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Since 1963, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) has been working on addressing capacity-related gaps of individuals and institutions to support global progress towards a more sustainable, peaceful and prosperous world. Within the framework of UNITAR, the Division for Peace contributes to the accelerated achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 16 of Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions by designing customised learning solutions, carefully crafted for communities facing or emerging from conflict.

At the core of our success is a unique methodology that allows for the creation of powerful and inspiring spaces for high-quality learning and collaboration, promotes participation, dialogue, local ownership and multiplication of knowledge for sustainable impact and behavioural change.





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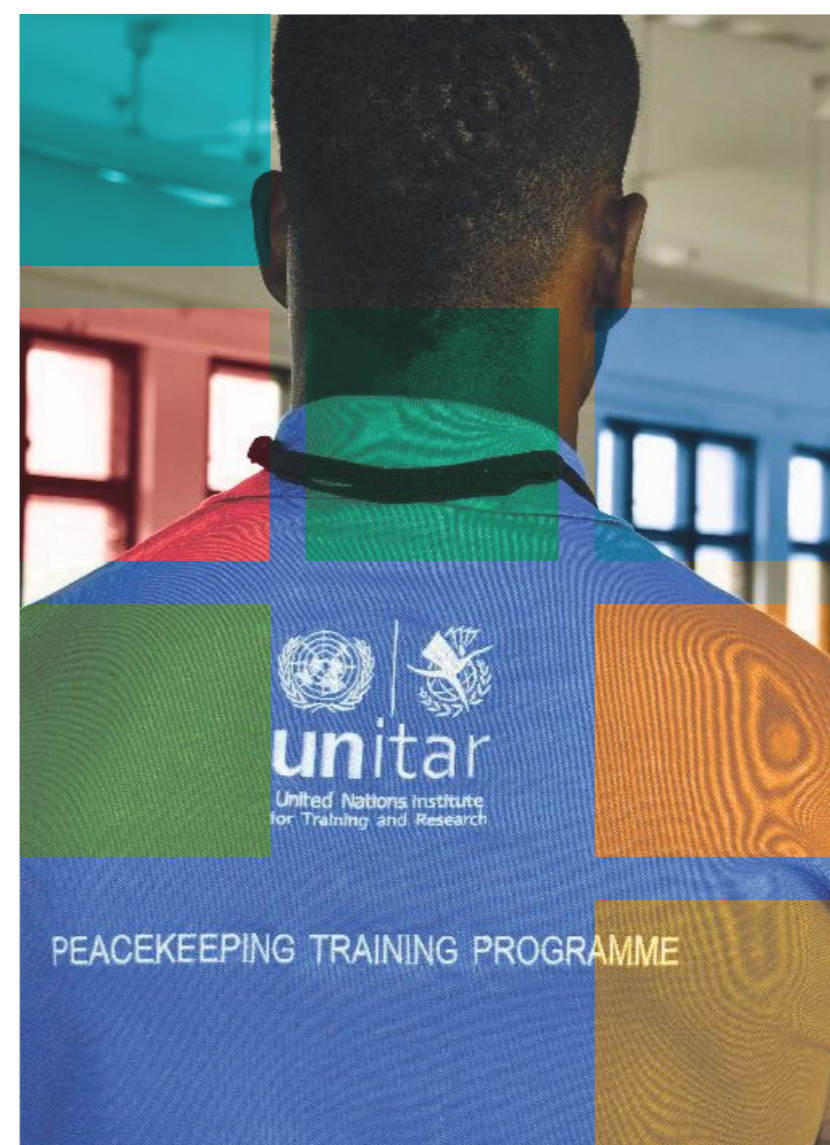
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Message from the Leadership



Building a sustainable future lies at the core of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda which posits the interlinked nature of a sustainable development and the strengthening of a universal peace. To achieve this crucial objective, UNITAR keeps developing its capacity-building services to support the establishment of peaceful, just and inclusive societies through innovative learning solutions to individuals, organizations and institutions to enhance global decision-making and support country-level action for shaping a better future.

Over the last year, the COVID-19 pandemic persisted and continued to be felt across the world. Despite the challenges, 2021 saw our unflinching determination and renewed commitment to implementing innovative learning solutions for a sustainable peace. As will be shown in this report, however, the Division for Peace continued to adapt to the pandemic's long-term effects and

remained determined to achieve the global objective of building back better.

Remarkably, with over 29,000 beneficiaries for a total of 272 events, the Division's team has performed outstandingly well to keep a high level of delivery through these turbulent times, and even built on this situation to imagine even more inventive ways of delivery. Exploring the numerous potentialities of technology, the Division developed leading edge digital tools to further facilitate the access to our learning and training activities for our beneficiaries. Tailor-made methodologies and innovative hybrid formats allowed for an efficient outreach.

2021 was also a year of continued strategic progress and expansion. UNITAR has successfully taken office in Bonn, in the centre of Europe, which opens a new range of possibilities of partnerships, but also broadened its activities in Niger and secured presence in the highly

strategic G5 Sahel region. Consistent with this choice to geographically develop our activities, the Division's team kept growing and welcomed new members to consolidate our work in different areas such as rule of law and the humanitarian sector.

It is clear that the successes that have been achieved are the result of the considerable amount of work provided by the team combined with the renewed support of our partners and donors under the leadership of the Advisory Board. Thanks to the joint efforts of all thematic pillars, a certain number of important projects have been carried out in pre-deployment training, peacebuilding, conflict prevention, disarmament, youth and women empowerment, rule of law, and energy.

We could have hardly achieved these results without the instrumental commitment in delivering on our mandate

towards the consolidation of peace and the implementation of our Sustainable Development Goals.

Evariste Karambizi
Director, Division for Peace
UNITAR







Results-based Approach to Capacity Building

 **29,862**
INDIVIDUALS TRAINED



 Our commitment to Education
6,086 Online Courses Participants and Postgraduate Students










25 Free Online Courses  **5** Master Degrees

 **3** Languages
12 Online Courses for UNVs **272** Training Events
103 Face-to-Face 169 Online



Our other Thematic Areas

10,001 Individuals trained in

-  Youth empowerment
-  Social inclusion in conflict affected contexts
-  Peacemaking and conflict prevention
-  Sustainable energy
-  Gender
-  Conflict analysis
-  Rule of law
-  Human rights
-  Disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration



Global Reach for Universal Peace

Our Offices



Bonn, Germany

Geneva, Switzerland

Bamako, Mali



Peacemaking and Conflict Prevention



Pre-deployment Training and Advisory



Youth and Women Empowerment



Recovery and Resilience



Youth-led Peace and Reconciliation in Colombia



Online Learning and Education



Sustainable Energy



Rule of Law



Cross-cutting

Americas



USA
Effective Weapons and Ammunition Management in a Changing DDR Context - 2021 Training of Trainers.

Haiti
Effective Weapons and Ammunition Management in a Changing DDR Context - 2021 Training of Trainers.

Colombia
Women's Leadership for Peace.

Training for National Human Rights Institutions on the UN Human Rights System.

Effective Weapons and Ammunition Management in a Changing DDR Context - 2021 Training of Trainers.

Training of Trainers on the Revised Integrated Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Standards (IDDRS) for Advanced Learners.

Youth-led Peace and Reconciliation in Colombia.

Ecuador
Training for National Human Rights Institutions on the UN Human Rights System.

Peru
Effective Weapons and Ammunition Management in a Changing DDR Context - 2021 Training of Trainers.

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Africa

Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Mali, Sierra Leone, Togo and Uganda
Effective Weapons and Ammunition Management in a Changing DDR Context - 2021 Training of Trainers.

Ghana, Mauritania, Republic of Congo, Supporting the pre-deployment preparation of Formed Police Units (FPUs) and Individual Police Officers (IPOs).

Burkina Faso, Chad, Ghana, Kenya, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, and Togo
Strengthening Response Capacities of Medical and Para-Medical Personnel Deployed to UN Peace Operations.

Senegal
Support to Towards Gender Parity for Justice and Corrections Government-Provided Personnel (GPP).

Mali

- Training of Trainers.
 - Colloquium on electoral litigation.
 - Criminal procedure and ethics for magistrates.
 - Criminal procedure for criminal investigation officers.
 - Penal procedure for criminal investigation officers.
 - Quality of judgement.
- Reinforcement of the capabilities of the medical and paramedical personnel of the Malian Armed Forces (FAMa) psychiatric unit— Training component and Campaigns component.
 - Supporting the free and fair elections in Mali.

Libya

- Training on Monitoring & Evaluation Framework - Logical Framework.
- Training on Project Implementation and Technical Reporting.
- Training of Trainers on Conflict Reduction Strategy Design.
- Training on Financial Management and Financial Reporting.
- Training on Conflict Management: Conflict Prevention, Conflict Resolution and Transformation.
- Training on Strategic Communications Towards Donors and Local Communities.
- Libyan Electoral Security Workshop.
- Legal Workshop for the Central Committee for Municipal Council Elections in Libya (CCMCE).

African Continent

- African Youth Charter Hustlers Initiative.
- FemWise Training Series.

Liberia

Impact for Peace SFF.

Benin and Burkina Faso, Chad, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Niger, Tanzania and Togo
Support to Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI) Troop Contributing Countries Pre-Deployment Training.

Supporting the pre-deployment preparation of Formed Police Units (FPUs) and Individual Police Officers (IPOs).

Ethiopia, Ghana and Kenya

Training for National Human Rights Institutions on the UN Human Rights System.

Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Rwanda and Senegal

Effective Weapons and Ammunition Management in a Changing DDR Context.

Somalia and Togo

Training of Trainers on the Revised Integrated Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Standards (IDDRS) for Advanced Learners.

Ghana, Mali, Nigeria and Somalia

Strengthening AU Early Warning Capacity through Human Rights Integration.

Sierra Leone and Central African Republic

OSE Case Study missions on strengthening the capacity of member states in the use of the Continental Results Framework (CRF) For monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security agenda in Africa.

Uganda

Youth Peacemaker Network.

Rwanda

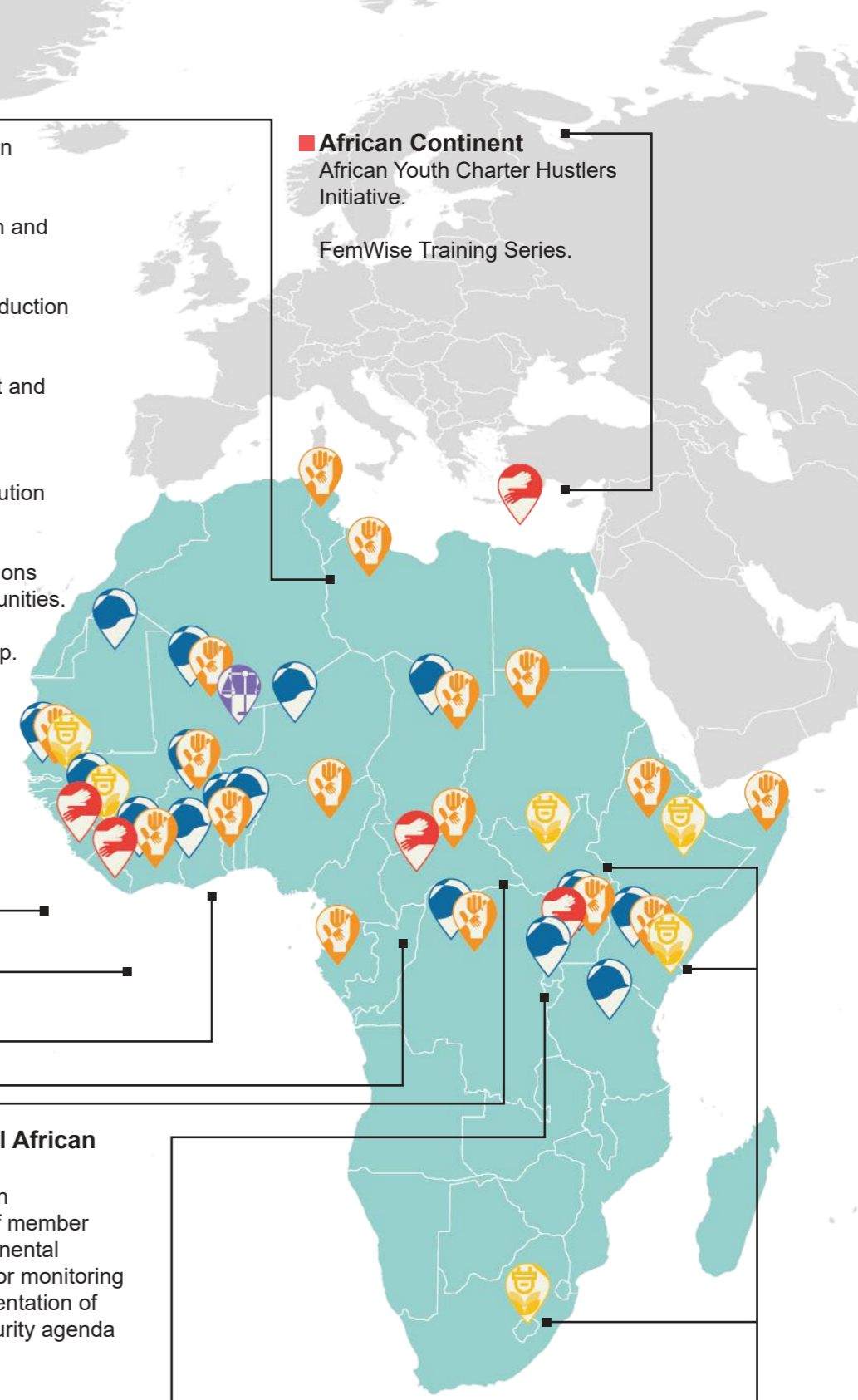
Development of Training Standards for Corrections Personnel Deploying to Peacekeeping missions, Special Political missions and Transition Settings.

