



# Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI)

## Fact Sheet



The Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI) is a U.S. Government-funded security assistance program working to strengthen international capacity and capabilities to execute United Nations (UN) and regional peace operations. GPOI's vision is to work collaboratively with U.S. and international stakeholders to achieve and sustain operational effectiveness in peace operations to promote international peace and security. GPOI seeks to accomplish this by enhancing partner countries' self-sufficient proficiencies to operate in peace operations and building the capacities of UN and regional organizations to conduct such missions.

GPOI was launched in 2005 as the U.S. contribution to the G8 Action Plan for Expanding Global Capability for Peace Support Operations, adopted at the 2004 G8 Sea Island Summit. Through its global partnerships, the GPOI program has:

- Assisted 50 active partner countries to establish or strengthen the institutional infrastructure required to achieve overall self-sufficiency in military peace operations training, including the development of national trainer cadre, refurbishment of training facilities, refinement of training materials, and provision of training equipment
- Enabled partner country-led training in 30 countries through train-the-trainer activities
- Supported national and regional peace operations training centers and three regional headquarters (the African Union (AU), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), and the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS))
- Supported United Nations efforts to develop military manuals and advance guidance and tools related to protection of civilians
- Provided financial, technical, and staffing support to the Centre of Excellence for Stability Police Units (COESPU), an Italian-led center that facilitates the training of formed police unit leaders and trainers
- Facilitated the deployment of more than 197,900 personnel from 38 countries to 29 peace operations around the world
- Trained approximately 5,700 female peacekeepers and trained both male and female peacekeepers to more effectively prevent and respond to gender-based violence and sexual exploitation and abuse

GPOI is managed by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, which works in close coordination with other Department of State bureaus and the Department of Defense to develop regional program plans and implement training and equipping activities with partner countries and organizations worldwide. Recognizing that challenges facing UN or regional peace operations are a global issue that requires a global solution, GPOI also coordinates with other donor countries through multilateral partnerships to strengthen international peace operations capabilities.