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Protection of Civilians in Peace Operations [UNV.2026.002]

Peace

Deadline: 31 Mar 2027

Type:	Course
Location:	Web-based
Date:	8 Oct 2026 to 31 Mar 2027
Duration:	12 Months
Thematic Area:	Peace Operations and Peacekeeping
Website:	https://www.unitar.org/sustainable-development-goals/peace
Price:	\$0.00
Event Focal Point Email:	ptp@unitar.org
Partnership:	UNV (612)

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course participants will be able to:

- Describe the range of risks and Quiz vulnerabilities faced by civilian populations on the ground;
- Define the objectives of protection activities in the framework of UN peacekeeping operations;

- Distinguish the different actors involved in the protection activities that operate alongside a peacekeeping operation;
- Explain how failures to protect civilians harm mission credibility and credibility of the UN;
- Identify the specific bodies of international law that constitute the normative framework of peace operations;
- Identify critical language contained in mission's mandates envisaging protection of civilians;
- Differentiate between other relevant instruments that guide the work and priorities of peacekeepers and the protection of civilians;
- Outline the UN Operational Concept on Protection of Civilians;
- List key challenges associated with the protection of civilians in complex environments;
- Outline key elements of operational planning;
- Describe major challenges related to prioritization of risks and allocation of resources;
- Explain the importance of expectation management and modalities for information sharing and gathering;
- Define sexual violence, exploitation and abuse;
- Describe the incidence of sexual violence in armed conflicts;
- Relate specific modalities for protection from sexual violence, exploitation and abuse;
- Describe the special duty of peacekeepers in preventing and protecting civilians from sexual violence, exploitation and abuse.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

UNITAR recommends the following as a minimum in hardware and software to take our e-Learning courses. Please consult your Network Administrator or Systems person to ensure that you have the following:

Hardware requirements

- Desktop or laptop computer with Windows 10 or MacOS version 11 and later
- Tablet or mobile devices are not fully supported on some course tools
- Stable LAN or Wifi Internet connection

Browser

- Latest version of Mozilla Firefox (download for free at <https://www.mozilla.org>)
- Latest version of Google Chrome (download for free at <https://www.google.com/chrome>)
- Microsoft Edge or Safari (included in your computer)

Other software

- PDF reader (download for free at <https://get.adobe.com/uk/reader>)
- Microsoft Office for Windows or MacOS (compatible software can be downloaded at <http://www.openoffice.org/>)
- Video player (Quicktime for MacOS, Windows Media Player or compatible video player)
- Anti-virus

Other requirements

- Disable Pop-up blockers
- Enable cookies and java
- webcam and audio headset for courses that will require online meetings
- additional storage in case you need to download course materials