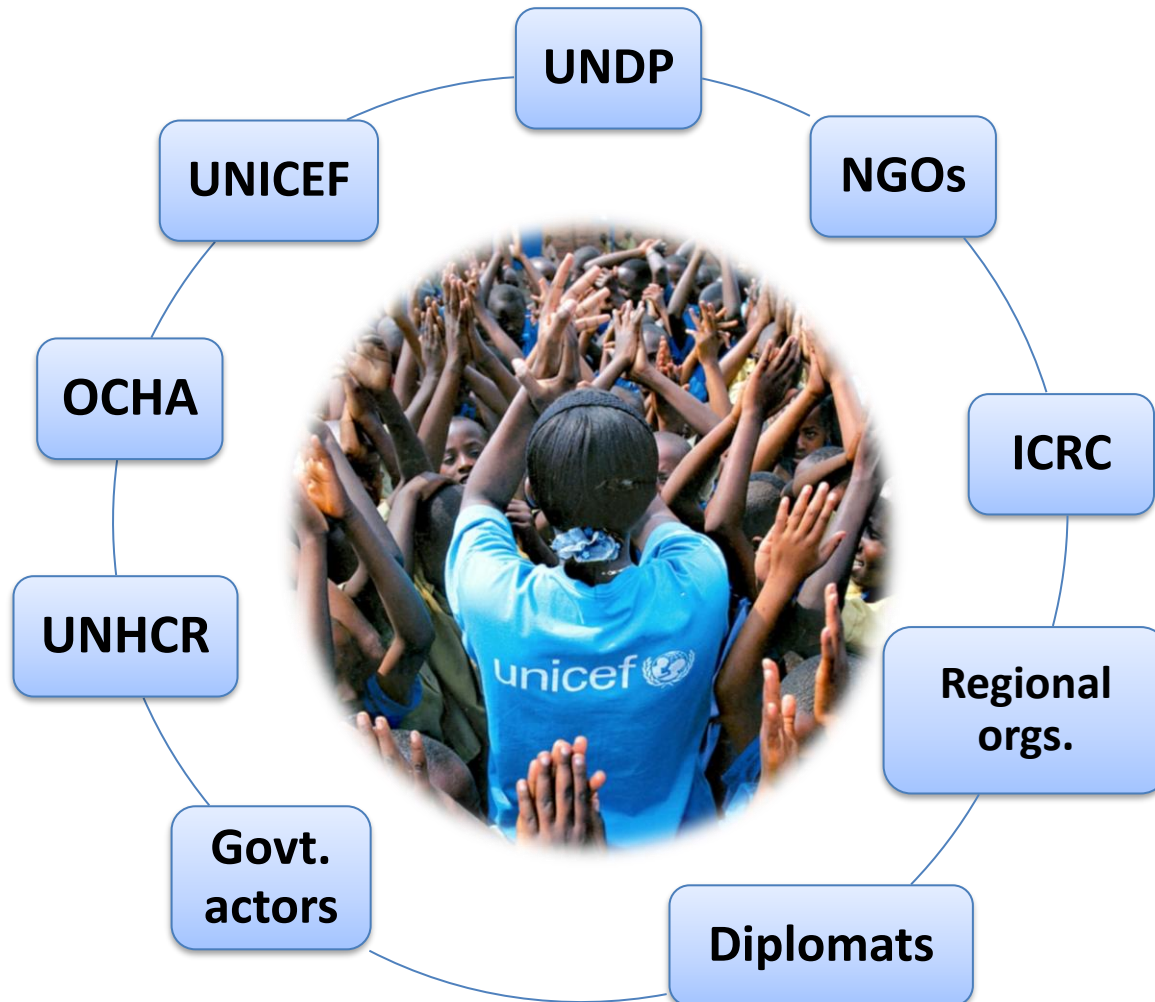




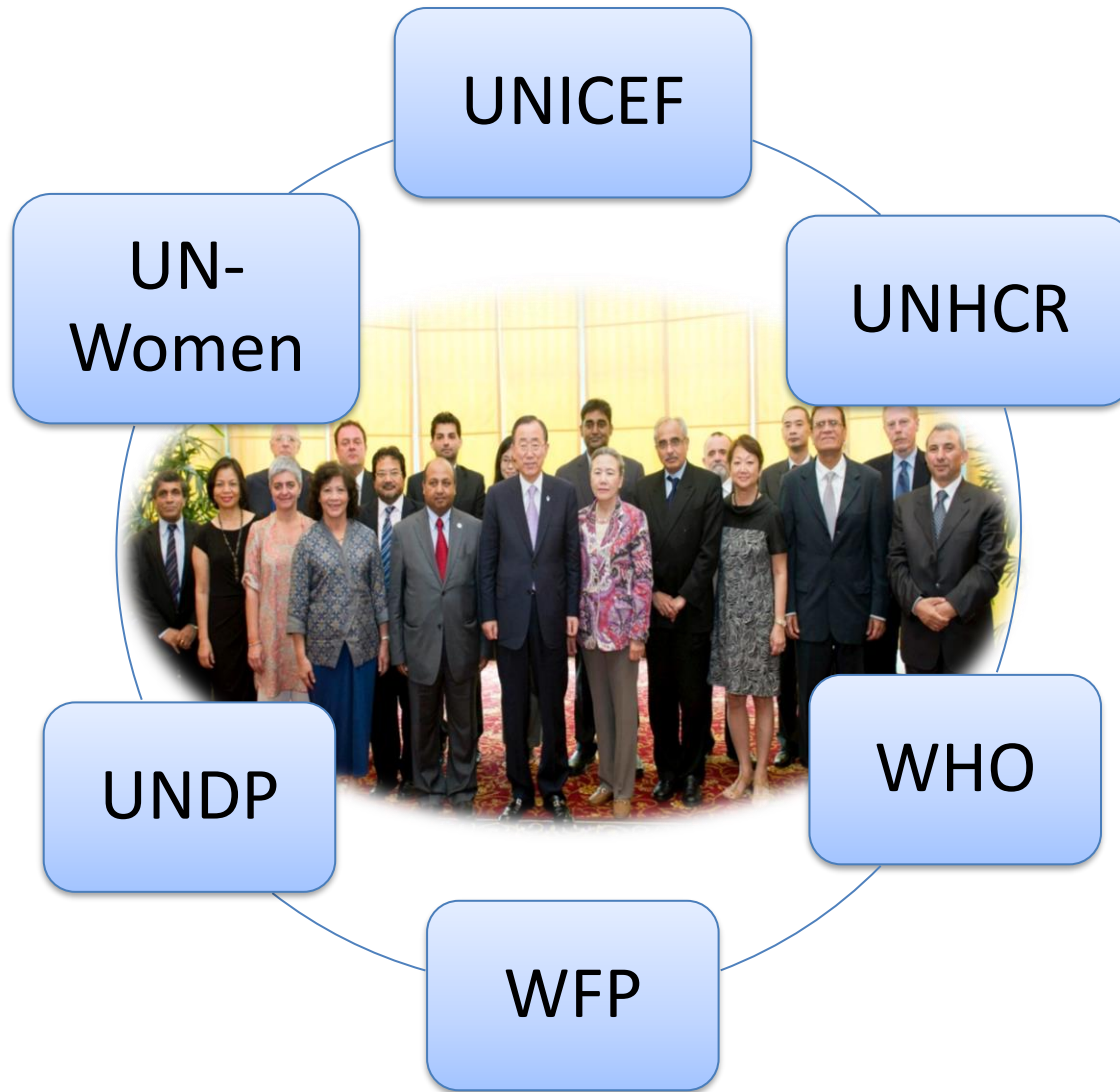
# Police Component



# External Actors



# UN Country Team



# Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

## Who they are:

- International, regional, national or local organizations
- Not part of the United Nations or the host-country Government

## What they do:

- Have special interests and capacities in child protection
- Are in contact or close consultation with Child Protection Advisers
- May participate in the Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism (MRM)



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# Host State Authorities and Organizations