Rwanda and Uganda

Support to Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI) Troop Contributing Countries Pre-Deployment Training.

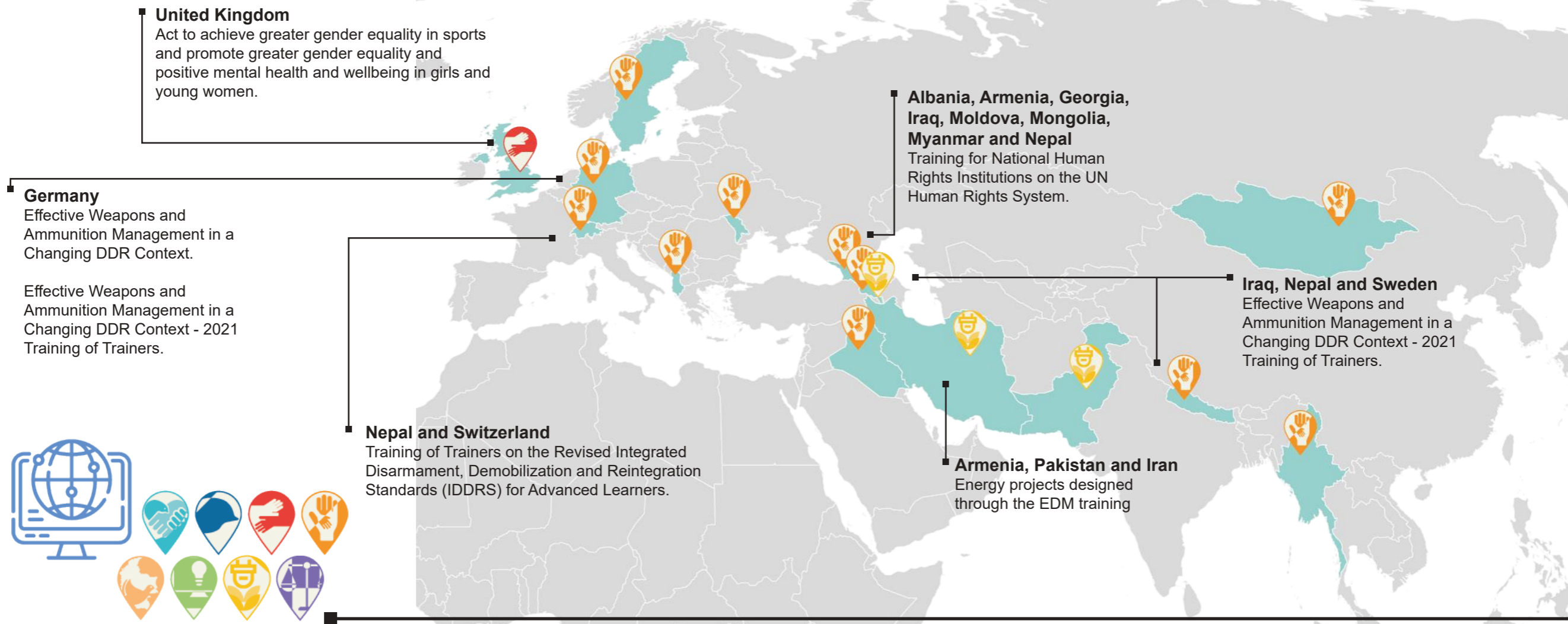
Senegal, Guinea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Sudan and South Sudan

Energy projects designed through the EDM training





Europe, Asia and Online Presence



- Online/Global**
 - Fellowship Programme in Peacemaking and Preventive Diplomacy.
 - UNITAR Regional Training Programme to Enhance Conflict Prevention and Peacemaking in Africa.
- Military Gender Advisor Course**
- Explore Your Changemaker Potential – EdApp Course.**
 - Senior Leadership for Peace.
 - Women’s Leadership for Peace Launch Event.
- Online course “The UN Approach to DDR” as part of UNITAR support to the IAWG-DDR and IDDRTG.**
- Weaving Stories of Reconciliation.**

- Perspectives of Peace, online artistic exhibition on Peacebuilding.
- Diplomacy and Conflict Management.**
 - Innov-Elections.
 - The role of humanitarian action and peacebuilding in pandemics and emergencies.
- GPA Data Directions Deep-Dive.**
 - Landscaping - Capacity Building and Knowledge Sharing Opportunities.
 - Donor Dialogue: Mainstreaming Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement.
 - Workshop on Energy Access for Displaced Population in the Sahel.

- GIZ / GPA Nigerian Energy Transition Workshop.
- Clean Energy Challenge.
- How to ensure long-term activities in short-term funding? - A Guarantee Mechanism in Humanitarian Energy Contracts.
- Making Markets Work | Models for Private Sector Engagement in Humanitarian Energy.
- Clean and safe energy in refugee settings: Moving forward on the Clean Energy Challenge.
- Field Stories - Presenting Solutions to Improve Household Electricity Access.
- Leaving (really) no one behind: Energy Access in Fragile and Conflict Areas.

- Government officials’ workshop on Clean Energy for Forced Displacement Settings.
- Sustainable Energy in Humanitarian Settings.
- Cooking Energy in Displacement Settings.
- Integrate Renewable Energy into Humanitarian Response Planning.
- Sustainable energy for small businesses in displacement settings.
- Refugee Voices: Green Energy for Jobs.
- Peace in Focus Magazine.**
 - Leveraging Technology for Learning.





Thematic areas



Peacemaking and Conflict Prevention



Pre-deployment Training and Advisory



Youth and Women Empowerment



Recovery and Resilience



Youth-led Peace and Reconciliation in Colombia



Online Learning and Education



Sustainable Energy



Rule of Law





Peacemaking and Conflict Prevention



85 Senior and Mid-Level Fellows Trained



44%
Women



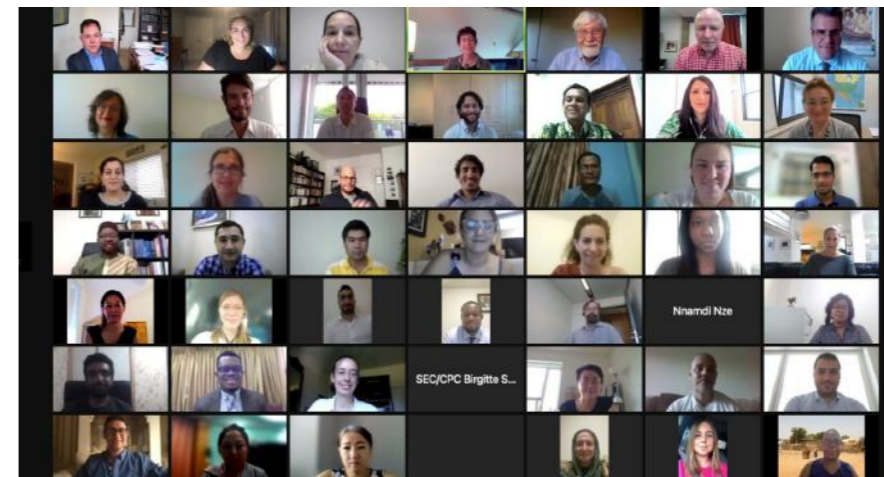
Peacemaking and Conflict Prevention Programme

The UN Secretary-General has highlighted his key priorities are the prevention of violent conflict and the “primacy of political solutions”. In this work, he stresses the vital role of regional organizations, in particular the African Union, as key partners in peacemaking and in sustaining peace. The Institute’s Programme in Peacemaking and Conflict Prevention has been designed to address these priorities. Dedicated Fellowship Programmes at the International and regional level in Africa strengthen the capacities of key female and male actors in governments, the United Nations, regional organisations and civil society to deepen their knowledge and strengthen their skills in peacemaking and conflict prevention to contribute to lasting peace. Fellows and officials are most grateful for these unique opportunities and to the governments of Norway, Finland and Sweden for making these much-needed programmes possible.



Seminar for Special and Personal Representatives and Envoys of the Secretary-General

This high-level exchange of knowledge and experience among senior officials has been postponed to 2022 due to the pandemic. Planning continues to identify challenges facing UN peace operations and on key priority areas for the exchange of lessons on practice.



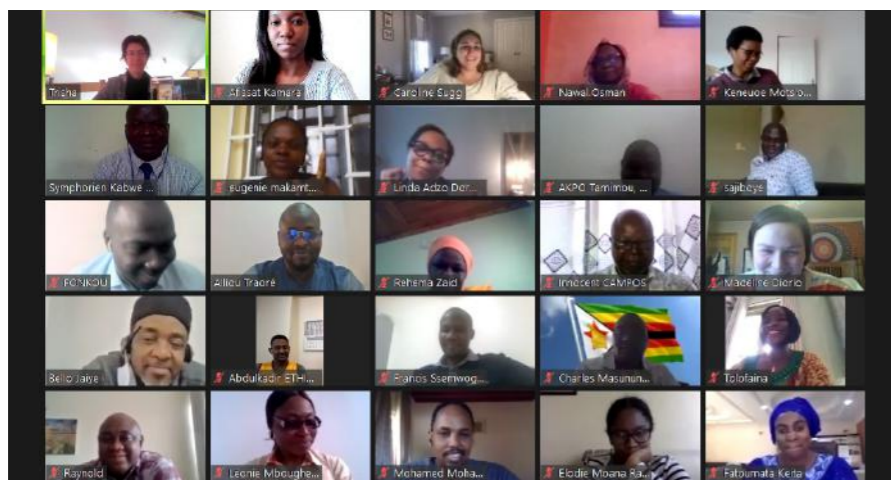
Fellowship Programme in Peacemaking and Preventive Diplomacy

Under-Secretaries-General of key UN Departments and Agencies are invited to nominate senior and mid-level UN headquarters and peace mission staff to take part in the annual Fellowship Programme in Peacemaking and Preventive Diplomacy. Secretary-Generals of regional and sub-regional organizations and Ministries of Foreign Affairs around the world, similarly, nominate their senior and mid-level staff. Forty-six Fellows were selected for the 2021 Fellowship Programme conducted live and online. Female officials and staff counted among 44% of officials trained including two Ambassadors, senior regional organization officials and UN peace mission staff. Fellows engaged in the theory and practice of conflict analysis, negotiation and mediation, shared lessons learned, and dialogue sessions with experts. Senior female leaders and practitioners count among the key resource persons including the SRSR to the African Union and the ASG for Human Rights.



