**Why Action for Peacekeeping?**

UN Peacekeeping helps countries to achieve lasting peace, supports political processes, protects hundreds of thousands of civilians and helps guarantee cease fires. Yet peacekeeping faces several challenges such as protracted conflicts, elusive political solutions, increasingly dangerous environments, rising peacekeeping fatalities, and broad and complex mandates.

To respond to these challenges, the Secretary-General launched Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) to refocus peacekeeping with more targeted mandates, make our operations stronger and safer, mobilize support for political solutions and better equipped and trained forces. A4P represents the core agenda for our action and is a driver of change permeating all aspects of UN's peacekeeping work.

**What is the goal of the Action for Peacekeeping initiative?**

A4P will strengthen peacekeeping by promoting collective action by all peacekeeping stakeholders, including all Member States, the Security Council, the General Assembly, financial contributors, Troop and Police Contributing Countries, intergovernmental and regional organizations and the UN Secretariat.

**How are we going to achieve the goal?**

We are working towards the fulfilment of 45 mutually agreed commitments within the following eight areas:

- politics
- women, peace and security
- protection
- safety and security
- performance and accountability
- peacebuilding and sustaining peace
- partnerships
- conduct of peacekeepers and peacekeeping operations

**Who is implementing these actions?**

All peacekeeping stakeholders have a responsibility to strengthen peacekeeping. Some initiatives will depend on actions by the United Nations Secretariat and Missions, others on the Security Council, while others on Member States. We must all collectively play our part and increase our efforts, both at the HQ- and Mission-level, to strengthen peacekeeping.
Implementation of A4P is a shared responsibility with Member States. Here’s what the UN Secretariat is currently doing to play its part.