TRIANGULAR PARTNERSHIP
Fact Sheet

BACKGROUND
As direct outcome of the 2014 UN Peacekeeping Summit, the Triangular Partnership Project was established in 2015 to enhance the preparedness and effectiveness of peacekeeping missions. The Project aims to support peacekeeping operations by strengthening the capacity of military engineering, medical, and signals units through provision of professional training and equipment. Now in its sixth year, the Project has expanded to include field medical assistants and signals trainings, engineering training courses in French language, and extended its scope to Asia and its surrounding regions.

OBJECTIVES
The Triangular Partnership Project aims to enhance the capacity of engineering, medical and signals uniformed personnel through provision of training and equipment. These trained troops will deliver high value and priority requirements, improving the ability of UN missions to operate more effectively on the ground.

TRAIN
- **Rapid Deployment**: Train units in horizontal engineering tasks to operating and maintaining heavy engineering plant equipment and deliver engineering works timely and effectively.
- **Flexibility**: Deliver training in different locations in partnership with host countries, trainees and trainers. Using facilities, capacities and equipment best sourced for each location. Deliver trainings on-site and remotely.
- **Local and Regional Capacity**: Provide Training-of-Trainers (TOT) at local and regional levels.
- **Technologies**: Provide standardized and mission-specific training on Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence-Surveillance-Reconnaissance (C4ISR) technologies to UN mission’s military & police or T/PCC specialists.

EQUIP
- **Heavy Engineering Equipment (HEE)**: Identify opportunities to bridge equipment gaps of TCCs.
- **Medical Equipment**: Purchase equipment for training of the Field Medical Assistants Courses (FMAC).
- **Signals Academy Equipment**: Purchase equipment for Signals Academy training.

BENEFITS

**TROOP CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES**
Opportunity to receive professional training and build increased Engineering, Medical, and Signals capabilities for deployment to peacekeeping missions.

**OTHER MEMBER STATES**
Opportunity to contribute to peacekeeping and its enabling capacity through the provision of expertise, trainers, training facilities, funding and services and foster partnerships with troop contributing countries to establish missions better, advance security, promote stability, advance mandate delivery and improve peacekeeping performance.

**UNITED NATIONS**
More effective peace operations with expanded pool of well trained and equipped military engineering units, medical personnel and signals units

**CROSS-CUTTING BENEFITS**
- Standardization of training in engineering, medical, and signals as well as their equipment requirements
- Support to the efficient deployment of mission facilities, camps, bases and other infrastructure in complex environments
- Potential to replicate the concept of triangular partnership to other enabling capacities
- Enhanced performance and effectiveness of uniformed peacekeepers, in line with UN standard operational requirements
PROGRESS

PROJECT TIMELINE

2014
The Project was announced at the Heads of State-level Summit on UN peacekeeping.

2015
Six-week HEE proof of concept pilot I course was conducted in Kenya by Japanese trainers.

2016
HEE Basic course for Kenyan trainees in Kenya by Japanese trainers.
First HEE TOT Course in Kenya by Swiss trainers.

2017
HEE Course for trainees from Tanzania in Kenya by Japanese trainers.
First Engineering Project Management course in Kenya by Brazilian trainers.

2018
First standalone HEE Intermediate course in Kenya by Swiss trainer supported by four assistant trainers from Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda.
First HEE TOT course in French in Kenya by a Swiss trainer.
First combined HEE Basic and Intermediate course in Kenya by Japanese trainers.
Second EPM course by for African TCCs in Kenya by Brazilian trainers.
Pilot HEE course in Viet Nam by Japanese trainers.

2019
Combined HEE Basic and Intermediate course in Kenya by Japanese trainers.
First HEE mobile training courses in Uganda by Japanese and in Rwanda by Swiss trainers.
HEE course in Viet Nam by Japanese trainers.
Third EPM course (first combined EPM course for African and Asia Pacific TCCs) in Kenya by Brazilian trainers.
First HEE Maintenance course in Brazil by Brazilian trainers.

2020
HEE TOT course in Vietnam by Japanese trainers.
HEE TOT course in French in Morocco by Moroccan trainers.
Further courses in 2020 were cancelled due to coronavirus pandemic.
The Project is developing new remote learning content to complement the on-site curriculum in the areas on engineering, environmental management and occupational safety for field engineers.
The Signals Academy is now entering a new phase of expansion to establish a mock-up Missions Operation Centre in Entebbe to conduct situational awareness-related training.

ENGINEERING TRAINING

- **508** engineering personnel from African, Asian and Pacific troop-contributing countries trained.
- Three Member States (Japan, Switzerland, Brazil) have contributed trainers, equipment, course sponsorship, or Project funding.
- Host countries (Kenya, Uganda, Vietnam, Rwanda, Morocco) have contributed trainers, facilities, course management and services on site.
- Courses are offered in English and French.
- Five courses are currently being conducted namely HEE (basic, Intermediate, Training of Trainers), Maintenance of HEE and Engineering Project Management.
- Trainees have already been deployed to MINUSMA, MONUSCO, UNIFIL, UNMISS, and AMISOM.

FIELD MEDICAL ASSISTANTS COURSE

- Field Medical Assistant Course was piloted in October 2019 for 29 uniformed peacekeepers from MONUSCO and UNMISS with trainers from the UN, Belgium, Germany & Japan and financial support from Japan and Israel.

TRAINING MODULES

- **Engineering Project Management**
  Help military engineers build stronger foundations in managing projects in complex environments.

- **Survey and Design**
  Support military engineers with skills and knowledge for site surveying and camp design.

- **Operator Training**
  Train military engineers in operating modern equipment in demanding settings.

- **Maintenance and Recovery**
  Strengthen skills and knowledge for equipment maintenance, transport, recovery and repair.

- **Training of Trainers**
  Equip new trainers with the skills, knowledge, and technical assistance to impart engineering training in their own countries.

- **Medical Training**
  Provide training for Field Medical Assistants and Advanced Trauma Life Support.

- **Signals Academy**
  Provide technology training on UN-owned systems.
  Develop and deliver new technology training including micro Unmanned Aircraft Systems (drones) and Unite Aware “scenario-based” training in Entebbe.

SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT

- By endorsing the “Declaration of Shared Commitments on UN Peacekeeping Operations,” more than 150 Member States committed to “better prepare, train and equip uniformed personnel by pursuing innovative approaches, including triangular partnerships”
- To enhance the sustainability of the Project, the United Nations welcomes support from Member States in the form of funding and in-kind contributions of trainers and engineering, medical, and signals equipment.

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