Ricardo Neves, Human Rights Officer and Civic Space Unit Coordinator, OHCHR Honduras

“The Fellowship Programme was an amazing experience. It was the best training programme of my entire life. The effort and excellence of facilitators and experts ensured a high quality, cheerful and engaging course, and the careful selection of participants ensured a unique learning experience. My work includes a great deal of preventive diplomacy, and the course allowed me to pick up a number of useful tools on how to successfully engage in difficult bilateral or multilateral dialogue, as well as to receive feedback on my approaches to negotiation and mediation.”



UNITAR Regional Training Programme to Enhance Conflict Prevention and Peacemaking in Africa

Special Representatives of the UN Secretary-General on the continent both teach in and are invited to nominate senior and mid-level staff for the programme. Offices of Presidents and Prime Ministers, Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Heads of key African Union Departments, and Secretary-Generals of sub-regional organizations nominate staff to enhance their knowledge and practical skills in conflict analysis, negotiation and mediation. Thirty-nine senior and mid-level officials and representatives completed the intensive programme with female participants counting among 44% of diplomats, regional organization, peace mission staff and civil society representatives trained. A number of diplomats were from countries on the African Union Peace and Security Council, and two FemWise members completed the programme. The SRSR to the African Union and UN Special Envoy to the Horn of Africa engaged in dialogue sessions with the participating officials. In the third and fourth quarters, the second Francophone Africa dedicated Regional Training to Enhance Conflict Prevention and Peacemaking in Central Africa was designed and planned for 40 senior and mid-level officials to be conducted in January 2022.

Mohamud Muse Tarey, Political Affairs and Mediation Group United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia
Regional Training Programme to Enhance Conflict Prevention and Peacemaking in Africa

“The UNITAR team as well as the resource people were extremely knowledgeable, and rich with field experience. The methods used, and environment were brilliant.”



Indigenous Peoples and UNITAR

Activities during 2021 involved briefing dialogues with the Members of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and with the Board of Trustees of the OHCHR UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples on strategic partnership and collaboration. Three of the sixteen Expert Members of the UN Permanent Forum, and two of the five BoT Members, including the Chairperson of the UN Voluntary Fund are alumni of the UNITAR Training Programme to Enhance the Conflict Prevention and Peacemaking Capacities of Indigenous Peoples’ Representatives. Alumni continue their strategic work. Planning discussions have also been underway with senior Indigenous resource persons and alumni on requested training programmes for Indigenous representatives to be implemented once funds are secured.

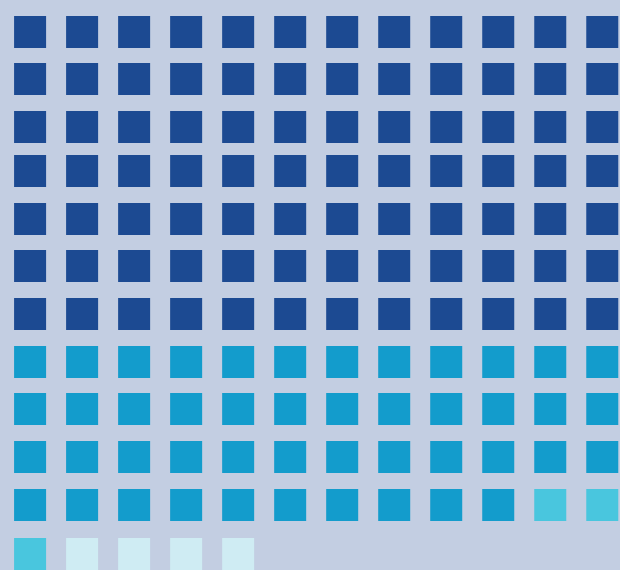


Pre-deployment Training and Advisory



13,690

Individuals trained



- Military
- Police
- Medics
- Others



Development of Training Standards for Corrections Personnel Deploying to Peacekeeping missions, Special Political missions and Transition Settings

Having clearly articulated training standards, closely tied to performance, is crucial for the success of a training. This initiative focuses on the development of training standards in order to better equip corrections officers, including government provided corrections personnel, with a common set of administrative and security principles, underpinned by international standards.

The transformation of correction activities has profoundly impacted the work of Government Provided Personnel (GPPs) in the field. In particular, GPPs have been confronted with a new method of working with national prison authorities and new mandate delivery expectations, grounded in evolving human rights standards and a new prison support policy at UNHQ. Such changes have deeply impacted on GPP performance, and ultimately on the overall impact of correction initiatives on the implementation of the mandate itself.



▲ UNITAR trainers lead an activity during a training with female correction officers.

◀ UNITAR trainer practices a technique with a correction officer during a training.

Against this backdrop, the Correction Pre-Deployment Framework has been conceived to strengthen the operational performance of GPP personnel deployed to UN peace operations. Acknowledging that many factors influence GPP performance, the Correction Pre-Deployment Framework focuses on three generic drivers for performance: capacity/capability, motivation and opportunity. When GPPs have the capacity/capability, motivation and opportunity to fulfill mandated tasks, they will be able to effectively support national prison services and contribute to the overall mission's mandate.

UNITAR, together with partners from JCS, USPPS, DPO Gender, and the Office of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), supported this framework through convening several workshops, Training Working Groups (in Sweden), and peer reviews, as well as a two week-long pilot training held in Rwanda from May 24 to June 4, 2021.



Pre-deployment Training for TCCs in collaboration with GPOI

Since 2014, UNITAR has been collaborating with the Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI) by developing and delivering two orientation modules: one addressing military staff officers, and the other addressing the military formation in total. The objective of these modules is to create an advanced and shared understanding among African troops of the basic peacekeeping principles, guidelines, and policies. This understanding leads to a change in attitude and behaviours of peacekeepers, and therefore a more effective and coherent functioning of peacekeeping operations. In the past year, UNITAR has trained 7,945 soldiers from 10 African countries (Guinea, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, Togo, Chad, Niger and Benin) deploying to 4 most at-risk peacekeeping missions on the continent: MINUSMA, MINUSCA, UNMISS, MONUSCO - as well as the UN Guard Unit deploying to Somalia (UNSOM). Each training session was delivered by a mixed team of experienced trainers with long-time hands-on peacekeeping experience, and with a strong understanding of the peacekeeping environment. Particular attention was paid on prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA).



Support towards Gender Parity for Justice and Corrections Government-Provided Personnel (GPP)

Recognizing that women continue to face significant barriers to equitable and meaningful participation in peace operations, UNITAR and the UN DPO Justice and Corrections Service (JCS) jointly held an Assessment and outreach exercise for women corrections officers in Dakar, Senegal. The exercise aimed to ultimately help increase the number of women GPP corrections officers in peace operations, while simultaneously strengthening the overall quality of deployed GPPs, in line with actions and targets of the Uniformed Gender Parity Strategy 2018-2028. The comprehensive scenario-based assessment served to distill each candidate's competencies, based on the job requirements, while also giving the candidates a solid understanding of what life in mission might look like. General areas assessed included communication skills, teamwork, advising and mentoring, planning, and organizing. All 59 candidates reported a high level of satisfaction with the event, as well as increased confidence. Discussions will continue with partners on how to best operationalize lessons learned and further integrate this into the regular assessment process.



Mboahangy Fanambinana Rakotoarisoa, GPP Corrections officer, MINUSMA

"The participation of women in UN peace operations is real and undeniable. UNITAR's efforts in co-organizing the process of recruiting and evaluating women corrections experts are laudable. At the end of the assessment and outreach exercise, held in Dakar, Senegal, MINUSMA Justice and Corrections Service (JCS) was able to identify potential candidates for Government-Provided Personnel (GPP) positions, who could strengthen its team in the Corrections unit and promote gender parity. This work was marked by information-sharing sessions for future candidates. As a co-facilitator, I shared my experiences in a UN mission as a GPP woman."



Reinforcement of the capabilities of the medical and paramedical personnel of the Malian Armed Forces (FAMa) psychiatric unit

Training component

The Malian population as well as its soldiers are heavily affected by the conflict that has been going on since 2012. The complex environment of the country, the constant danger, the injuries and deaths of comrades and friends, the isolation and tangible deprivation of food, drink and sleep, can have profound and prolonged psychological and somatic consequences on the human body and psyche. A significant number of members of the Malian armed forces (FAMa) suffer from a wide range of debilitating psychological symptoms, and many suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other similar severe conditions (depression, anxiety, obsessive-compulsive disorder, etc.).

From November 2020 to August 2021, UNITAR has trained the 15 members of the personnel of the Psychiatric Unit of the FAMa, to provide them with the psychiatric knowledge and skills necessary for the identification and management of mental and behavioural disorders within a psychiatric unit.

This component is part of a bigger project that aims to contribute to improving the safety and security of male and female members of Malian Armed Forces. The project foresees a series of activities that are clustered around four major tiers:

- Rehabilitation of physical infrastructures.
- Reinforcement of the capabilities, motivation and opportunities of medical and paramedical personnel.
- Health behaviour communication campaign for members of the medical and paramedical personnel of the FAMa.
- Health behaviour communication campaign for members of the armed forces.

Campaigns component

The stigma of trauma is still widely present in the Malian culture, including in the Malian Armed Forces. Despite the growing number of soldiers seeking support within



the premises of the psychiatric unit in Kati, research shows that most of the affected soldiers rarely seek help. With a sensitization campaign, UNITAR aims to support the Malian Army with making an essential step towards the establishment of a supportive “work culture” that is positively responsive to the psychological challenges faced by personnel working in the field. The objectives of the campaigns are to change beliefs, attitude, and behaviours of members of the Malian armed forces towards stress, traumatic events and other symptoms related to combat stress reactions and traumas. Many of them are not aware that they have a disorder or believe that the symptoms are a natural and inevitable outcome of their horrific experiences. Others realize their plight but are reluctant to seek help.

Similarly, the FAMa medical and paramedical personnel are exposed to risks of trauma and vicarious trauma by the nature of their work. Trauma-informed approach to medical care is therefore central to their work as well as the understanding of the impact of trauma on their own well-being. This campaign supports medical and paramedical personnel inactively contributing to the trauma-informed approach to medical care, which will in turn lead to a concrete change in behaviour, and ultimately, to an effective response to stress and trauma of soldiers.



Strengthening Response Capacities of Medical and Para-Medical Personnel Deployed to UN Peace Operations

Modern peacekeeping comes with extraordinary personal risk to those who serve the cause of peace: since 1948, over 3,500 United Nations (UN) personnel have lost their lives in peace operations, including over 900 due to acts of violence. Medical and paramedical personnel play a crucial role in missions by providing immediate response to injuries and thus reducing casualties - yet multiple UN documents have pointed to the urgent need to improve medical training, standards, and equipment. Against this backdrop, this project - generously funded by the Government of Canada - targeted gender-balanced groups of military and police medical and para-medical personnel in eight African countries (Burkina Faso, Chad, Kenya, Ghana, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, and Togo) deploying to 4 high-risk missions: MINUSMA, MINUSCA, MONUSCO and UNMISS. Despite the multitude of COVID-19 challenges and based on

evaluation results, this initiative made a tangible difference to the performance of medical personnel, and thus helped preserve or improve the lives of those dedicated to protecting peace. In addition to face-to-face practical training delivered on the ground, UNITAR also developed a mobile application (UN MissionMed), which summarizes key policies and procedures, supplements the core person-centered, trauma informed UNITAR pre-deployment medical training, and is based on relevant UN manuals and policies.



Supporting the free and fair elections in Mali

Free and fair elections are the foundation of every healthy democracy, ensuring that government authority derives from the will of the people. But to have confidence that their elections are truly free and fair, voters need to be assured of more than just a well-managed polling day. Security forces play a crucial role prior, during and after elections. UNITAR supports free and fair elections in Mali by strengthening the crisis management capacities of Malian National Police, National Gendarmerie, National Guard and Civilian Protection. Between 31 August and 24 September 2021, UNITAR trained 20 Master trainers (representatives of the four forces), who in turn trained 60 trainers that will be responsible for the roll-out of the sessions at the tactical level. Finally, between 28 September and 2 October, UNITAR sensitized 12 Individual Police Officers (IPOs) from MINUSMA - in charge of the training of Malian Security Forces - on the training program developed by the instructional team.

