Protection from sexual violence, exploitation and abuses [PTP.2012.08E]

Deadline: Closed

Type: Course
Location: Web Based
Date: 12 Mar 2012 to 6 Apr 2012
Duration of event: 4 Weeks
Programme Area: Peacekeeping
Specific Target Audience: No
Website: http://www.unitar.org/ptp
Price: $500.00
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BACKGROUND
UN peace operations are deployed in immediate post-war environments to help maintain peace and security. More and more, they are also tasked to protect civilian populations affected and traumatized by armed conflict, in particular women and children. In this context, the prevention of sexual violence, sexual exploitation and abuses remain one of the greatest challenges. Sexual violence, exploitation and abuses in conflict and post-conflict countries, reflect a variety of failures and omissions attributable to a range of responsible actors and institutions. On the one hand, they reflect a defeat of the basic right to protection; on the other, they represent a failure on the part of the United Nations to fulfill its mandate.

EVENT OBJECTIVES
The goal of this course is to introduce the main concepts, normative frameworks and laws that regulate sexual behavior in contexts where peace operations are deployed. It builds on real life situations to reflect on the nature, implications and ways to prevent such violations from occurring.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Define sexual violence, exploitation and abuses;
- Discuss sexual violence, exploitation and abuses within war-affected communities;
- Identify ways to improve protection of civilians from sexual violence, exploitation and abuses.
CONTENT AND STRUCTURE
The course is composed of three major units, plus one introductory unit and one revision unit:

- Unit 1: Introduction to protection of civilians in peace operations (Introductory unit)
- Unit 2: Introduction to sexual violence, exploitation and abuses
- Unit 3: Sexual violence within war-affected communities
- Unit 4: Sexual exploitation and abuses by UN peacekeepers
- Unit 5: Improving protection of civilians from sexual violence (Revision unit)

METHODOLOGY
UNITAR PTP adopts an approach to training that highlights experiential and collaborative learning. This approach focuses on the learning needs, interests and styles of participants to ensure the relevance and retention of content and puts particular emphasis on the active participation of learners through practice-oriented learning environments.

UNITAR PTP’s approach allows participants to share knowledge and experiences and contribute dynamically to the learning process. Through this process, participants not only acquire information but also contribute to the construction of knowledge in a way that is meaningful and directly applicable to the reality of peace operations. Instructors guide participants through this process, delivering and conveying information, clarifying doubts and supporting participants through different activities.

UNITAR PTP’s approach to training puts particular emphasis on monitoring and evaluation. This process continuously develops course structure and activities to better suit participants’ areas of interest. This also allows for a review process that systematically improves course design and implementation for future versions of the course.

TARGETED AUDIENCE
Courses address a broad audience of civilians, such as students, researchers, academics and individuals from governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as national and regional military and police personnel of every rank and function.

Participants are not expected to have prior experience in or knowledge of the field. However, for advanced courses, a general understanding of the structure, components and functioning of a peace operation is highly advisable.