TRIANGULAR PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

Fact Sheet

BACKGROUND

As a direct outcome of the 2014 Leaders’ Summit on UN Peacekeeping, the Triangular Partnership Project was launched in 2015 to conduct peacekeeping engineering training in East Africa for uniformed peacekeepers. The Project has since expanded into a full-fledged programme, the Triangular Partnership Programme (TPP), with four distinct projects. Three are training projects on engineering, medical, C4ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Computers (C4), Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR)) and camp security technologies and one is a Telemedicine Project to improve access to medical care in peacekeeping missions.

OBJECTIVES

The TPP aims to enhance peacekeepers’ capacity in engineering, medical and C4ISR and camp security technologies through the provision of training and operational support. These trained troops are then better equipped to deliver high value and priority requirements, improving the ability of UN missions to operate more effectively on the ground. TPP also provides a framework for improving operational support with new initiatives like telemedicine. It also contributes to the implementation of Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) and Action for Peacekeeping Plus (A4P+).

TRAIN

- **Rapid Deployment**: Build pool of well-trained uniformed peacekeepers to support rapid deployment of units to UN missions
- **Flexibility**: Deliver training in Africa, Southeast Asia and surrounding regions in partnership with donors and host countries using facilities, capacities and equipment best suited for each location
- **Strengthening Regional Capacity**: Provide Training-of-Trainers (TOT) courses to strengthen regional peacekeeping training capacities
- **Engineering**: Foundational pillar with in-situ courses in Heavy Engineering Equipment (HEE) Operator at the basic, intermediate and TOT levels, HEE Maintenance and Engineering Project Management (EPM); Provide remote courses in UN Environmental Management in Peace Operations, Physical Security Infrastructure (PSI) and Construction Process Management (CPM)
- **Medical**: Provide in-situ training for the Field Medical Assistants Course (FMAC) and its in-situ and remote hybrid TOT course in collaboration with the Division of Healthcare Management and Occupational Safety and Health (DHMOSH)
- **C4ISR and Camp Security Technologies**: Provide standardized and mission-specific training on C4ISR and camp security technologies to UN military and police personnel

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

- **Telemedicine network**: Establish a telemedicine network between medical staff in level 1 and 2 or 3 hospitals within four missions (MINUSCA, MINUSMA, MONUSCO, UNMISS)
- **Telemedicine training**: Train mission personnel on the use and maintenance of the telemedicine system

BENEFITS

TROOP CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES (TCC)

Opportunity to receive professional training and build increased engineering, medical and C4ISR and camp security technologies 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 TCCs to establish missions better, advance security, promote stability, advance mandate delivery and improve peacekeeping performance

UNITED NATIONS

More effective peace operations with an expanded pool of well trained and equipped military engineering units, medical personnel and C4ISR and camp security technologies personnel and TCC’s signals units

CROSS-CUTTING BENEFITS

- Standardization of training in engineering, medical and C4ISR and camp security technologies
- Support to the efficient deployment of mission facilities, camps, bases and other infrastructures 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

SECURITY OF PEACEKEEPERS

- Improve the provision of appropriate and timely care to peacekeepers in remote environments and reduce need for medical evacuations
- Improve access to a broader array of healthcare options within a mission and establish a mechanism for more expert-to-expert consultations between medical facilities
- Provide medical support to locations without on-site specialists
TRAINING AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

ENGINEERING TRAINING
- 671 engineering personnel from African and Asia Pacific TCCs trained both in person and remotely.
- Four Member States (Brazil, Japan, Morocco, Switzerland) have provided trainers, course sponsorship or Programme funding.
- Host countries (Brazil, Kenya, Morocco, Rwanda, Uganda, Viet Nam) have provided facilities, equipment, course management and/or services on site. Four African TCCs, namely Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda have also provided assistant trainers to support various HEE courses.
- Courses are offered in English and French.
- Five in-person courses are currently being conducted namely HEE Operator (Basic, Intermediate, TOT), HEE Maintenance and EPM.
- Three remote courses are currently being conducted namely UN Environmental Management in Peace Operations, PSI and CPM.
- Trainees have already been deployed to MINUSMA, MONUSCO, UNIFIL, UNISFA, UNMISS and AMISOM.

