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Strengthening Civilian Capacities to Protect Civilians: Unarmed Civilian Protection [PTP.2020.14E]

Peace

Type:	Course
Location:	Web-based
Duration:	1 Days
Thematic Area:	Peacekeeping
Website:	http://www.unitar.org/ptp
Price:	$0.00
Event Focal Point Email:	ptp@unitar.org

BACKGROUND

According to the World Bank, more than 1.5 billion people live in countries affected by repeated violence. In absolute terms, the need for direct physical protection of civilians against imminent violence has never been greater than it is today. Local and international actors are struggling to protect all those under direct threat, wherever conflict occurs. A small number of civil society and humanitarian organizations have begun providing direct physical protection for civilians through a method called Unarmed Civilian Protection (UCP), which promotes nonviolent means for a community to protect itself from violence.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

The aim of this advocacy presentation is to raise awareness for and increase understanding of UCP. It starts by explaining the need for UCP, followed by an introduction to its key principles and methods, and finally describing how it fits into wider protection efforts and global discourses.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Differentiate UCP from conventional peacekeeping;
- Place UCP in the history of nonviolence, protection and conventional peacekeeping;
- Define UCP and relevant terms linked to it;
- Describe the actors within UCP; and
- Locate UCP within key global discourses.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The course answers nine questions in sequence:

- Why do we need to protect civilians?
- Who has the responsibility to protect civilians?
- What is unarmed civilian protection?
- How does UCP work?
- Why does UCP work?
- How does UCP complement wider protection efforts?
- What are the strengths of UCP?
- How is UCP linked with key global discourses?
- What can you do?

The average work time is estimated at 1 hour.

METHODOLOGY

This advocacy course is a self-guided, self-paced, web-based course that is on-going and can be accessed at any time. The material is presented in text format with visual aids and web-based reference resources. Regular activities allow the participant to test their understanding of and reinforce the message of the course.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

Primary audience: The course is designed for high level decision makers who can help shape global policy on Unarmed Civilian Protection, including diplomats, policy makers, politicians, donors, journalists, humanitarians, civil society and other human development leaders.

Secondary audience: The course is also geared towards students and any persons or groups with an interest in understanding and advocating for the better inclusion of Unarmed Civilian Protection into global peacekeeping efforts. Participants are not expected to have any prior experience or knowledge to take this course, other than:

Having a good command of the English language (reading and writing);

Being computer literate.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- Platform: Windows 95, 98, 2000, NT, ME, XP or superior; MacOS 9 or MacOS X; Linux
- Hardware: 64 MB of RAM, 1 GB of free disk space
- Software:
    - Adobe Acrobat Reader (click here to download for free)
    - Adobe Flash Player (click here to download for free)
- Browser: Internet Explorer 7 or higher (click here to download for free); it works better with Firefox 3.6 or higher (click here to download for free)
- Note that JavaScript, Cookies and Pop-ups must be enabled

- Modem: 56 K

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