



Fact Sheet: U.S. Peacekeeping Capacity Building Assistance

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The Department of State, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs manages the two primary U.S. security assistance programs focused on building international peacekeeping capacity, the Global Peace Operations Initiative and the African Peacekeeping Rapid Response Partnership. Both programs are implemented in close partnership with the Department of Defense.

Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI)

GPOI is a U.S. Government security assistance program working to strengthen international capacity and capabilities to execute United Nations (UN) and regional peace operations. The GPOI vision is to work collaboratively with U.S. and international stakeholders to achieve and sustain operational effectiveness in peace operations and promote international peace and security. In support of this vision, the GPOI mission is to strengthen international capacity and capabilities to execute United Nations and regional peace operations by enhancing partner countries' sustainable, self-sufficient peace operations proficiencies and building the capacity of the 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. With a total budget of approximately \$935,000,000 from Fiscal Years (FY) 2005-2016, GPOI is applied to accomplish the following objectives:

- ❖ **Build Self-sufficient Peace Operations Training Capacity in Partner Countries:** Assisting 53 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.
- ❖ **Support Partner Countries' Development and Employment of Critical Enabling Capabilities:** Providing training, equipment, and advisory assistance to help 43 partner countries develop and employ 89 critical enablers, such as riverine, engineer, aviation, medical, logistics, signals, and counter-improvised explosive device capabilities.
- ❖ **Provide Deployment Support to Partner Countries:** Enabled approximately 42 partner countries to deploy contingents to 30 UN and regional peace operations¹ through specialized/mission-specific pre-deployment training, equipment, technical assistance, and logistical support. Overall, GPOI partners have increased their military deployment rates to UN and African Union (AU) peace operations by 189% since becoming GPOI partners, as compared to only a 66% increase in deployed troops from non-GPOI partner countries.
- ❖ **Enhance Partner Country Operational Readiness and Sustainment Capabilities for Peace Operations:** In select mature partnerships, GPOI is providing advisory support, logistical

¹ GPOI has facilitated partner country deployments to the following peace operations: AFISMA; AMIS; AMISOM; CEMAC; ISAF; KFOR; MICOPAX; MINURCAT; MINURSO; MINUSCA; MINUSMA; MINUSTAH; MISCA; MONUC/MONUSCO; NEW HORIZON-10; OIF; ONUB; RAMSI; UNAMID; UNFICYP; UNIFIL; UNISFA; UNMEE; UNMIK; UNMIL; UNMIN; UNMIS/UNMISS; UNMIT; UNOCI.



training, technology enablers, and in-mission training/mentoring to improve and maintain operational readiness capabilities to deploy to, and sustain units in peace operations.

- ❖ **Promote the Role of Women and Enhance Gender Integration in Peace Operations:**
 - Trained more than 6,500 female peacekeepers since 2005.
 - Supporting regional training events specifically focused on gender integration and women, peace, and security in four regions.
 - Incorporating training related to the prevention and response to gender-based violence into the majority of training activities and exercises.
 - From August 2011 to August 2016, GPOI partners have increased their deployment of female military peacekeepers by 62%, as compared to a 24% decreased among non-GPOI partners. Likewise, GPOI partners increased their deployment of female FPU peacekeepers by 75%, as compared to a 71% decrease among non-GPOI partners.

- ❖ **Build UN and Regional Organization Capabilities:** GPOI provides assistance to build the UN and regional organization capabilities to strengthen peace operations. For example:
 - **UN:** GPOI has funded 15 projects to help the UN develop materials, standards, and training events and to provide advisory and technical assistance to the UN. This assistance focused on strengthening UN:
 - Doctrine, guidance, and training materials related to the protection of civilians (to include child protection and the prevention and remediation of sexual and gender-based violence/conflict-related sexual violence);
 - Training courses for women protection advisors/gender advisors, sector commanders and staff officers, POC mobile training teams, table top exercises, and UN trainers;
 - Ability to conduct Assessment and Advisory Visits to GPOI partner countries ; and
 - Standards for UN military units.
 - **Regional Organizations:** GPOI funding is employed in building the capacity of the AU through advisory support and developing the communications capabilities between three regional headquarters in Africa – the AU, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), and the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS).

