



**Imagine**, you could be deployed to a United Nations (UN) peace operation to:

- Contribute to international peace and security as a corrections officer working in post-conflict settings
- Experience working side-by-side with UN corrections officers from around the world
- Assist post-conflict countries to re-establish or reform their national prison service
- Build the capacity of local corrections officers to ensure that the human rights of prisoners are respected
- Share your professional expertise with national prison officers
- Help post-conflict countries develop safe, secure and humane prisons

Working in peace operations can be one of the most significantly rewarding journeys you will ever take in your professional career. You will travel to foreign countries, experience different cultures, make new and lasting friendships and be ambassadors of your prison service on behalf of the United Nations. You can be part of an international group of select few corrections officers who serve in peace operations.



## How to become a UN Correctional Officer

To deploy as Government Provided Corrections Personnel (GPP) to a UN peace operation, you need to be nominated by your correctional service via your country's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York. The Department of Peacekeeping Operations will then run a selection process to determine who will be chosen to participate.

If successful, you will be placed on a roster of pre-cleared corrections candidates, and a deployment to a UN peace operation may be offered to you if a matching position becomes available.

If you are interested in learning more about UN peace operations, please refer to:

[www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/about/dpko/](http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/about/dpko/)



## Serving as a Corrections Officer in a United Nations Peace Operation



United Nations



## What does a United Nations Peace Operation do in the area of corrections?

United Nations (UN) peace operations support host-country authorities to strengthen the Rule of Law, thereby helping to advance lasting peace and security. They work to improve the provision of basic prison services, restore law and order and establish the foundations for safe, secure and humane prison systems. Since 1999, activities to strengthen the Rule of Law have been included in the mandates of all new United Nations peace operations.

## Professional challenges you will likely encounter

- Outdated policies that conflict with international human rights standards
- Lack of effective prison management and administration
- Lack of basic, life-sustaining services for prisoners
- Inadequate data management systems
- Poor prison security practices and infrastructure
- Lengthy pre-trial detention, overcrowded prisons and a lack of alternatives to imprisonment

## Personal challenges you will likely encounter

- Demanding and difficult working environments
- Language barriers
- Remote and isolated deployments (sometimes with limited communications home)

## United Nations training opportunities

To help you meet the challenges you will encounter, the United Nations promotes continuous learning of all its personnel. Training opportunities can either be corrections-specific or United Nations general training courses, online or in person, providing opportunities for development in a variety of professional and personal areas. The knowledge and skills obtained will be sure to enhance both your professional career at home and internationally.

## Corrections-specific training opportunities

Pre-deployment Training for Government Provided Corrections Personnel (GPP) in United Nations peace operations was designed to support corrections officers to best meet the challenges of a United Nations mission. Proper training enables you to use your expertise to fulfil the corrections

aspects of UN peace operations mandates, in accordance with well-established guidelines and principles.

## Women Corrections Officers – The important role you can play in peace operations

Increasing the number of qualified and competent women corrections officers ready for rapid deployment is an ongoing priority for the UN. The skills you've acquired in your career are amplified in a post-conflict country. As a woman corrections officer, you can use these skills in peace operations to strengthen human rights and public security by:

- Helping offenders learn new skills
- Helping offenders reintegrate into society and the economy
- Helping mothers with children in prison
- Providing mentorship to local corrections officers on offender issues, programs and policies

