



Module 1
Conceptual Framework
United Nations Force
Protection
in Peace Operations

Module 1 Content- Lessons

- Introduction
- Force Protection
- Threat/Intelligence based approach
- Decision Making Process Introduction (military)
- Decision Making Process Introduction (police)
- IED Fundamentals
- Introduction to Cyber Threats
- Introduction to Misinformation/Disinformation



Introduction to Peace Operations Lesson 1.1

Content

- Peacekeeping environment
- Improving the Security of the United Nations Peacekeepers (2017)
- Facing the challenges

Learning Outcomes

- Explain the current peacekeeping operational environment and how we need to face the emerging challenges
- Explain why the protection of civilians and force protection is important to a UN Mission
- Describe the importance of UN police and military tactical units in peace operations

The complex and lethal Peacekeeping Environment



Nature of Armed Conflicts & Threats

Non-State Actors
State Actors
Interest groups
Transnational
Criminals

Terrorism



Sectarian violence
Tribal violence
Women targeted

Increased
attacks on UN
personnel



Children affiliated with armed conflict

Intra-
state
conflict

Cyber attacks

Political
parties

Proliferation
of weapons

Ethnic and
sectarian
violence

Civilian
casualties

Children
targeted

Sexual
violence as
tool of war



UNPKO Environment



- Increased fatalities to peacekeepers
- Actors disregard for UN
- Multiple threats
- IED attack environment
- POC paramount to UN success
- Host Government as a spoiler
- Regional/International Influence
- TCCs / PCCs Agendas
- Language / Interoperability
- Chaos and Confusion

Peacekeeping Environment

How conflict affects civilians

- Intentional and unintentional victims of physical harm
- Abuse of basic human rights
- Loss of homes, livestock, access to education, access to healthcare
- Women and children suffer disproportionately
- Social fabric destroyed

Host Government

- Primary responsibility to protect UN personnel and civilians
- Can lack the capability or willingness to protect
- Can be the preparator of attacks
- Peacekeepers must assume the obligation to protect civilians and themselves

Facing the New Challenges – Improving the Security of the UN Peacekeepers (2017)

- Change our mindset
- Adaptive and committed leadership
- Action Vs. inaction
- Attackers understand force if need to, use it
- Projecting strength
- Principles of peacekeeping do not restrict initiative
- Use force proactive or preemptive to protect civilians
- Must have plans to protect civilians and UN units

Exercise

- UN PKO can be different from your own countries' modus operandi
- Does the UN have a particular way, organisation, or method of doing something that differs from your own?
- Environmental, organisational, cultural?
- Each table group discuss for 3 minutes, provides three areas/items that differ and reports back to the plenary

Exercise – Possible Answers

- Command and control
- Chaotic operational environment
- Intelligence is lacking
- Planning at the higher headquarters is weak
- Civilian-centric logistics
- Technical job in a political environment
- Consensus based decision making
- Expansive areas of operations
- POC is a priority



UN Police and Military Units in Peacekeeping

UN Police and Military Tactical Units in Peacekeeping

- Key to implementing mission mandate
- Part of the mission's security framework
- Daily close contact with the population and stakeholders
- At the tactical level, UN ambassadors on the ground
- Isolated/disperse outposts in large land areas
- Adapted for gathering human intelligence

How to Succeed

- Threat based approach
- Patience / flexibility
- Network / relationships
- Proper planning- Force Protection, Protection of Civilians
- Courses of Action need vetting via three pillars- political, humanitarian, security
- Brief and get higher HQs approval for plans
- Frustration is not an option
- Mind set- green to blue, understand how to use the FORCE
- Use the Pre-deployment training model and tools

**Attitude is
everything....
Arrogance is failure**

Take Away Lesson 1.1

- UNPKOs are complex and lethal
- We must adjust our mind set and how we deploy UN units and protect civilians
- Military and Police Units are the main elements that implement the security portion of the mandate
- Tactical Units have close contact with population and are the daily ambassadors of the mandate
- Mobile and flexible; UN units have unique characteristics that set it apart from other mission components

Questions