MEDICAL TRAINING
- The Field Medical Assistants Course (FMAC) was piloted in October 2019 in Entebbe, Uganda, for 29 uniformed peacekeepers from MONUSCO and UNMISS with trainers from Belgium, Germany, Japan and the UN. The second FMAC pilot was conducted in June 2022, also in Entebbe, Uganda for 21 uniformed peacekeepers from MONUSCO, UNISFA and UNMISS with a UN Head Trainer and seven Head Trainer candidates.
- As for FMAC TOT, a Virtual Workshop was conducted in April 2022 with 22 participants. Seven of them were selected and participated in the second FMAC pilot as Head Trainer candidates in June as in-person FMAC TOT and conducted teaching practice. All seven were accredited as Head Trainers.
- FMAC is financially supported by India, Israel, Japan and the Republic of Korea.

UN C4ISR ACADEMY FOR PEACE OPERATIONS (UNCAP)
- Since 2015, about 12,000 (14% women) military and police personnel from 112 countries have undertaken technology training in person at RSC-Entebbe, in missions and online courses.
- Seven Women’s Outreach Course: 187 female officers trained from 57 countries from Africa, Asia, Europe, South and North Americas, and 27 course graduates (17%) have been deployed to UN field missions.
- MINUSCA, MINUSMA, MONUSCO and UNSOS are the largest technology training beneficiaries.
- Academy partners: Canada, Denmark, India and Japan are contributing extra-budgetary funding while France, Germany, Uganda, USA and NATO Communications and Information Academy are contributing technical support with trainers, expertise, mentoring and logistics.
- Initiated integrated training for the Women’s Outreach Course and M-UAS course in Q1/2022 and will begin conducting courses in French from Q3/2022.
- The Mobile Technology Training (MTT) team delivered M-UAS courses to MINUSCA and MONUSCO.

TELEMEDICINE
- The pilot Telemedicine Project was launched in March 2021 with the aim of improving overall access to healthcare in four UN missions of MINUSCA, MINUSMA, MONUSCO and UNMISS.
- Three workshops were held in August and November 2021 and January 2022 with a total of around 300 participants from the four target missions and UN Headquarters.
- Two onsite workshops and field technology tests were conducted in MINUSCA and MINUSMA with more than 100 participants.
- Australia and Japan are providing financial support for the Telemedicine Project. The Republic of Korea also provides separate financial support for Telemedicine.

TRAINING MODULES
- Operator Training
  Train military engineers in operating modern HEE in demanding settings.
- Training of Trainers
  Equip new trainers with the skills, knowledge and technical assistance to impart engineering training in their own countries.
- Maintenance and Recovery
  Strengthen skills and knowledge for equipment maintenance, transport, recovery and repair.
- Project Management
  Help military engineers build stronger foundations in managing construction process as well as projects in complex environments.
- Environmental Management
  Promote understanding of the environmental aspects related to UN peacekeeping operations.
- Physical Security Infrastructure
  Introduce key concepts, designs, procedures, material and equipment for the implementation of engineering physical security infrastructure elements in high-risk peacekeeping environments.
- Medical Training
  Provide training for Field Medical Assistants.
- UN C4ISR Academy for Peace Operations
  Provide technology training on UN-owned C4ISR and camp security systems and processes both in English and French languages.
  Develop and deliver new technology training including M-UAS (drones) and Situational Awareness (Unite Aware) “scenario-based” training in Entebbe, Uganda.
- Survey and Design
  Support military engineers with skills and knowledge for site surveying and camp design.

SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAMME
- 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 Programme, the United Nations welcomes support from Member States in the form of funding and in-kind contributions of trainers and engineering, medical and C4ISR equipment.

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