



Lesson 3.2 Liaison and Coordination

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- Definition and aim of liaison and coordination
- UNMO liaison and coordination tasks
- Types of liaison and coordination
- Methods of conducting liaison and coordination UN peacekeeping operations

Learning Outcome

- Explain liaison and coordination tasks performed by UNMO
- Explain different types and methods of liaison and coordination
- Describe guidelines for conducting liaison and coordination in UN peacekeeping operations

Tasks

Establish / maintain liaison and coordination with:

- Local authorities and leaders (gender appropriate)
- Military and other armed elements at different levels
- Police and local militia(s)
- Civilian organizations, including women's and children's organizations

Tasks

- INGOs / NGOs, UN agencies
- Other IOs example: ICRC
- Local leaders and officials
- Members of different religions, ethnicities, population groups
- Report on meetings
- Keep records of liaison and contacts

Tasks

- Keep force elements continuously informed
- Liaison assistance requests are met promptly
- Challenges when using interpreters
- Keep gender perspective in mind

Tasks



Lines of Coordination

Cross-boundary friendly forces

Across chain of command

Civil authorities and international organizations

Belligerent forces

Cross-Boundary Liaison and Coordination – Friendly Forces

- Maintain transparency of intentions
- Encourage cross-boundary support
- Assist commonality of force posture and military activity
- Cross-boundary operations conducted effectively
- Ensure operations do not conflict

Friendly Forces



- Information Sharing
- Assist planning
- Relaying future intentions

Civil Authority and International Organizations

- Help with shared initiatives
- Increase / facilitate security
- Gender balance



Gaining and Sharing Information



**Understand
Concerns**



**Report
Violations**



Areas of Friction

Advocacy against child soldiers (guided by CPA)

Methods

Formal

Informal

Considerations

- Coordinate with all members of the team
- Focus on the aim of liaison and coordination
- Follow interviewing technique
- Maintain a gender perspective

Lesson Take Away

- Make necessary liaison and coordination with all relevant stakeholders impartially



Lesson Take Away

- Four types of liaison and coordination tasks:
 - Cross-boundary with friendly forces
 - Chain of command
 - Civil authorities / international organizations
 - Belligerent forces
- Liaison and Coordination can be formal or informal
- UNMO should focus on aim, follow interview technique and keep a gender perspective

Questions