UNITAR also worked closely with CECOGE in Mali to organize a full-scale exercise on securing elections. The exercise was carried out on October 3, 2021. Several critical incident scenarios were developed to validate the operational capacity of the FSM. Following this exercise, a summary report was presented to various countries on November 25, 2021. This summary report presents the observers’ observations as well as the inherent recommendations. A total of 400 FSM took part in this huge simulation.



Supporting the pre-deployment preparation of Formed Police Units (FPUs) and Individual Police Officers (IPOs)

Since 2016, UNITAR has been supporting the implementation of the Strategic Guidance Framework for International Police Peacekeeping, by directly contributing to capacity building and development efforts prior to deployment to UN peace operations. Recognizing that police capacity building and development is a long-term effort that must reach all levels of an institution, UNITAR activities focus on training, monitoring, advising and mentoring of Formed Police Units (FPUs) and Individual Police Officers (IPOs) and contribute to strengthening accountability and oversight by emphasizing the respect for the rule of law – at all levels.

By leveraging on the experienced acquired since 2017, the project aimed to reach a broader number of Police Contributing Countries (PCCs), allowing for increased standardization of preparation prior to deployment (in line with UN standards), which – in turn – is expected to impact positively on operations in the field and eventually on policing functions at the national level. To facilitate this process, the project has put particular emphasis on building local capacities, through the development of institutional frameworks and operational plans for both regional centers of reference for IPOs / FPUs training, as well as national police training centres.



Military Gender Advisor Course - Online training

For UN peace operations to better integrate a gender perspective in the implementation of their mandates, with the support of the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) and the government of France, UN DPO and UNITAR have developed the first UN training dedicated to military gender advisers and military gender focal points within peace operations.

This training enables participants to be sufficiently equipped to act as gender advisers or gender focal points in the military component of peace operations, thus putting into practice the UN Security Council resolutions on Women Peace and Security, while also increasing the consideration for socio-cultural context of the theatres of operations, child protection and conflict-related sexual violence and gender-based violence. The course comprises 5 modules: Key Concepts; Military Networks and Tasks; UN mandate and WPS Resolution; Key stakeholders and coordination mechanisms; and Gender analysis and impact assessment.



Youth and Women Empowerment



Beneficiaries

685



7%
Other

33%
Men

60%

Women



Youth-led Peacebuilding in Liberia - Impact for Peace Pilot Project

In a transition towards locally owned sustainable and inclusive peace in Liberia, supporting and amplifying the voices of youth as key custodians of peace is of the utmost importance. Therefore, in March 2021, UNITAR and Angie Brooks International Centre (ABIC) delivered a training of trainers programme for six young Liberians, where the newly trainers were able to bring the Impact for Peace format to 30 new participants in Gbarnga City. Through this pilot training, Impact for Peace helped empowering youth to contribute meaningfully to their country’s economic, social, and environmental vitality, away from crime and violence, as they stabilize their communities, to in the end contribute to:

- Increased agency for young people with regards to their potential to act as a changemaker/ peacebuilder at the individual and societal level.
- Enhanced knowledge and skills of young people to develop project prototypes in the field of peace and sustainable development.
- Enhanced capacity of selected young people to deliver the Impact for Peace training program.



Boima Konneh, participant

“I need to use what I learnt during the ToT to inspire others to make change in their communities and to understand that our generation of leaders have the capacity and can shoulder the responsibility for peaceful transformation”.



Support to the African Union Youth Envoy: African Youth Charter Hustler Initiative

The African Youth Charter Hustlers Initiative was launched at a critical moment for youth on the African continent as July 2021 marked the 15th anniversary of the adoption of the African Youth Charter. This flagship initiative, spearheaded by the African Union Office of the Youth Envoy with the technical support of the African Union Youth Division and in collaboration with UNITAR, engages 110 dynamic young activists and advocates with strong networks and influence in their countries to champion the ratification implementation and strengthening of the African Youth Charter and the youth agenda in their various countries. To support them on the start of their missions, UNITAR and partners have throughout the year hosted several consultations rounds and created a dedicated short course to help the Hustlers in the creation of their national action plans, to inform their activities over the next two years.



Support to the WPMI Youth Peacemaker Network

In communities impacted by conflict, the Youth Peacemaker Network (YPN) – the Whitaker Peace and Development Initiative’s (WPMI) flagship programme – seeks to bring together young women and men who want to be forces for good and voices for change. Participants are trained, mentored and supported to create coalitions of peacebuilders and entrepreneurs who can work together to



plant and nurture the seeds of peace and development in their communities and their countries. The work of the peacemakers, through community dialogues, teaching peace education in local primary and secondary schools, or the small businesses that WPDI strives to support, all adds up to ensure that, in the end, local actors can transform their communities at the grassroots level.

For this programme, UNITAR has contributed with methodological and content revision of the WPDI Training of Trainers programme for the Youth Peacemaker Network, to increase the capacity of young peacemakers to disseminate knowledge and skills in vulnerable and conflict-affected communities, notably in South Sudan, South Africa and Uganda.



Taking the WPS Agenda Forward: UNITAR Support to The Office of the Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on Women, Peace and Security

In its continued efforts towards the realisation of the goals outlined in the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda, UNITAR has joined forces with The Office of the Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on Women, Peace and Security (OSE) through the secondment of a Gender Monitoring Specialist. With the gracious support of the US government through USAID, beginning in June 2021 the Specialist has been leading the OSE's support to Member States, Regional Economic Communities, and civil society actors to accelerate the delivery of the WPS Agenda, ensuring states are accountable and committed to the WPS Agenda and that the role and leadership of women in peace processes is strengthened on the African continent. Through this partnership, UNITAR and the OSE are supporting a diverse range of actors to make National Action Plans more tangible, moving from frameworks to action by supporting the roll out of the Continental Results Framework (CRF) for monitoring and reporting on the WPS Agenda in Africa.



Custodians of Peace - Support to the Network of African Women Mediators and Negotiators (FemWise Africa)

UNITAR and the FemWise Africa Secretariat joined forces to deliver a wide range of capacity building activities, serving the members of the FemWise Africa network. These trailblazing women are already leading transformational change within their direct environments – reaching from community peacebuilding work to national reconciliation processes. Through the discovery or reinforcement of knowledge and skills in a wide range of topics related to conflict prevention and mediation, FemWise-Africa members working in various socio-political contexts had the opportunity to participate in a training series, designed to improve the quality of their work while promoting social inclusion, the empowerment of women, and peace in their respective communities.



Enhancing Women's Leadership for Peace - Launch Event and Training Programme

On the occasion of the International Women's Day 2021, UNITAR started breaking new ground by launching the Women's Leadership for Peace programme to support the advancement of more women into leadership positions within the peace and security fields through targeted capacity building measures. The event offered a timely and much-needed platform for advancing



discussions on the importance and current challenges of women in leadership within the peace and security fields and the role of training and capacity building in overcoming these challenges. UNITAR is now working to integrate this programming into existing projects as well as developing new projects specifically linked to rolling out the curriculum that was developed at the beginning 2021, including with the Rwandan National Police, peacebuilding and women’s organisations in Colombia, and in the form of a summer school for young women leaders.



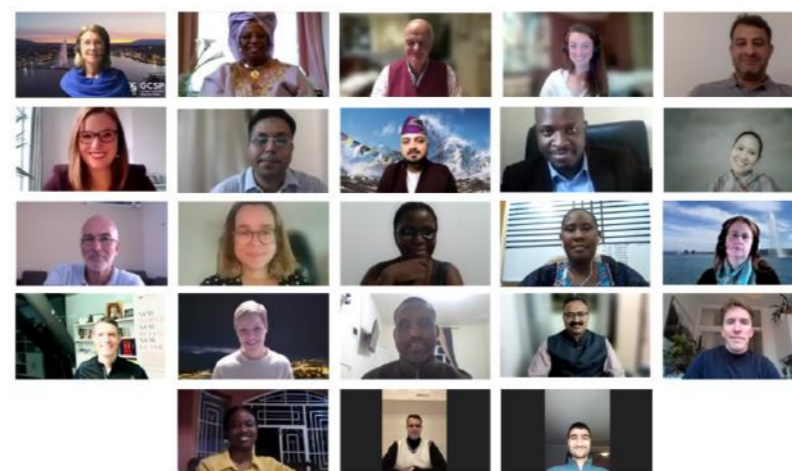
Act to achieve greater gender equality in sports and promote greater gender equality and positive mental health and wellbeing in girls and young women

UNITAR is breaking new grounds on gender equality and sports with the Premier League Changemakers, a joint initiative with the Premier League Charitable Fund (PLCF) and Sport Relief (SR) to support girls and young women to develop their personal skills and positive attitudes for leadership in a groundbreaking gender equality and mental health programme.

As a key milestone, UNITAR developed a leadership course following consultation with PLCF, Club Community Organisations (CCOs) and youth voice, to be delivered to over 900 young women and girls participating in the project. In July and August of 2021 two Training of Trainers (ToT) were organized and executed by UNITAR to provide the coaches who will be delivering the leadership programme with the relevant knowledge, skills and support needed to effectively do so. Delivery of the leadership programme commenced roll out in some clubs across the UK over the summer, with the majority getting underway in September 2021. A large-scale high-level celebration event will be held at Aston Villa on International Women’s Day in 2022.

UNITAR and EdApp Educate All initiative - free and open online course: Explore Your Changemaker Potential

We live in a world full of options and noise, which can be challenging for changemakers to navigate. In support of peacebuilders that are just starting their journeys, UNITAR has therefore created a free and open tool on the digital EdApp platform, where participants are able to explore processes that guide them towards creating positive changes in the world. Utilising self-reflection exercises, inspirational questions, and by providing guides towards creating individual plans of action, this course helps participants regardless of previous experience to initiate change that reflects their individual personalities and that responds to concrete and realistic needs in the world. The micro-sized tool is available in English, Spanish, French, Chinese, Russian, Arabic, and Portuguese, and is perfectly adapted for both smartphone and computer users.



Enhancing Leadership for Peacebuilding - UNITAR and GCSP Senior-Level Course on Peacebuilding

UNITAR and partners continue to explore innovative, collaborative and inspirational leadership approaches that reflect the challenges of building sustainable peace in contexts of polarisation, violence and conflict. For the 13th consecutive year, these unique set of leadership tools has been shared with practitioners in the wider peace and security field in the format of a senior leadership course. During this 7-day virtual course, participants explored different mindsets, skills, and tools required for nurturing, fostering, and developing effective and forward leaning leadership for peace. This learning was complemented by participants working on a personal leadership challenge with the support of mentors.





Recovery and Resilience



512

Beneficiaries
in over

35

Countries





Support to IAWG-DDR and to IDDRTG

As a member of both the Inter-Agency Working Group on DDR and the Integrated Disarmament Demobilization and Reintegration Training Group, UNITAR work is a key bridge between policy and capacity-building on DDR. The role of UNITAR has been instrumental in the dissemination of the newly revised Integrated DDR Standards through the direct collaboration with the UN agencies members of the IAWG and the Training Institutes who form part of the IDDRTG. Some concrete examples are represented by the initiative on WAM in DDR developed with DPO and UNODA and the support to FBA, CCCPA, and BICC capacity-building initiatives, enriched by UNITAR online courses on DDR and methodological support. Moreover, UNITAR has been able to support the creation of linkages between the work of the UN and the African Union on DDR, including the AU Operational Guidance Notes in its capacity-building initiatives on DDR.



UNITAR / UNDP(LEP) Training Programme for the Libyan Central Committee for Municipal Council Elections (CCMCE)

In partnership with UNDP (LEP), UNITAR has supported democratic governance in Libya by strengthening the capacities of the Legal Unit of the Central Committee for Municipal Council

Elections (CCMCE) to be able to better represent the position of CCMCE in trials related to contested municipal election processes. Despite the nationally challenging environment, municipal elections were, and remain, a significant step towards addressing a central demand of the 2011 revolution, more specifically the decentralization of governance. From 28 November to 10 December UNITAR trained in Tunis members of the CCMCE representing the Council and the Legal Department and lawyers from the State Lawsuits Cases Authority (SLC) in handling the electoral disputes they face throughout the electoral cycle for the municipal elections in Libya.