- ❖ **Support Efforts to Build Formed Police Unit Capabilities through Italy’s Center of Excellence for Stability Police Units (COESPU):** Providing financial, technical, and staffing support to COESPU, the Italian-led center that facilitates the training of formed police unit leaders and trainers. Overall, GPOI partner police contributing countries (PCCs) have increased their FPU deployments by 13.6% over the past five years, while non-GPOI partner PCCs have actually experienced a decrease of 2.1% in FPU deployments during the same period of time. The U.S. Department of State Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) is the lead for police and FPU training.

African Peacekeeping Rapid Response Partnership (APRRP)

Through APRRP which began in FY 2015, the Administration intends to invest \$110 million per year for three to five years to build, strengthen, and institutionalize capabilities to generate and rapidly deploy peacekeepers in six initial partner countries: Ethiopia, Ghana, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, and Uganda.



APRRP is particularly focused on developing high demand enabling capabilities (e.g., airlift; command, control, communications, and information systems (C3IS); engineering; logistics; medical; and FPU) that are persistent shortfalls in UN and regional peace operations and which underpin capacity to deploy a rapid response force. All program efforts are designed to be full capability packages, which include equipment, equipment-related training, and training on required skill sets.

❖ **Summary of Program Activities: FY 2015**

- **Ethiopia:** Program Depot Maintenance for a C-130 provided as Excess Defense Article. The aircraft is currently in maintenance in Portugal with an estimated completion date of February 2017.
- **Formed Police Units:** One set of major mission equipment is prepositioned to aid rapid deployment when a crisis emerges. It will be available for deployment by early 2017; the three APRRP police contributing countries (PCCs; Rwanda, Ghana, Senegal) will be eligible. State INL implements assistance to develop institutional capacity on deployment management and logistics, through mentoring, advising, and training.
- **Ghana:** Expeditionary Base Camp Construction Planning training.
- **Rwanda:** Engineering – water purification equipment, bridge building equipment, horizontal engineering equipment, and training; logistics – heavy vehicles, recovery equipment, and training; medical – rapidly deployable Level I and Level II hospitals, equipment, and training. Medical training began in December 2016.
- **Senegal:** Logistics advisor; funds for this position were notified in May 2016 and U.S. Africa Command has coordinated a contract task order to fill this requirement.
- **Tanzania:** C3IS – radio systems, tactical operations center, and training; logistics – heavy and light vehicles, mobile kitchens, water purification, generators, tents, radios, and training; Soldier Readiness Program.
- **Uganda:** C3IS – radios, communications equipment, and training; engineer – heavy vehicles, water purification equipment, generators, storage tanks, and training; logistics – trucks, tool kits, ablution units, containerized tool rooms, and training; medical – ambulances, radios, rapidly deployable Level II hospital, and training. Medical training began in December 2016.

❖ **Summary of Program Activities: FY 2016**

- **Ethiopia:** C-130 airlift training and parts/spares.
- **Formed Police Units:** Training equipment for Ghana, Rwanda, and Senegal; further deployment management and logistics capacity development through mentoring, advising, and training.
- **Ghana:** Logistics training and equipment; engineer training and equipment; airlift training and equipment; medical training and equipment.
- **Rwanda:** Two Cessna 208 aircraft and training for medical evacuation and light lift; medical Role II training; logistics training and equipment; engineer training and equipment.
- **Senegal:** Airlift equipment and training; logistics training and equipment; medical training and equipment including two Role II hospitals.
- **Tanzania:** Logistics equipment and training; C3IS training, equipment, and advisor; medical training.
- **Uganda:** Medical Role II training; logistics training, equipment, and advisor; engineer training and equipment.