



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 vision for GPOI 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 UN 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 \$1,093,000,000 from Fiscal Years (FY) 2005-2017, GPOI funding 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. So far 40% of active GPOI partners have achieved self-sufficiency in peace operations training for at least one capability. Achievement of self-sufficiency does not end GPOI partnership, but enables the partnership to focus on other objectives, such as those listed below.
- ❖ **Support Partner Countries' Development and Employment of Critical Enabling Capabilities:** Providing training, equipment, and advisory assistance to help 39 partner countries develop and employ 67 critical enablers, such as riverine, engineer, aviation, medical, logistics, signals, and counter-improvised explosive device capabilities. 70% of these partner capabilities have been, are currently, or have been selected to deploy to UN and African Union (AU) peace operations.
- ❖ **Provide Deployment Support to Partner Countries:** Providing specialized/mission-specific pre-deployment training, equipment, technical assistance, and logistical support to facilitate deployments to UN and regional peace operations. Overall, GPOI partners have increased their military deployment rates to UN and AU peace operations by 175% since becoming GPOI partners, as compared to only a 42% increase in deployed troops from non-GPOI partner countries.
- ❖ **Enhance Partner Country Operational Readiness and Sustainment Capabilities for Peace Operations:** In select partnerships, GPOI is providing advisory support, logistical 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:** GPOI encourages women's participation, integration, and leadership in peace operations; trains female peacekeepers; and integrates gender-related topics (such as preventing gender-based violence and sexual exploitation and abuse) into training for all peacekeepers. Since 2005, more than 7,500 female peacekeepers have participated in GPOI-facilitated training. Moreover, from September 2010 to September 2017, GPOI partners increased the number of deployed female military peacekeepers by 79%, as compared to a 17% decrease among non-GPOI countries. Likewise, GPOI partners increased the number of deployed female formed police unit (FPU) peacekeepers by 102%, as compared to a 77% decrease among non-GPOI countries.
- ❖ **Build UN and Regional Organization Capabilities:** GPOI provides assistance to build the UN and regional organizations' capabilities to strengthen peace operations. For example, GPOI has funded 17 projects to help the UN develop doctrine, guidance documents, military unit manuals, and training materials, as well as to execute UN training events and provide advisory and technical assistance.
- ❖ **Support Efforts to Build Formed Police Unit Capabilities through Italy's Center of Excellence for Stability Police Units (CoESPU):** GPOI provides financial, technical, and staffing support to CoESPU, the Italian-led center that facilitates the training of FPU leaders and trainers. Overall, GPOI partner police contributing countries (PCCs) have increased their FPU deployments to UN peace operations and the AU Mission in Somalia by 38% over the past seven years, while non-GPOI PCCs have increased by only 12% in FPU deployments during the same period of time.

African Peacekeeping Rapid Response Partnership (APRRP)

Established in FY 2015, APRRP was announced as a targeted, three-to-five year initiative to help generate and rapidly deploy peacekeepers from six partner countries: Ethiopia, Ghana, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, and Uganda. The program's mission is to build, strengthen, and institutionalize capabilities to rapidly respond to crises on the African continent.

APRRP complements GPOI's broader capacity building efforts by focusing on developing high demand enabling capabilities (e.g., airlift; command, control, communications, and information systems (C3IS); engineering; logistics; medical; and FPUs) that are persistent shortfalls in UN and regional peace operations and which underpin capacity to deploy a rapid response force. Program efforts are designed to be full capability packages, which include equipment, equipment-related training, and training on required skill sets. APRRP's budget is approximately \$220,000,000 from Fiscal Years (FY) 2015-2016¹.

¹ The FY 2017 budget for APRRP is still being finalized.