



POLICE DIVISION

PROTECT AND SERVE TO BUILD PEACE AND SECURITY

Conflict and post-conflict countries are often characterized by a collapse of public law and order. The presence of United Nations Police contributes to restoring popular confidence in the host-state police and rule of law structures. The United Nations has deployed police since 1960. Today, more than 13,000 United Nations Police are deployed in 19 United Nations missions: 12 peacekeeping operations led by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and seven special political missions led by the Department of Political Affairs.

SUPPORT FOR THE REFORM, RESTRUCTURING AND REBUILDING OF HOST STATE POLICE

United Nations Police help to reform, restructure and rebuild national police services. These tasks can include: undertaking census of police personnel; vetting, training and certifying police and other law enforcement officials; advising national counterparts on restructuring and assisting with the drafting of policies and legal frameworks. In some cases, UN Police help rebuild services from the ground up, following years of conflict.

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

Individual Police Officers and Formed Police Units mentor and help train national police officers in all aspects of policing including investigations, election security, operational support and public order management. Under exceptional circumstances, in host-states with no functioning police, UN Police are called upon to assume full responsibility for policing and law enforcement activities, until the host-state can takeover core policing tasks.

ORGANIZED CRIME AND ANTI-CORRUPTION

Organized crime, including trafficking, terrorism and financial fraud, is a major peace spoiler. UN Police are increasingly involved in enhancing national capacities to counter organized crime and corruption. Activities undertaken include the establishment of transnational crime units in national police services, training national specialists in strategic planning, financial investigations, forensics and other vital skills. UN Police work closely with, among others, INTERPOL and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

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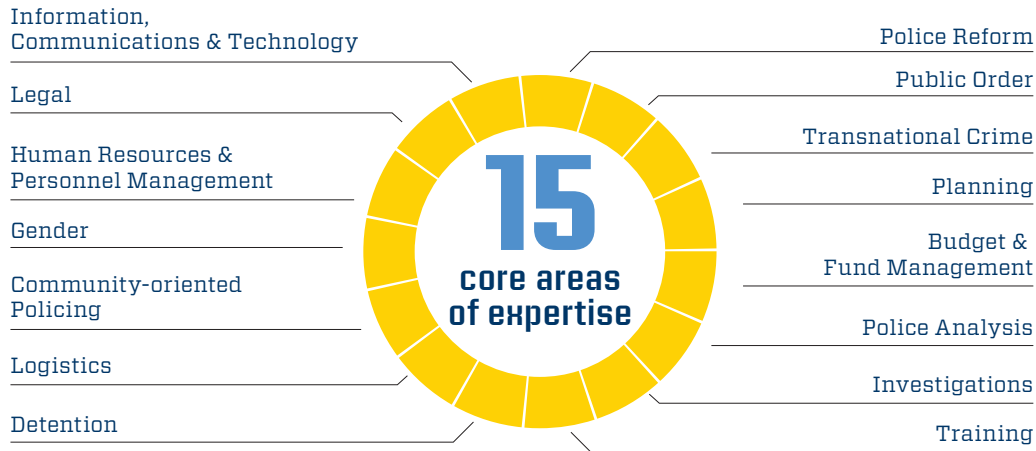
The Police Division is made up of three sections: the Selection & Recruitment Section, which is responsible for the recruitment and rotation of the thousands of UN Police deployed; the Mission Management & Support Section, which backstops all UN Police field components; and the Strategic Policy & Development Section, which develops concepts of operations, technical guidance and strategic planning.

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STANDING POLICE CAPACITY

The Police Division also includes a Standing Capacity of 40 specialized police officers. They are based in the UN Global Service Centre in Brindisi, Italy and are able to travel quickly to help start new UN missions, reinforce existing missions or assist special requests from governments or UN entities.

Standing Police Capacity areas of expertise.



PARTNERSHIPS

No single actor has the capacity to implement complex international policing support initiatives alone. As such, the Police Division has strengthened its strategic-level coordination with other stakeholders involved in the rule of law sector, including through the Global Focal Point for Police, Justice and Corrections Areas in the Rule of Law in Post-conflict and other Crisis Situations (GFP). To support UN police work and facilitate closer and stronger cooperation, Member States of the United Nations established a Group of Friends of the UN Police, which met for the first time in 2013. Members of the Group include the leading police contributing countries and countries interested in becoming more involved in UN police work. Additionally, the Police Division is collaborating increasingly with regional organizations such as the African Union. United Nations Police officers are now deployed to the United Nations Office to the African Union.

FEMALE POLICE

The Police Division launched a “Global Effort” in 2009 to help increase the share of female officers deploying with the UN Police worldwide. Today, 10 per cent of deployed UN Police are women. In certain missions, this share reaches upwards of 30 per cent. Beyond just increasing numbers, however, the Police Division is also making a concerted effort to improve the quality of female officers deployed, as well as provide opportunities for them to serve in managerial and specialist positions.

