

## Gender Advisers in peacekeeping missions

Out of 18 UN peace operations, 10 currently have dedicated full-time gender advisory capacity:

Afghanistan (UNAMA)  
Burundi (ONUB)  
Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI)  
Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC)  
Haiti (MINUSTAH)  
Kosovo (UNMIK)  
Liberia (UNMIL)  
Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL)  
Sudan (UNMIS)  
Timor-Leste (UNOTIL)

## Focal Points in peacekeeping missions

Missions without full-time Gender Advisers have Gender Focal Points, who are full-time mission staff assigned additional gender-related responsibilities. Gender Focal Points are present in the following missions:

Cyprus (UNFICYP)  
Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE)  
Georgia (UNOMIG)  
Middle East (UNTSO)  
Syrian Golan Heights (UNDOF)  
Western Sahara (MINURSO)

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## The Gender Adviser at Headquarters

In 2003, to increase coordination between Gender Advisers in missions and those at Headquarters, and to support the process of gender mainstreaming at Headquarters, Member States approved the creation of a full-time Gender Adviser post in DPKO headquarters. The Gender Adviser:

- ◆ Advises the Department on policy options and strategies to support the integration of gender perspectives into its work;
- ◆ Provides policy guidance and support to the Gender Advisers in peacekeeping missions;
- ◆ Oversees the design of a comprehensive framework and action plan to guide the implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 in all areas of the Department's work;
- ◆ Researches and analyses gender issues within peacekeeping operations and keeps a repository of best practices and lessons learned;
- ◆ Collaborates with the Training Sections in DPKO to enhance and develop tools and resources to support staff capacity-building;
- ◆ Brokers partnerships with key stakeholders in the UN system, and with Member States, regional organizations and NGOs;
- ◆ Supports the incorporation of gender perspectives into existing policy guidelines and procedures where necessary and supports the development of specific guidelines for gender mainstreaming;
- ◆ Coordinates internal and external reporting requirements.