Facilitated Online Training of Trainers on the Revised Integrated Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Standards (IDDRS) for Advanced Learners

UNITAR together with the Bonn Institute for Conflict Studies (BICC) and with the support of the Department of Peace Operations (DPO) designed a blended facilitated online training programme for experienced DDR practitioners on the revised UN Integrated Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Standards (IDDRS). The programme combines a virtual Training of Trainers for an audience with advanced DDR expertise and a scenario-based self-paced online course, which was designed to complement the existing UNITAR basic online course on the UN approach to DDR. The 5-week facilitated online training of trainers includes live thematic sessions, delivered by DDR experts, and training methodology sessions, delivered by UNITAR training specialists. During the course, participants are asked to acquire new knowledge through the online modules on DDR-related thematic issues and on training methodologies, which are then applied in the practical sessions, where participants can practice delivering the training activities applying the learned methodologies and practice designing and delivering a new more advanced activity for future DDR audience.



Stabilization Facility for Libya - Stronger for Libya, SFL2 Output 3: Local Peace Structures and Conflict Management Capacity

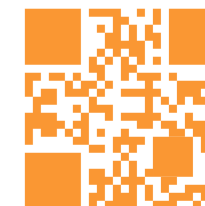
Since 2020, UNITAR has been building the capacities of Libyan civil society organisations to contribute to Libya’s stabilization efforts at the community level through a blended training, mentoring and coaching programme. In this framework, in 2021 six trainings covering the topics of Conflict Analysis and Project Management were designed and delivered benefiting a total of 21 organisations coming from different cities across the country. The trainings were delivered alongside a series of 1-to-1 coaching and mentoring sessions aimed at supporting the organisations to consolidate the knowledge and skills acquired as they apply and implement UNDP’s small grant schemes.

Ramdan Khairalla, participant

“I attended the Communication training; prior attending, I thought communication meant only (phone - internet - sending - receiving); however, after attending the first day of the training, I realized that communication encompasses much more than the concept I had in mind, and I gained a better understanding of what communication is and how the body language is indeed part of communicating with others, and that communication is far more than the internet, mobile, etc. Now I understand what communication is, how it works, and what kinds of communication there are. I learned how to pick the right time to talk to someone about a given issue and how to connect with him/her more effectively”.

Participant of the Training of Trainers Conflict Reduction Strategy Design training

“It was really an excellent training, and what made it so special is the wonderful company of the trainers and the trainees, we gained a valuable knowledge which we were eager to learn and pushed us to continue enjoying and committing to the training sessions”.



Effective Weapons and Ammunition Management (WAM) in a Changing Disarmament Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) Context

Since 2018, UNITAR supports the UN Department of Peace Operations and the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs in building capacities of DDR and WAM practitioners to design effective arms and ammunition management operations in evolving DDR contexts. In the framework of this initiative, in 2021, UNITAR implemented the blended training programme (online and face-to-face) during two training events: a virtual Training of Trainers (ToT) and a face-to-face training course. The virtual ToT adopted an innovative approach that combined online tools and video sessions with offline group work for practicing the training sessions. The annual training course used UNITAR’s innovative training methodologies together with a practical and technical demonstration of the key knowledge of the training course. For both training events, a key additional component was the WAM&DDR Hub, the Community of Practice developed by the project partners and launched in 2020, which represents a space for practitioners to connect with experts as well as to create a learning reinforcement mechanism for the training course participants.



Beneficiaries join UNITAR trainers during a practical session on Weapons and Ammunition Management (WAM).



UNITAR Support to FCDO Funded World Bank Global Program for Reintegration Support (GPRS) 2019-2022. Programming Framework in support of African Union

The AU-UNITAR-WB collaboration framework is designed to support the operationalization and dissemination of the African Union Operational Guidance Notes (OGNs) on Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR). Its first phase implemented in 2020 and 2022 was made possible by the essential role played by two African Centres of Excellence (CoEs), who could also strengthen their collaboration through the adaptation, and delivery of a blended training programme on AU OGNs on DDR designed by UNITAR. In the framework of this initiative, UNITAR designed a blended training programme (self-paced online and face-to-face) on the AU OGNs on DDR, which was rolled out in two training events: a training of trainers for trainers from the involved CoEs and regional stakeholders and a multiplication training course delivered by the trained trainers for DDR practitioners and professionals operating in the context of Mali. The trained trainers were supported by the UNITAR trainers who provided on-site support and online coaching prior to the training event.





Youth-led Peace and Reconciliation in Colombia



3,046

Beneficiaries
in over

58



Colombian
Communities



With the aim of continuing to contribute to the ongoing peace and reconciliation process in Colombia, a series of face-to-face and virtual activities and events were carried out during the year 2021, following the implementation of the project “Youth-led Peace and Reconciliation: A Transformational Approach”. This project was designed and implemented by UNITAR in partnership with Ciudad Don Bosco and with the support of a network of 37 local organisations, between 2019 and 2020 and was originally supported by the German Federal Foreign Office.

In 2021 the members of the network continued the project activities supported by their own resources. The work encompassed educational activities in the framework of the three main project components: Painting the Future, The Superhero’s Journey, and Perspectives of Peace. In total, 18 training of trainers courses were held, strengthening the skills of 295 educational professionals and youth leaders; in addition, 50 multiplication trainings were carried out, benefitting more than 2,360 participants in 30 municipalities in the country. It is worth noting that despite the difficulties presented by the global COVID-19 pandemic, 94% of the workshops were successfully held in face-to-face formats.

Additionally, in April 2021, UNITAR led a virtual workshop with 7 selected women leaders from the network of organisations that have actively participated in shaping the project activities, with the aim of promoting a space for co-creation and generation of ideas that could contribute to the local adaptation of UNITAR’s Women’s Leadership for Peace Programme, launched in March 2021.





Finally, at the end of June 2021, the virtual panel discussion “Weaving Stories of Reconciliation” was held. The purpose of the panel was to discuss the power of storytelling and art as vehicles for reconciliation in Colombia and the Latin American region. The panel included voices of nationally and internationally recognised personalities, known for their valuable work in favour of human rights and peacebuilding; among them, Dr. Rigoberta Menchú Tum - Nobel Peace Prize winner – and Juanes - Grammy and Latin Grammy award-winning Colombian singer and songwriter.

This 2-hour event was attended by 10,897 attendees and has been accessed by more than 5,427 spectators through different social media platforms. At the same event, the virtual art exhibition “Perspectives of Peace: Weaving Stories of Reconciliation” was officially launched as a digital space, supporting peacebuilding efforts in Colombia through stories, art pieces. On the same page learning activities are available to the wider public, which support facilitators and leaders to promote peaceful relations among community members. This exhibition was created in the framework of the project “Youth-led Peace and Reconciliation: a Transformational Approach” and can be visited through this link: <https://perspectivasdepaz.unitar.org>.



**Tatiana Restrepo Montoya,
Programme and Project
Coordinator
Fundación Hogares Juveniles
Campesinos**

“The project Painting the Future is a wonderful gift that came to our institution to stay. This methodology fits perfectly with the work we do with rural communities in our country. Fortunately, we succeeded in reaching especially remote rural areas, which have been quite affected by violence,

with little institutional presence, and therefore without access to tools that allow them to learn how to deal with their emotions.

Among the places we have reached is San Antonio de Padua in Norte de Santander, a beautiful territory, with a resilient community that experiences frequent violations and situations of violence as part of their daily lives. Thanks to this project, the participants found a safe space to express their emotions, to identify with situations raised during the workshops, to close cycles and to heal.

These activities allowed participants for a moment to picture other realities; to create and dream; to close their eyes without fear; and to find the calm within themselves, even if there was chaos outside. The best thing about this gift is that, when you experience it, it really pulls at your heartstrings, and furthermore, it can be shared with others”.

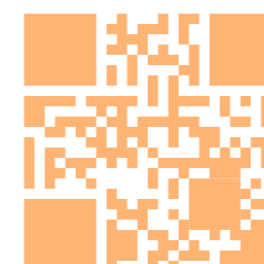
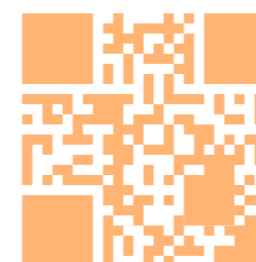


Perspectivas de paz: Ongoing virtual exhibition on peacebuilding, reconciliation, resilience and conflict resolution

Participants of “Perspectives of Peace”, the third component of the project went through a transformative process towards reconciliation that began with trust-building workshops, as well as activities that allowed reflection on the individual lived experience in connection with the collective history. This was followed by empathy-based interviews with community members conducted by participants of the project applying a do-no-harm approach. The common factor in these interviews was the recognition of a shared humanity, no matter a possible difference of perspective. At a second stage, the participants resorted to their creative abilities to artistically represent the story of their counterparts, and in some cases, their own story.

Many of these art pieces were documented and became the central axis of an ongoing virtual art exhibition that can be visited following the QR code above.

Learn more about the project scanning the QR codes



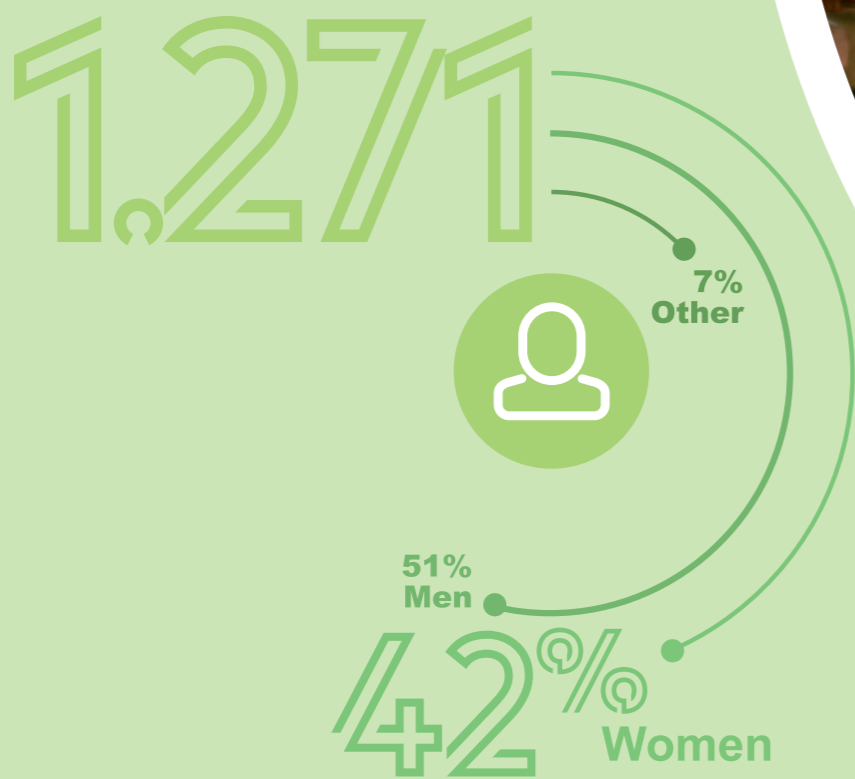


Online Learning and Education



1 New Master Program in Strategic Peace and Conflict Studies

Beneficiaries





Master in Conflict, Peace and Security

The Master in Conflict, Peace and Security is jointly delivered by UNITAR and the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC) and provides students with internationally recognized education within their community. UNITAR and UOC recently expanded its offer to include 4 new specialization courses intended to help students gain critical insights into the structural roots of conflict. The related qualifications as well as the full Master’s programme are suitable both for professionals working in conflict-prone environments within the framework of international, regional, governmental, or non-governmental organizations, and for graduate students, young researchers or other academics interested in enhancing their understanding of conflicts and acquiring skills to better address them. In 2021, 76 adult learners enrolled in the cross-disciplinary field of conflict, peace, and security studies.



