Message from Chief SPC Maria Appelblom

Dear Colleagues and Partners,

It is my pleasure to give you an update on some of SPC’s contributions to our clients in the field. In particular, I am glad to draw your kind attention to the SMART System as highlighted below, which can enable improved M&E that contribute to our collective endeavours to enhance sustainable peace. Below please find a selection of some of SPC’s current deployments to various locations as well as our contributions to the start-up of MINUSCA. Please also note that SPC has welcomed new colleagues, whose professionalism will further strengthen our capacity to meet your needs. SPC stands ready at your service!

Kind regards, Maria

New SPC Members

Ms. Shubhra Tiwrai Hira, SPC Police Planning Officer, has 16 years of police experience in operations, police reforms, and planning. A member for development of UNPOL Gender Toolkit and SGBV Training Curriculum.

Mr. Joseph Breidi, SPC Administrative Assistant, has 7 years of experiences in MONUSCO, including Training, Administration, and DDR. Fluent in French and English with working knowledge of Arabic and Greek.

Mr Jean-Yves Mazard, SPC Police Communications Officer, brings 25 years of IT design and operations support, 14 of which for the Prosecutor of the UN Tribunal for Rwanda. Fluent in English and French.

UNMIL: SMART System

"SMART system should be replicated"


The SMART system is an information management tool to monitor and evaluate progress in the capacity-building and development of the Host State Police Service assisted by UNPOL officers. As a simple and user-friendly tool to improve the convenience, accuracy, and standardization of reporting, SMART has helped UNPOL managers with the ability to generate aggregated data and to monitor the trends. Initiated in UNMIT, the low-cost, optimal-tech system enables evidence-based assessment by streamlining reporting flows and tracking key indicators through a single database. The functional areas of the SMART include Human Resources, Training, Operations, Administration, Equipment & Logistics, and Discipline. Technical similarities among police services, particularly in countries with a UN mission and UNPOL presence, make SMART easily replicable across missions. Simultaneously, SMART is flexible enough to customize and adjust its parameters in response to country-specific needs, increasing its transferability to the local counterparts.

SPC is supporting UNMIL currently with its L-SMART system. L-SMART’s data is used for the reporting on Results-Based Budgeting (RBB) by providing statistics, for example, number of patrols or training delivered.

SPC on Deployment

SPC assists UNPOL with Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) assessment and the development of a Gender toolkit in collaboration with Strategic Planning and Development Section (SPDS), Police Division. Also provides advisory support for host State police on formulation of Gender Policy.

MINUSTAH

SPC supports the reorganization and the operationalization of the UNPOL Transnational Organized Crime (TOC) and Counter-Terrorism (CT) Section. Also advises on relevant data exchanges to enable a more strategic information sharing and intelligence management on TOC and CT.
Latest Mission Start-Up: MINUSCA

SPC deployed a team of 7 Staff Members to fulfill its core mandate to start up a police component in the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) authorized by the Security Council Resolution 2149 dated 30 April 2014. SPC played a key role in achieving core objectives and benchmarks to ensure a seamless transition from MISCA led by the African Union (AU) to a full-fledged DPKO mission. The major tasks performed by SPC included the validation of UNPOL CONOPS; needs assessment on the capabilities and capacities of the host State police; supporting CAR police and gendarmerie in the maintenance of law and order; initiating basic and specialized training regimes in coordination with the host State and other partners. The initial SPC deployment in February 2014 to support the MISCA-MINUSCA transition evolved into the Police Advance Team (PAT) and continued until end of March 2015. As the mission start-up phase is completed, SPC will continue its assistance to the mission, according to the possible client requests from the field in the future.

Integrated Assessment and Planning (IAP) Training for OROLSI Planners

SPC co-organized the first-ever certification training course for operational planners with participation from SPDS, Police Division and Office of Operations, DPKO and various field missions, including Justice and Correction colleagues.

Assessment for Mission Service (AMS) Instructor Certification

SPC Staff Members obtained AMS Instructor Certification in collaboration with Selection and Recruitment Section (SRS), Police Division, to assist Selection Assistance and Assessment Team (SAAT) activities.

Consultation on Thematic Issues: POC, Child Protection, and CRSV

SPC participated in consultation workshops on Protection of Civilians (POC), Child Protection and Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (CRSV) and contributed to the respective Communities of Practice for the development of guidance and training materials.

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