

women have a role to play in global peace and security. By actively engaging and utilizing the network, they aim for female peacekeepers to be empowered and empower others.

Women are involved in all areas – police, military and civilian – and have made a positive impact on peacekeeping environments, both in supporting the role of women in building peace and protecting women’s rights.

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CONFLICT PREVENTION AND PEACEMAKING

The United Nations Police are an integral part of the United Nations peace operations. Currently there are over 12.500 UN Police officers operating in over 90 countries. The goal of the UN Police is to help create a safer environment and protect civilians from criminal activities. The UN Police work throughout the world in 17 different field missions.

Peacekeeping operates within changing physical, social, economic and political environment. A peacekeeping operation consists of military police and civilian personnel who work to deliver security. Peacekeeping operations help countries torn by conflict create conditions for lasting peace.

Conflict prevention involves diplomatic measures to keep intra-state or inter-state tensions and disputes from escalating into violent conflict. It includes early warning, information gathering and a careful analysis of the factors driving the conflict.

Peacemaking generally includes diplomatic actions to bring hostile parties to a negotiated agreement.

Peace enforcement involves the application of a range of measures, including the use of military force. It requires the explicit authorization of the Security Council.

It is used to restore international peace and security in situations where the Security Council has decided to act in the face of a threat to the peace, breach of the peace or act of aggression. The Council may utilize, where appropriate, regional organizations.

Peace building aims to reduce the risk of lapsing or relapsing into conflict by strengthening national capacities at all levels for conflict management and to lay the foundation for sustainable peace and development. It is a complex, long-term process of creating the necessary conditions for peace.

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