Saumendra Nath De, UN Office of Internal Oversight Services, USA | Student, Master in Conflict, Peace and Security

“The course has literally transformed my worldview. This study journey has opened up new avenues for me and a new way of thinking about and approaching peace and conflict. The obtained knowledge on the philosophy of peace and non-violent social movements has improved my skills to engage with policy makers to build peaceful social systems, societies and communities to make the world a better place to live in for the future generations”.



Master in Electoral Policy and Administration

The Master in Electoral Policy and Administration (MEPA) aims to provide advanced learning on electoral processes for current and aspiring election professionals by drawing on the expertise of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) through a network of field practitioners and world-leading academics and electoral experts.



Dr. Dramane Ouattara, PhD, Founder & CEO of The National Centre for Electoral Support-NCES Cote d’Ivoire (Ivory Coast)

“I took part in the MEPA Program to Study the Electoral Cycle and to also expend my knowledge on election areas, mainly in election administration to build expertise in that field for my future career path. After the completion of MEPA, I received practical knowledge in the field of Election Administration which allowed me to start my consulting company to provide electoral support to EMBs and Electoral training services to civil society organizations, Government agencies, political parties and NGOs.

UNITAR has changed my professional life by helping me build a new career path after my training. The online modules at UNITAR helped me save time and money regarding the overall cost of the MEPA training and it gave me learning flexibility. With UNITAR I could also access the MEPA training modules without leaving my country and also my current job. UNITAR was a real-time hands-on working laboratory during the MEPA program training. It supplied me with excellent tools of study that allow me to get useful knowledge and practical skills in the field of election to in order fulfill my professional goals”.



Responding to a global structural demand for qualified electoral professionals, the Master is based on a systematic and comprehensive approach to the professional development of those enrolled and places particular emphasis on the importance of advancing equal career opportunities for men and women.

Considering the ever-changing challenges and of the continuous evolution of new trends and policies within this specific sector of public administration, the program has established collaborations with the National Electoral Board of Ethiopia and the Coalition of Ethiopian Civil Society Organizations. In 2021 160 electoral professionals, practitioners, and electoral stakeholders enrolled in modules as part of the MEPA.

UNITAR and the Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna developed the InnovElections project to deliver electoral assistance activities in response to the global coronavirus pandemic. The project continues to boost youth and women’s roles and participation in the management of elections, as well as enhance electoral stakeholders’ leadership, conflict, and quality management capacities.



Master in Humanitarian Action and Peacebuilding

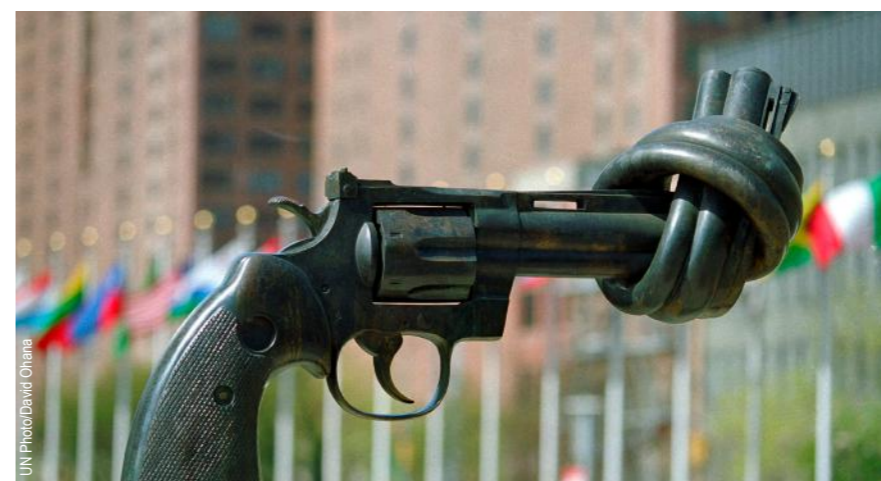
Complex man-made crises, conflicts, violence and unrest have become a major concern for the international community. Designing interventions in these extremely volatile contexts requires specific knowledge and skills that would enable involved professionals to minimize negative impacts and maximize opportunities for positive and sustainable changes.

Built on the expertise of UNITAR and Oxford Brookes University (OBU), the Master in Humanitarian Action and Peacebuilding explores the interactions between these two fields, by linking theory with practice and applied knowledge. The programme envisages online lectures, discussions with key practitioners, experience sharing, and critical reflections - all within the framework of an action research-based approach. The aim of the programme is to enhance reflective practices by combining the art of conflict-sensitive approaches to humanitarian and peacebuilding programming with the appreciation of the wider context in which these interventions unfold.

The programme is designed for practitioners working in the fields of humanitarian action and peacebuilding, though is also open to personnel working in related fields (such as military and police officers deployed or about to be deployed in field operations, civil servants – including diplomats – in charge of humanitarian affairs, academics teaching humanitarian affairs, journalists, etc.) who seek to develop a more holistic understanding of critical issues related to humanitarian action and peacebuilding. Finally, the programme addresses practitioners working within other professional sectors, interested in exploring opportunities in the fields of humanitarian action and peacebuilding. In 2021, 153 students completed this Master’s degree.

Fatima Hashmi, former student and MA Humanitarian Action and Peacebuilding Tutor

“The aims and objectives of the two fields overlap considerably as humanitarian action has expanded from short-term life-saving to contributing to long-term peacebuilding efforts. As such, the MA enables students to identify opportunities for humanitarian action to contribute to longer-term sustainable peacebuilding”.



Master in Prevention, Arbitration and Conflict Resolution

This blended learning programme offered in partnership with Hautes Études Internationales & Politiques (HEIP) has been developed in Paris under the direction of Ms. Ouided Bouchamaoui, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2015. This Master’s degree enables students and auditors to prepare for career in a company, consulting firm or public institution working on national and/or international crisis issues. In a world where areas of tension are numerous and multifaceted, prevention and arbitration techniques are increasingly used to avoid the destruction of property and the loss of human life caused by armed conflicts as well as to prevent the destabilization of entire countries over long periods of time.



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Online Courses for United Nations Volunteers

Together with United Nations Volunteers, UNITAR offers all assigned or deployed UN Volunteers the opportunity to take part in a series of 12 in-depth online courses. The courses range from child soldiers and security forces to electoral security and conflict prevention. Completely online and self-paced, the courses provide in-depth insights and advanced knowledge to develop professional skills and critical competencies in conflict, peace, and security. In 2021, 443 UN Volunteers benefitted from the courses to gain key knowledge and skills.



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Open Online Courses in Conflict, Peace and Security

25 self-paced free online courses serve as entry-point for anyone willing to become familiar with the basic concept and topics in conflict, peace and security. The courses are offered in 3 languages, English, French and Spanish, and can be taken at any time with no prior knowledge required.



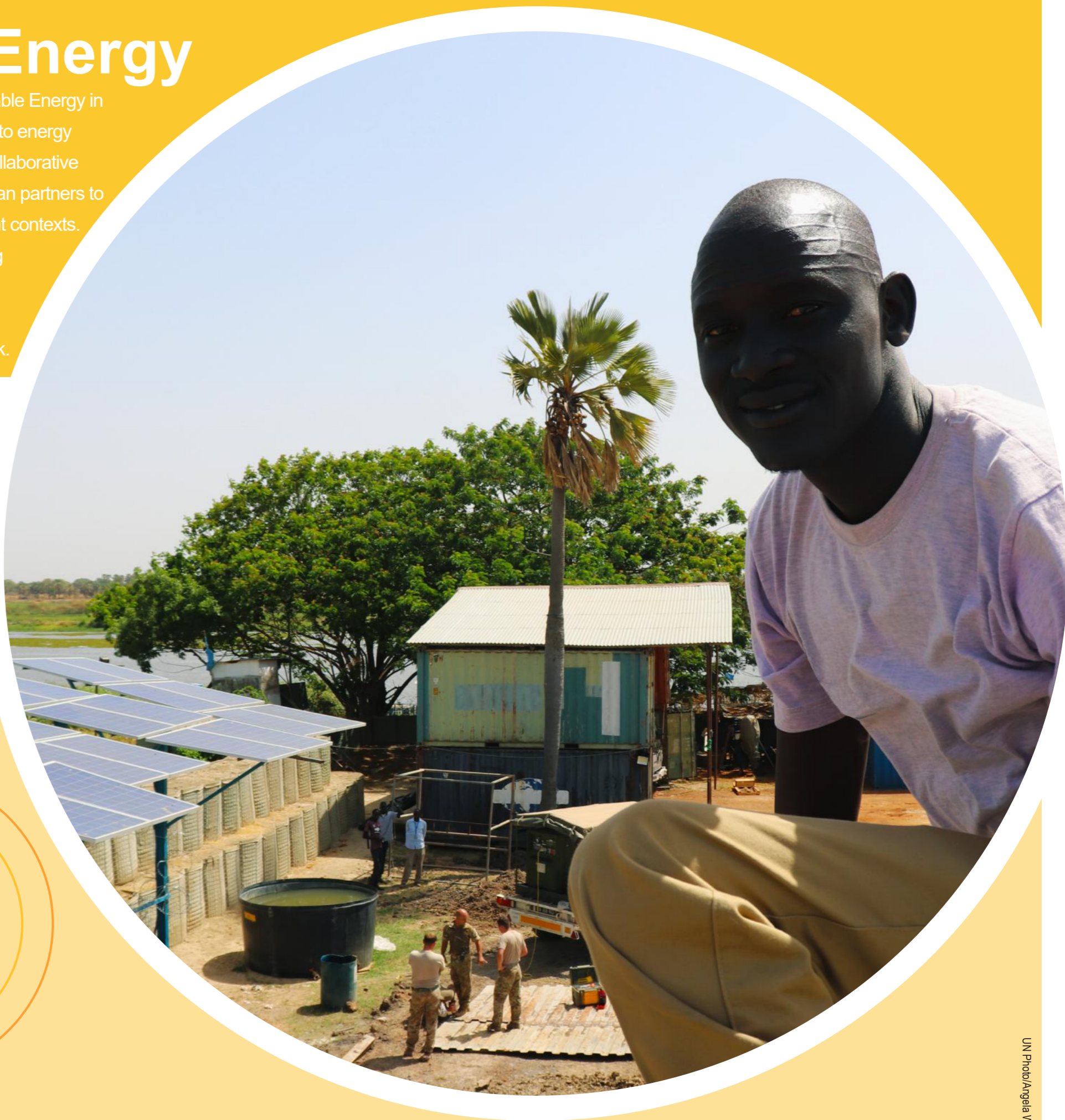
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Sustainable Energy

The Global Platform for Action (GPA) on Sustainable Energy in Displacement Settings strives to remove barriers to energy access in humanitarian settings by providing a collaborative agenda for energy, development, and humanitarian partners to deliver concrete actions of SDG 7 in displacement contexts.

Hosted by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the GPA Coordination Unit facilitates collective action towards the realisation of the Global Plan of Action Framework.



Beneficiaries
5,708



12%
Other

37%
Men

51%
Women



Transitioning UN Humanitarian Agencies in Nigeria to Solar Energy Solutions

In Nigeria the GPA is working with the energy team of GIZ Project Development Programme, who are presently undertaking energy assessments and developing business models to transition to solar solutions for 40 premises (offices, warehouses and staff accommodation) occupied by United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), International Organisation for Migration (IOM), United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (FAO). It is the intention of this project to develop a financial product that would permit long term agreements between the UN entities and the private sector energy providers by derisking the termination clause in UN long term contracts, thereby supporting the use of power purchase or leasing agreements.



Energy Delivery Models Training – Developing Sustainable Energy Responses in Humanitarian and Displacement Contexts

The Energy Delivery Models (EDM) training is a blended learning programme to build capacities of humanitarian and development practitioners working on the design of sustainable energy projects in displacement situations. Traditional project design barriers created by the lack of technical

expertise and awareness on sustainable delivery approaches are tackled by equipping practitioners with knowledge of the principles of successful sustainable energy interventions and hands-on support from energy specialists. Through the EDM training, practitioners eventually design quality and investable energy access pilots which stimulate local energy market and economic development. The training consists of online e-learning modules to build foundational knowledge, virtual EDM design workshops, and one-on-one mentoring from energy specialists. Over 50 staff from organisations such as WFP, UNHCR, NRC, IOM and the GIZ took the training, designing over 10 pilot projects that increase access to modern energy services for schools, households, and businesses in forced displacement contexts and hard to reach areas.



