



United Nations

National Investigation Officers' Training Materials

for United Nations Peacekeeping Operations

Introduction

As part of the UN Secretariat's efforts to build Member States' capacity to investigate allegations of serious misconduct and sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), Integrated Training Service (ITS) of Department of Peace Operations (DPO) is tasked to develop a training package on Training of Trainers (ToT) course for National Investigation Officers (NIO). The development of this training is a collaborative effort between ITS/DPO and UN Office of the Internal Oversight (OIOS) and guided by the substantive expertise within DPO, DOS, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Conduct and Discipline Service (CDS), Office of the Victims' Right Advocate (OVRA) and UN Special Coordinator on Prevention of SEA.

The purpose of this ToT course is to train NIO trainers and practitioners on a uniform method for investigating possible misconduct including SEA by uniformed personnel serving in UN peacekeeping.

Aim

The aim of these training materials is to provide troop-contributing countries with a comprehensive training package that combines aspects of relevant UN specific legal framework including national laws, conduct and discipline standards, SEA and most importantly the investigation techniques, interviewing of suspects, victims and others. This included several learning activities as well as a larger field exercise, which can be run at the end of a course to strengthen participants' understanding how detail investigation and reporting is carried out on cases of serious misconduct and SEA.

The training package is primarily designed for application as part of pre-deployment training by the national, regional and international peacekeeping training institutions. ITS will also mainstream relevant aspects of this package into as a Specialized Training Materials and eLearning training.

Target Audience

The priority target audience of this training are national military officers responsible for training NIOs and NIOs who would be deployed with the contingents in UN peacekeeping. The detail criteria of such NIOs are outlined in the lesson included.

Structure of the Training Material

The package is constructed in five modules:

Module 1: United Nations Basics

Lesson 1.1: UN Military Component and Units and Role of National Investigation Officer

Lesson 1.2: Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Peace Operations

Lesson 1.3: Other Key Actors in Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA)– Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), Office of the Victims' Rights Advocate (OVRA) and Special Coordinator on SEA

Module 2: Legal and Regulatory Framework

Lesson 2.1: United Nations Peace Operations Specific Legal Framework

Lesson 2.2: Conduct and Discipline Standards

Lesson 2.3: National Law NIOs Need to Know

Lesson 2.4: Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) and Memoranda of Understanding (MOU)

Module 3: Investigation

Lesson 3.1: Investigation

Lesson 3.2: Incident Response and Investigation Tasks

Lesson 3.3: Investigatory Equipment

Lesson 3.4: How to conduct a Search

Lesson 3.5: Evidence Collection, Handling and Storage

Lesson 3.6: Investigation Reports

Module 4: Interviewing

Lesson 4.1: Interviewing Witnesses and Vulnerable Witnesses

Lesson 4.2: Interviewing the Subject of a Complaint

Module 5: Field Exercise