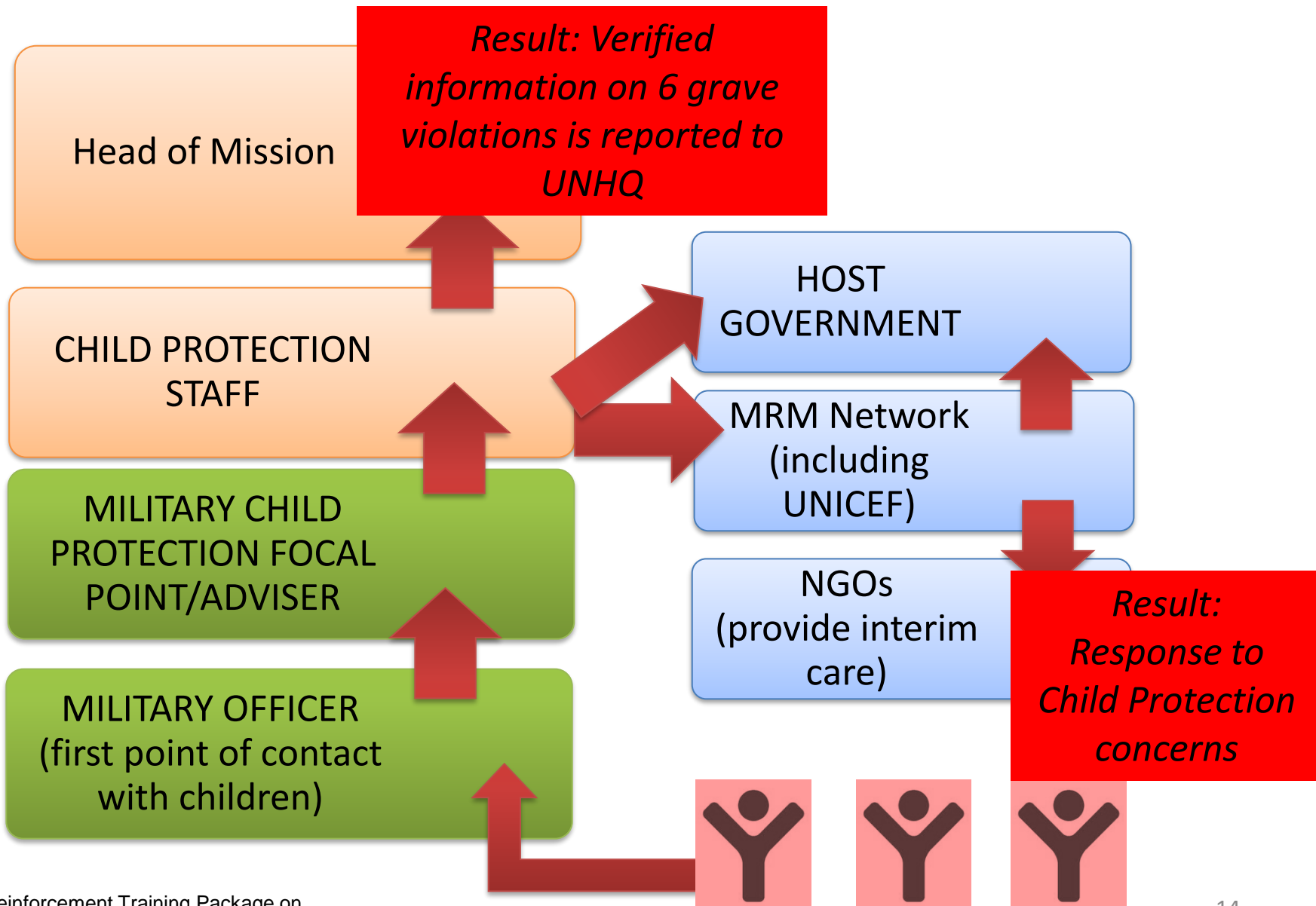
- Protecting civilians, including children, is the primary responsibility of the host Government