Blended Finance Solutions for Clean Energy in Humanitarian and Displacement Settings: Lessons Learnt – An Initial Overview

The project was aimed at developing a report and a toolkit that provide an overview of blended finance mechanisms and their role in delivering sustainable energy solutions as part of humanitarian response. A report was developed that highlights key lessons learned from the use of different blended finance mechanisms in displacement settings and makes recommendations for their continued development. Attention is brought to the potential benefits of employing finance mechanisms such as direct funding, technical assistance, risk transfer mechanisms, and market initiatives. Reflections are drawn from existing projects across the globe.

The report's associated Toolkit includes a summary of developing blended finance solutions in humanitarian and displacement settings and identifies relevant stakeholders in developing such solutions. It contains a summary matrix that identifies the most favourable blended finance mechanisms for a particular clean energy project and an overview of the three most promising financial mechanisms, as evaluated by the NORCAP Blended Finance Working Group. The toolkit is aimed at supporting energy specialists in developing market-based clean energy solutions.



Electronic Waste (E-waste) Management in Displacement Settings

As the number of initiatives on energy access for displaced and host communities increases, so does the quantity of e-waste in displacement settings. However, most of the e-waste ends up unused, buried, burned, or informally disposed of on the ground. The lack of proper e-waste management practices in displacement settings poses health and environmental hazards due to leaking batteries or exposure to heavy metals within off-grid solar products.



Kamal Dhungana, WFP Ethiopia

“At the beginning I thought energy was a small topic, but then I realized it is really more to it than just distributing cookstoves. Now I can understand how sustainable energy is connected to many aspects of humanitarian and resilience programming and see our work through an energy lens”.

GPA Coordination Unit produced a landscaping report that identifies several e-waste management tools for humanitarian organisations based on circular economy principles, lists an overview of keys actors and ongoing projects, and recommendations for the decision makers. GPA Coordination Unit established a task force dedicated to sharing lessons learned around e-waste projects, raising awareness around e-waste at the decision-making level, supporting the implementation of e-waste pilot projects, and organising webinars to disseminate findings.

◀ Woman cooking with an electric pressure cooker.





Rule of Law



Beneficiaries

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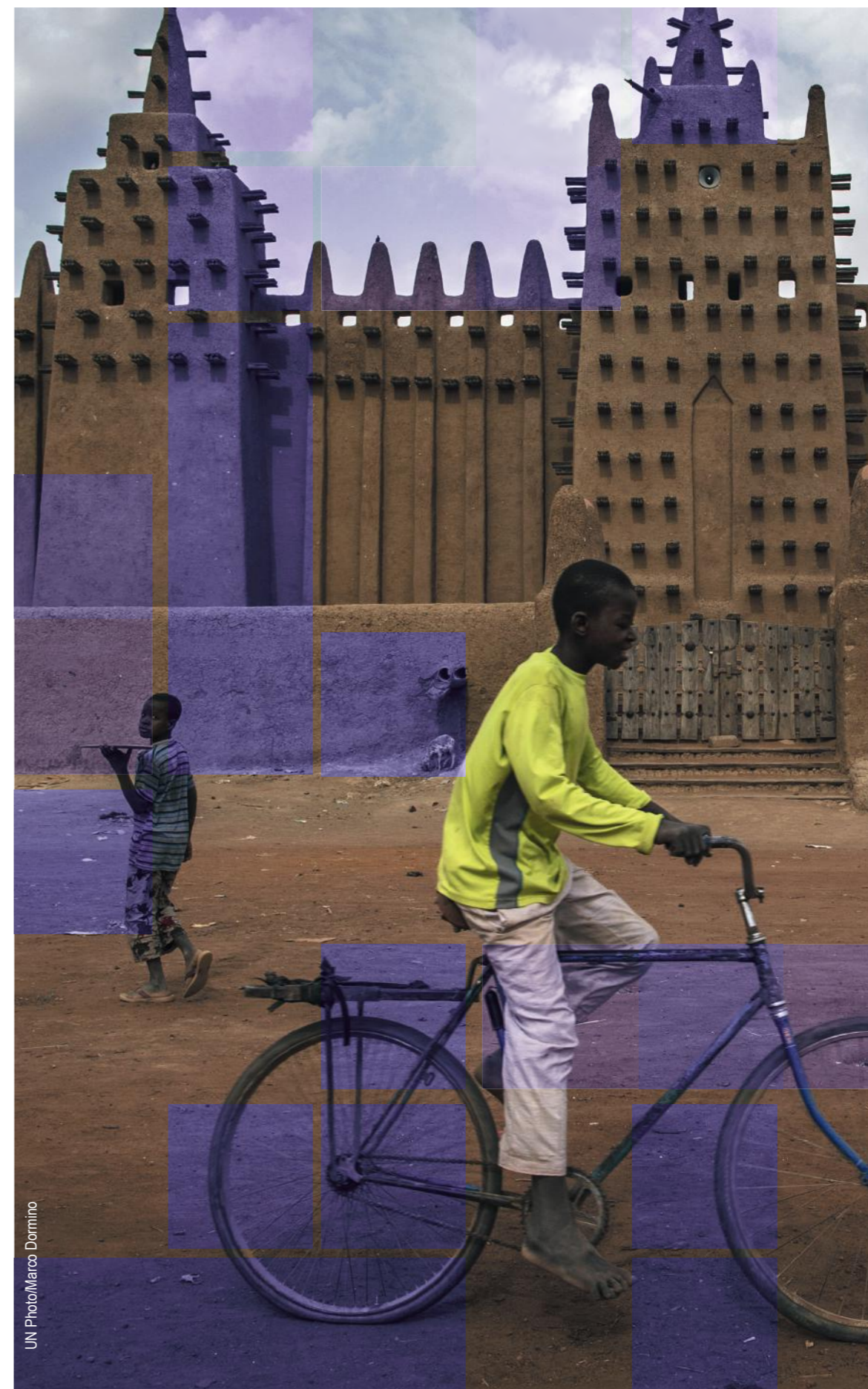
Strengthening the Capacity of the Judicial System and Promoting the Rule of Law in Mali (Phase I and II)

UNITAR supports national stakeholders in a comprehensive reform of the judicial system as part of Mali's governmental transition. The project aims at a strengthened and modernized Malian judicial system, particularly in its institutional desire to promote the rule of law, a just and equitable society, the effective fight against corruption and impunity and finally national development. After an initial assessment mission in phase I, UNITAR and its partner, the Institut National de Formation Judiciaire, started phase II with a Colloquium on electoral litigation and with trainings for a total of 1850 people until 2023.



Noumady Kanté, Magistrate and president of the Military Court in Bamako

"This training was really beneficial because the method used is simple and pedagogical, which allows the participation and interaction between the trainers and the participants. The training gave us the opportunity to identify our limits in terms of judgement and criminal procedure. During the 5-days training, many notions were addressed. The exchanges allowed us to learn more on some key concepts".





Learning Solutions

The Learning Solutions team is committed to support the UNITAR Division for Peace to become a global leader in training, capacity building and innovation to promote Peace, Just and Inclusive societies.

Through supporting the different thematic pillars of the Division, the Learning Solutions team has advanced in various areas related to learning innovation and quality assurance within the past year.



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Leveraging Technology for Learning

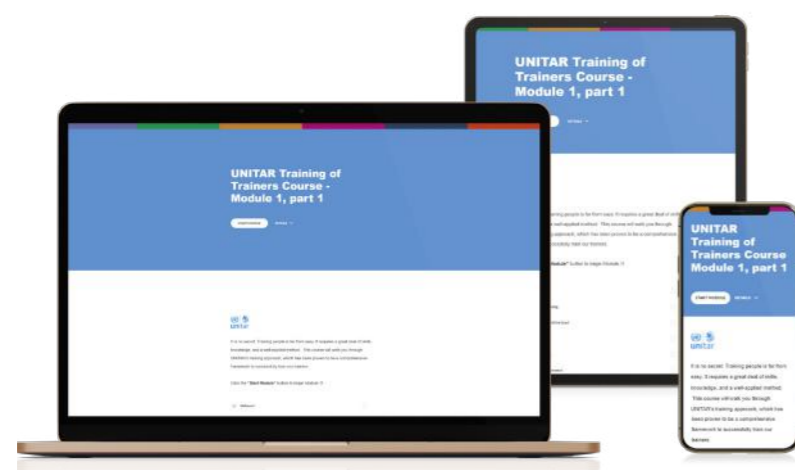
The Learning Solutions team has integrated new learning technologies to support the various activities of the Division. This year saw the realisation of the first Virtual Reality learning experience of the Division for Peace, aimed at addressing Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) in peacekeeping settings. The VR film entitled 'Violating Peace' allows peacekeepers to immerse themselves in a virtual experience and make real life choices in order to respond and prevent issues related to SEA.



Other learning technologies have also been incorporated into our training packages such as mobile learning and the creation of mobile applications which act as learning support materials and job-aids. Mobile technologies hold significant potential to be able to make learning more accessible and effective.

Through the mobile-learning platform EdApp, UNITAR is now able to publish mobile-based micro-learning courses which offer higher levels of accessibility to learning around the world. This year, the Division for Peace launched its first mobile course, "Explore Your Changemaker Potential" to support individuals in creating positive actions towards the SDGs. The course is free for all to access and available in seven languages.

Training of Trainers



Training of Trainers has been one of the flagship offerings of the Division for Peace when it comes to enhancing the capacities of the individuals, communities and institutions that we work with and allowing the sustainable multiplication of our projects.

The creation of our Training of Trainers e-learning course has facilitated our ability to reach more learners and

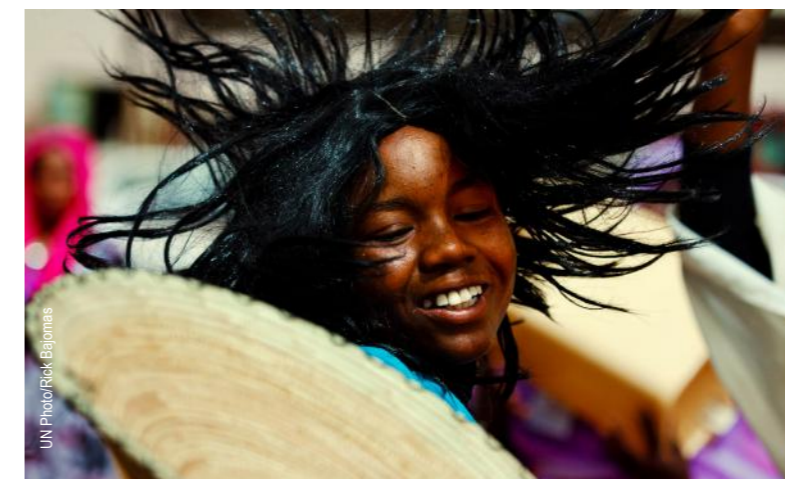
offer blended learning packages to support our face-to-face training. Our Online ToT is now available in English, French and Arabic and will soon be published on the EdApp platform in a micro-learning form which will be freely available to the public.

Quality Assurance

Elaborating on the UNITAR Quality Assurance Framework, the Learning Solutions team has created further advanced Quality Assurance packages, guidance and tools which are to be embedded within all projects of the Division for Peace going forward. This will allow us to streamline the methodological support across the Division and to systematically improve quality of our learning packages.



Gender & Inclusivity Mainstreaming within our Methodological Approach



Ensuring our learning solutions are incorporating gender and inclusivity considerations has become a main priority this year. In order for our training and capacity building interventions to optimise their effectiveness as well as making sure we 'Leave No One Behind', it is essential that standards of inclusivity and gender mainstreaming are embedded

within all aspects of our learning design and implementation. Our new Gender and Inclusivity frameworks, based on thorough research and curation of high-quality guidance and tools will act as a key foundation of the projects of the Division going forward.



