

Enhancing United Nations Police Leadership Capacities through Short-Term Mission Managers Deployment to Field Missions

- **Brief description of the project**

- Objective of the project

The project aims to provide targeted support to the leadership of United Nations police (UNPOL) components by the respective Headquarters-based mission manager to ensure the provision of the most current and relevant technical advice and facilitate the most effective exchanges of information and guidance between Headquarters components, including military, gender, human rights and other elements, the legislative bodies and Permanent Missions based in New York, and mission-based UNPOL leadership.

- Why is the project required?

Building on Security Council resolution 2436 (2018), reports of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (A/72/19 and A/74/19), Action for Peacekeeping (A4P and A4P+), the Action Plan to Improve the Security of Peacekeepers, and the Strategic Guidance Framework for International Policing (SGF), particularly guidance related to police command, police administration, police operations and police capacity-building and development, enhancing United Nations policing performance remains an Organizational priority and operational imperative. Due to rotations and quickly shifting circumstances in conflict/post-conflict contexts, Heads of Police Components (HOPC) may not always have access to the expertise, information and resources needed to ensure the implementation of mandated tasks. Despite the valuable support provided by experts from the Standing Police Capacity to the field missions, feedback from the field indicates that more targeted support would be beneficial. The short-term deployments of the dedicated mission managers would enable tailored, institutional guidance and advice given their knowledge and expertise of their missions, particularly its daily operations and challenges.

- What is the expected impact of the project?

The targeted support provided by mission managers would enhance UNPOL performance by improving strategic and operational planning. The project would also enable the mission managers at Headquarters to expand their expertise on their missions, thereby strengthening their contributions to required reporting by the Secretariat to the legislative bodies and Member States.

- **Expected outcomes, outputs and proposed activities**

Outcomes	Outputs	Proposed Activities
UNPOL mandate implementation is strengthened	<p>HoPC empowered with the necessary knowledge and expertise</p> <p>Increased support of UNPOL with expertise from Headquarters</p> <p>Enhanced performance of UNPOL leadership in the field</p>	<p>Short-term deployments to 16 (current) peacekeeping operations and special political missions</p> <p>Assessment reports with recommendations and proposals prepared and provided to mission leadership</p>

- **Implementation timeline**

An initial one year.

- **Explain how the project will further the implementation of the A4P+ priorities.**

The project advances the implementation of A4P and A4P+ by bolstering the Police Division’s capacity to improve the performance and accountability of UN police peacekeepers, foster better trained and equipped uniformed personnel, thereby improving safety and security and strengthening accountability to peacekeepers, reinforcing capabilities and mindsets, and improving strategic and operational integration.

- **How have gender aspects been included in the design and implementation of the project? How does it help the Department implement its women, peace and security and gender parity commitments?**

The Police Division Gender Affairs Officer reviews all initiatives with a view to ensuring gender considerations are reflected and support the operationalization of gender-responsive policing in line with Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) and successor resolutions and the third report of the Secretary-General on United Nations policing (S/2018/1183) to further advance the Women, Peace and Security Agenda.

- **Brief explanation of any risks that the implementation of the project may face and how to mitigate them.**

The COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions on travel will be mitigated through the utilization of technology, including virtual fora.

- **Proposed budget**

Item	Brief Description	Total Amount
Travel	Travel expenses for Headquarters desk officers to visit 16 peace operations	\$112,000
Programme Support Costs (13%)		\$14,560
	Total:	\$126,560