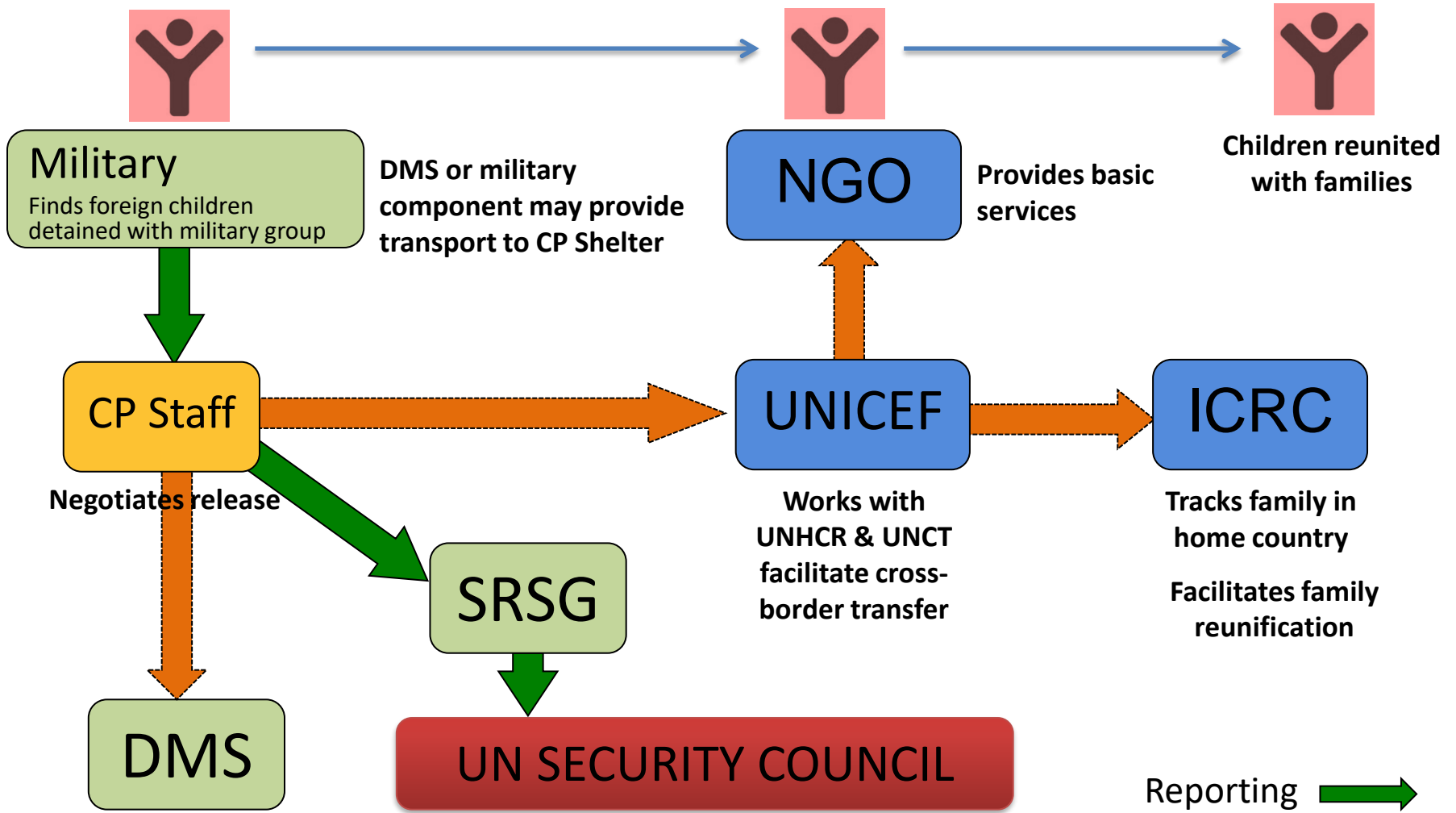
- Close coordination with government and local authorities
- Long-term sustainability and local ownership





# Child Protection Coordination



# Child Protection Coordination – Foreign Children



Reporting   
 Informing 

# Takeaways

- Child protection is a team effort and everyone has a role to play
- Component responsibilities differ but are complementary
- Coordination is essential
- Reporting is crucial to triggering action
- The military component should establish Child Protection Focal Points at Force HQ, sector/brigade, battalion and company levels
- Child protection information requirements and mechanisms for sharing information with the civilian Child Protection staff should be established





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# Questions