Gender Spotlight





In line with the UN System's increasing strides towards implementing its **gender equality goals** and the Executive Director's strong commitment to **making UNITAR a pioneer in gender equality**, the Division for Peace is committed to systematically mainstreaming gender across the vast majority of its programmatic work. We take relevant and valuable steps towards successfully achieving this comprehensive and timely integration of gender equality goals into our work, through both gender oriented projects and through including gender elements in other activities.

Embedded gender elements

- Pre-deployment training
- Support to Towards Gender Parity for Justice and Corrections Government-Provided Personnel
- Military Gender Advisor Course
- FemWise Training Series
- Master Degrees in Peace and Security
- Online Master in Electoral Policy and Administration – Individual Modules
- Gender & Inclusivity Mainstreaming





Peace in Focus

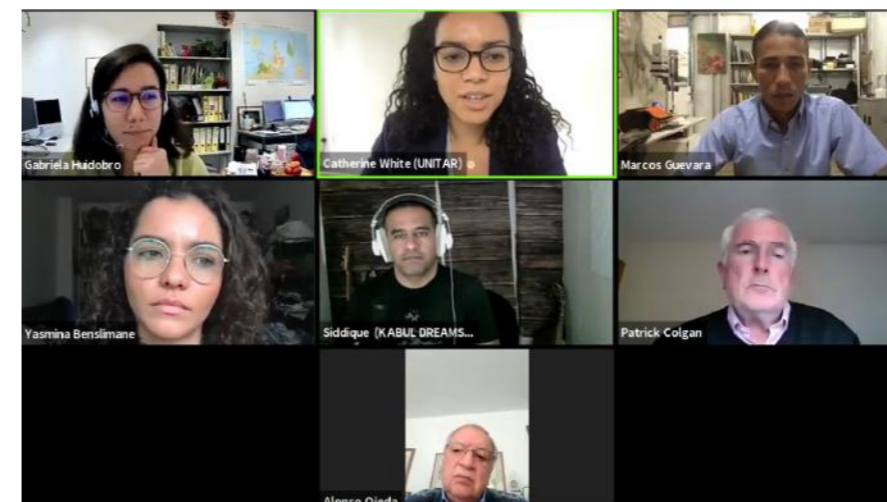
A new magazine to put peace champions in the spotlight

Launched in October 2021, Peace in Focus is a new publication by the Division for Peace at UNITAR that aims to inspire the youth into becoming agents of peace and change in their own communities, by sharing stories of community leaders around the world that are working towards the SDGs at all levels. As a UN publication, the magazine recognizes the interconnective nature of the 2030 Agenda, thus presenting initiatives from all SDGs and connecting them to the SDG16. True to its target audience, the first edition of the magazine put young people at the centre of the discussion.

Peace in Focus posits the influence of narratives in the construction of a sustainable future, and therefore, gathers stories from various regions of the world, in which their actors worked using approaches that allow for

the creation of collective historical memory from new constructive and peaceful narratives about reconciliation, resilience and peacebuilding.

The magazine intends to give the floor to the many heroes on all continents who are daily peacemakers and dedicate themselves to making sure people around them have better living conditions, protecting civilians and preventing conflict and bring them into the limelight. The first issue highlights the inspiring stories of Rajab, Obet, Yasmina and many others as young people committed to peace in their daily lives. The magazine also features the work of Afghan art collective ArtLords, rock band Kabul Dreams and the artist Khushen Tsend to underline the crucial role of art, culture and sports to build bridges and peace among the communities.

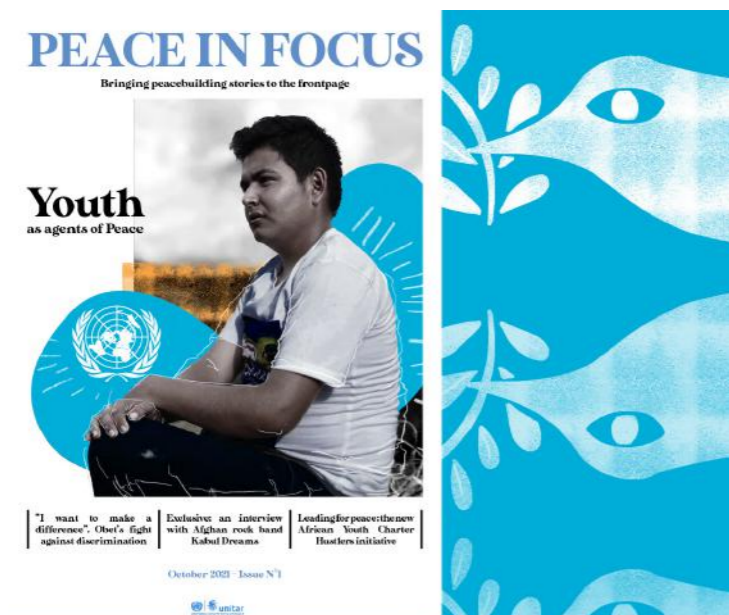


Peacebuilders in the spotlight

Peacebuilders in the spotlight is an online discussion panel that took place on October 26th, 2021 to officially launch the new magazine Peace in Focus. The discussion built on the experiences of eight peacebuilders from various parts of the world that have developed strategies, from each of their fields, to contribute to the peace and reconciliation process, as well as strengthening the resilience of their communities and prevent conflict among young people, their families and the communities they belong to, many of which are vulnerable to several factors.

The panellists were directly linked to storytelling articles from the first edition of Peace in Focus. The event was designed to open a space for narrative and cultural expression, around the voices of many communities that have a great capacity for resilience, despite having been affected by various factors that ultimately impact the peacebuilding and resilience capacities of communities as featured in the magazine.

The goal was to learn from each of the initiatives presented on the first edition of the magazine, that deserve being shared with a wider audience. The panel discussion provided a space to explore approaches that share the same goal: working towards sustainable and peaceful societies in various contexts.



Access the magazine through the QR code





Financial Performance

Highlighting good financial performance for year 2021, the paper starts by outlining the evolution of annual performance for the past five years that reveals constant growth in terms of both the contribution income and the delivery. It outlines:

- The Fund collected and Expenditures over the period 2017 – 2021.
- The achievements' comparison of the 2 precedent biennium's plans (2018-2019 Vs 2020-2021).
- Fund Mobilization achievement (LoAs signed) for the year 2021 2021.

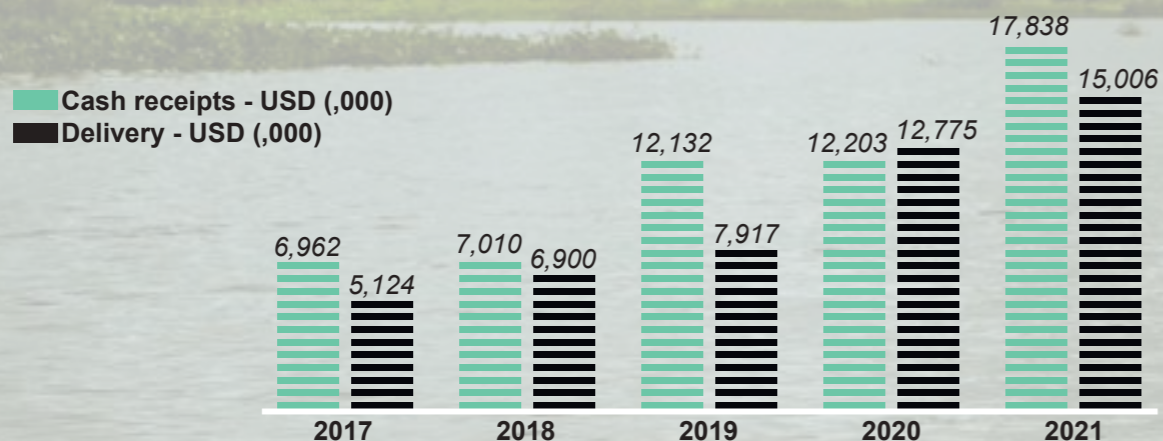


Fund collection vs. Expenditures (2017-2021)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Cash receipts - USD	6,962,000	7,010,000	12,132,000	12,203,000	17,838,000
Delivery - USD	5,124,000	6,900,000	7,917,000	12,775,000	15,006,000

Table1 summarizes the Division's annual performance trend for the past 5 years: 2017 to 2021 and reveals a cumulative annual growth rate from 2017 to 2021 of 30% for the income and 32% for the delivery respectively.

The Graphic 1 represents the comparisons between the fund collection and the delivery over the 5 past years and shows that the Division has been able during the period to mobilize fund required to achieve its plans:



The Graphic above highlights the continuous growth over the period, 2017 to 2021:

- Fund income trend 2017 to 2021: Cumulative annual growth rate from 2017 to 2021 of 30%.
- Delivery trend 2017 to 2021: cumulative annual growth rate from 2017 to 2021 of 32%.

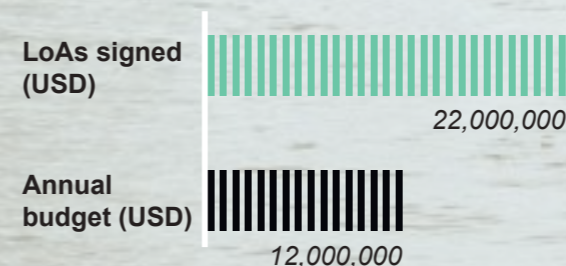
Achievements and Biennium delivery targets 2018-2019 vs. 2020-2021

Biennium	Target	Achieved
2018-2019	13,907,000	14,817,000
2020-2021	24,315,000	27,780,000

The data above allow reveals achievements above the targets for both Bienniums.

Fund Mobilization activities

The below graphic for fund mobilization activities in 2021 is extracted from data of Agreements already signed in 2021. For the division for Peace, 29 Letters of Agreements totalizing an amount of USD 22 Million have been signed exceeded by far the initial 2021 plan (12 million).





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New Partnerships

Ethmar for Impact Investing

The Division for Peace was pleased to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Ethmar Center for Impact Investing to help promote youth and women-led entrepreneurship, social innovation, and peace building in the Arabic speaking world. As part of this partnership, UNITAR will support with the consolidation of the Center’s offerings on entrepreneurship and use its expertise and resources to help the Center expand its reach to youth and women in Libya. The main objective of the programme is to increase the number of entrepreneurs and enablers across Libya that could contribute to the realisation of the SDGs for peace, justice, and inclusion. It is designed to strengthen the knowledge and skills of beneficiaries through targeted learning offers on entrepreneurship for greater job creation in the region thus playing a key role in enabling women and youth to create legitimate sources of income and overcome poverty.



Addressing Sexual and Gender Based Violence in the Great Lakes Region

This August, the Division for Peace signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region – Regional Training Facility (ICGLR-RTF) with the goal of contributing to international, regional, and local efforts aimed at preventing and responding to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in the Great Lakes Region. UNITAR and the ICGLR-RTF have a strong working relationship, and the signing of this MoU represents the formalisation of the partnership and a recommitment towards comprehensive joint programming. UNITAR is optimistic that this newly formalized partnership with the ICGLR-RTF will allow for a multitude of innovative projects that result in better response and support to survivors and prevention of SGBV across the Great Lakes Region.



Al Sharq Forum

On 17 June 2021 the Division for Peace signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Al Sharq Forum (ASF) with the aim of strengthening targeted learning and capacity building offers in the areas of peacebuilding, conflict resolution, human rights promotion and gender equality. Al Sharq Forum’s capacity-building platforms and its access to local grass-root networks, combined with UNITAR’s wide expertise of providing innovative



learning solutions, will better prepare changemakers across the globe to help their communities on their path to lasting peace and sustainable development. Over the next two years, UNITAR and ASF will curate and design the Al Sharq International Fellowship Program content with the goal of bringing forth the next generation of globally oriented and locally committed ethical leaders in the Middle East and North Africa, Southeast Asia, and Europe with the complex problem skills, systems thinking and ability to lead that are necessary to support these agents of change.

Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

The Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs has agreed to support the Learning Solutions team through the support of secondment personnel. The secondee will support the team from the Geneva office starting from January 2022.





























































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