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Women as Partners in Peace and Security



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# Useful Resources

## **To see the full text of Security Council resolution 1325, visit:**

[http://www.un.org/events/res\\_1325e.pdf](http://www.un.org/events/res_1325e.pdf)

## **Other resource websites on women, peace and security include:**

### **United Nations**

United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations,  
Peacekeeping Best Practices Unit  
<http://www.un.org/Depts/dpko/lessons/>

United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)  
<http://www.unifem.org>  
<http://www.womenwarpeace.org/>

United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW/DESA)  
<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/>

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)  
<http://www.unhcr.org/>

United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)  
<http://www.ohchr.org/english/>

United Nations Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues  
and Advancement of Women (OSAGI/DESA)  
<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/osagi/>

### **Other Organizations**

International Organization for Migration (IOM)  
<http://www.iom.int/>

Mano River Women's Peace Network  
<http://www.marwopnet.org>

Women's Commission on Refugee Women and Children  
<http://www.womenscommission.org/>

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)  
PeaceWomen Project  
<http://www.peacewomen.org/>

# Foreword

*Women and girls pay an especially heavy toll in armed conflict. The international community now readily acknowledges that their needs and concerns must be central to peace and security operations, from peacekeeping and disarmament to electoral assistance and humanitarian response.*

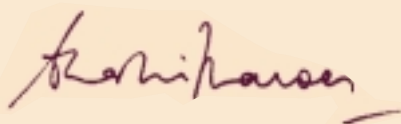
*What is less well known is the vital role that women play in peace building and conflict resolution. This publication, *FACES*, is a small first step towards raising the profile of the many brave women from all walks of life who are making a contribution – alongside men – to international peace and security – as police officers, as HIV/AIDS educators, voter registrants and health workers.*

*Their actions serve to illustrate the historic resolution 1325 (2000), adopted by the United Nations Security Council in October 2000, on women, peace and security. They show us how the words of that resolution are being brought to life, and how much more we need to do.*

*And these previously unreported stories from the field represent only a small sample of the many positive examples women are setting around the world. *FACES* is a work in progress that I hope will encourage others to contribute their untold stories and so inspire women and men everywhere to work together for a safer and more peaceful world.*

*I would like to thank the many public information officers and gender advisers in the UN peacekeeping operations and non-governmental organizations who contributed material to shine a light on these *FACES*, and to the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women for planting the seed for the publication and guiding its development.*

*Let these *FACES* tell the story!*

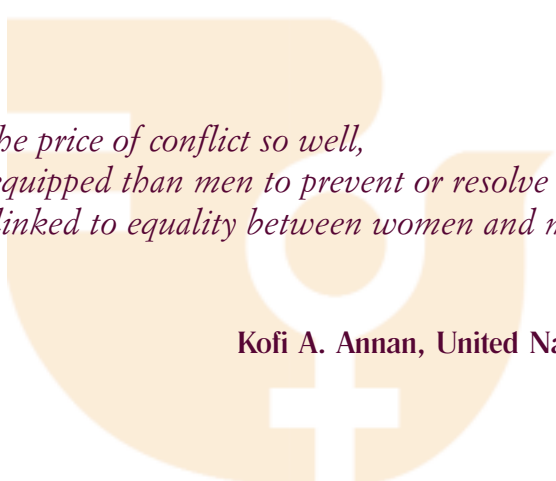


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*“ Women, who know the price of conflict so well,  
are also often better equipped than men to prevent or resolve it...  
Peace is inextricably linked to equality between women and men. ”*

**Kofi A. Annan, United Nations Secretary-General**