



# TRIANGULAR PARTNERSHIP

Uniting Troop Contributors, other UN Member States and UN Field Support for Stronger Peacekeeping

## CONTEXT

With some 125,000 troops deployed in often **remote and demanding locations with weak infrastructure**, UN-supported peacekeeping operations need strong enabling capacities. To strengthen **military engineering units across peacekeeping missions in Africa**, the UN and Member States launched a Triangular Partnership Project.

The Project brings together African troop-contributing countries, other UN Member States and the UN Department of Field Support (DFS). The goal is to **enhance the capacity of African military engineering units through professional training and equipment**. Trained units can then help peacekeeping missions set up and operate more rapidly.

The triangular partnership concept is a direct outcome of the 2014 **UN Peacekeeping Summit** and follows up on the recommendations of the **High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations** (HIPPO) of 2015.

**Designed for flexible expansion beyond military engineering**, the Project offers ongoing and growing **opportunities to foster partnerships** between troop contributors and financial supporters of UN peacekeeping across two key objectives.

## OBJECTIVES



### TRAIN

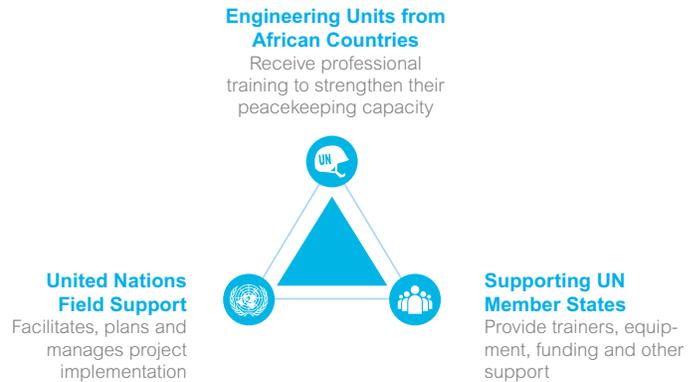
Train units in **horizontal engineering tasks**, operating and maintaining heavy equipment, and delivering results at short notice



### EQUIP

Procure **equipment under UN-management** and deploy to support training or operation in ongoing peacekeeping operations

## TRIANGULAR MODEL



## BENEFITS



### TROOP CONTRIBUTORS

Opportunities to **build long-term capacity** for stronger military engineering capabilities



### FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS

Opportunity to flexibly **support enabling capacity** in peacekeeping missions



### UNITED NATIONS

Enlarged pool of **military engineering units** to enable rapid deployment of peacekeeping missions



### CROSS-CUTTING BENEFITS

- Potential to **replicate the concept** to other enabling capacities for medical services or communication
- Standardization of **training and essential equipment** requirements for UN peacekeeping
- Ability to support the **rapid deployment** of mission facilities in complex environments

## SUPPORTED ENGINEERING CAPACITIES



Road construction and repair



Airfield construction and repair



Helipad construction and repair



Campsite preparation and repair



Transport and recovery



Borehole and well-drilling



Military bridging and repair



## PROGRESS SO FAR

### SUCCESSFUL TRIAL TRAINING

- A six-week trial to prove the concept was successfully conducted from 7 September to 16 October 2015.
- The trial course supported 10 trainees from Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Tanzania. They were trained in operating and maintaining heavy engineering equipment.

### FIRST REGULAR TRAINING

- Two training sessions for Kenyan military engineering contingents are underway at the Humanitarian Peace Support School in Nairobi. In each session, 18 Japanese instructors train 30 Kenyan Army engineers.
- A trial training-of-trainers course for 8 trainees from Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Tanzania is being conducted by Swiss instructors at the Humanitarian Peace Support School.

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

- A curriculum development and integration workshop for the training was conducted in March 2016 to identify guidelines and key training modules.
- A Training Needs Analysis (TNA) for the first nominated African TCC (Kenya) was conducted in May 2016 to identify critical capacity gaps.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

### TRAINING

- Two courses at the static facility, one mobile training course, and one training-of-trainers course every year (subject to support from Member States and African Troop Contributors)

### DEPLOYMENT

- Sets of UN-managed equipment to be provided by the Project to support the deployment of trained units to active missions

### EXPANSION

- Expanding the triangular concept, inter alia, to medical services or communication (subject to support from Member States and African Troop Contributors)

## TRAINING MODULES



### 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



### WORKSHOP AND RECOVERY

Strengthen skills and knowledge for equipment maintenance, transport, recovery and repair

## KEY BACKGROUND

Consultations by the [High-level Independent Panel on UN Peace Operations \(HIPPO\)](#) revealed a strong interest in strengthening UN capabilities through the triangular partnership model. In his response to the panel's recommendations in the report "The Future of UN Peace Operations (S/2015/682)," the Secretary-General designated the partnership project a key tool for uniformed capability development.

The [UN General Assembly's Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations \(C34\)](#) also stressed the need to assist in the development of regional and sub regional organizations' ability to deploy peacekeeping forces rapidly in support of the UN and African Union peacekeeping operations, including through the triangular partnership model.

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