Module 1, Lesson 2
ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MISSION COMPONENTS AND EXTERNAL PARTNERS
Learning Objectives

• **Recognize** that protecting children in armed conflict is a shared responsibility;

• **Describe** the roles and responsibilities of the mission components with regard to protecting children;

• **Explain** the coordination mechanisms in a mission.
UN Mission – Generic Multidimensional Structure

SRSG

- Safety & Security
- Protection of Civilians
- Strategic Communication / Public Information

COS

- JMAC
- JOC
- LEGAL
- Conduct and Discipline
- Heads of Office
- Strategic Planning

DMS
- Mission Support Division
  - Service Delivery
  - Supply Chain Management
  - Operations and Resource Management
  - Mission Support Centre
  - Integrated Mission Training Centre

HOMC
- Military Component
  - Sector HQs
  - UNMOs

HOPC
- Police Component
  - FPUs
  - Individual UNPOLs
  - Specialized Police Teams

DSRSG Political
- Political Affairs
- Human Rights
- Child Protection
- Women Protection
- Gender
- HIV / AIDS
- JCC Secretariat

DSRSG RC/HC
- Civil Affairs
- Electoral Division
- Justice and Corrections
- Stabilization Recovery
- DDR

Humanitarian Country Team
- International and local NGOs (by choice)
- Red Cross/Red Crescent organizations (by choice)

United Nations Country Team
- OCHA
- UNDP
- UNHCR
- UNICEF
- WFP
- World Bank
- Others
UN Field Office

Mission HQ
- Joint Operations Centre

Force HQ

UN Police

Country Capital

Provincial Capital

FIELD OFFICE
- Head of Office (Political)
- Regional Admin Officer
- Civil Affairs
- Protection of Civilians
- Child Protection
- Human Rights
- Field Joint Operations Centre (FJOC)
- Other

Sector HQ

UN Police

UN Police
Child Protection Advisers

- **Points of contact** on child protection within peacekeeping mission
- **Advise** mission leadership on child protection
- **Mainstream** the child protection mandate across mission components/sections
- **Liaise** with Protection of Civilian Advisers and uniformed components on prevention activities
- **Conduct training** on child protection for civilian and uniformed components
- **Monitor and report** on the six grave violations against children
- **Co-chair** the Country Task Forces on Monitoring and Reporting
- **Engage in dialogue** with parties to the conflict
- **High-level advocacy** for child protection needs
- **Coordinate** with UNICEF and other relevant actors

*Note: a Child Protection Unit may be a stand-alone mission section or may be embedded within the Human Rights component*
Military Component
Child Protection Focal Point System

- Force HQ Child Protection Focal Point
- Sector HQ Child Protection Focal Point
- Company Child Protection Focal Points
- Temporary Operating Base Child Protection Focal Point
- Force Troops Child Protection Focal Points
- Battalion Child Protection Focal Points
- Company Child Protection Focal Points
- Temporary Operating Base Child Protection Focal Point

- Mission HQ Child Protection Section/Adviser
- Regional Office Child Protection Officer
- UNMO Team Child Protection Focal Point
- Force Troops Child Protection Focal Points
- Battalion Child Protection Focal Points
- Company Child Protection Focal Points
- Temporary Operating Base Child Protection Focal Point

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Civilian Component

Head of Mission/ SRSG

Deputy SRSG/ Deputy Head of Mission

Deputy SRSG Resident Coordinator/ Humanitarian Coordinator

Security

Protection of Civilians

Joint Operations Centre

Political Affairs

Chief of Staff

Child Protection

Joint Mission Analysis Cell

Civil Affairs

Legal Affairs

Women Protection

Press/ Public Info

Human Rights

Justice & Corrections

Gender

Electoral

DDR

Conduct & Discipline

Director Mission Support

Service Delivery

Mission Support Centre

Supply Chain Management

Operations and Resource Management
Police Component

Head of Police Component/Police Commissioner

- Police Advisers
- Formed Police Units
- Specialized Police Teams
External Actors

- UNICEF
- OCHA
- UNHCR
- UNDP
- NGOs
- ICRC
- Regional orgs.
- Govt. actors
- Diplomats

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UN Country Team

UNICEF

UNHCR

UN- Women

UNDP

WHO

WFP
Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

Who they are:
- International, regional, national or local organizations
- Not part of the United Nations or the host-country Government

What they do:
- Have special interests and capacities in child protection
- Are in contact or close consultation with Child Protection Advisers
- May participate in the Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism (MRM)
National Authorities and Organizations

• Protecting civilians, including children, is the primary responsibility of the host Government

• Close coordination with government and local authorities

• Long-term sustainability and local ownership
Result: Verified information on 6 grave violations is reported to UNHQ

Result: Response to Child Protection concerns

Head of Mission

CHILD PROTECTION ADVISER

MILITARY CHILD PROTECTION FOCAL POINT/ADVISER

MILITARY OFFICER (first point of contact with children)

HOST GOVERNMENT

MRM Network (including UNICEF)

NGOs (provide interim care)

Result: Verified information on 6 grave violations is reported to UNHQ

Result: Response to Child Protection concerns
Child Protection Coordination – Foreign Child Soldier

Military
Finds foreign children detained with military group

DMS
DMS or military component may provide transport to CP Shelter

CPA
Negotiates release

SRSG

UN SECURITY COUNCIL

SANCTIONS!

UNICEF
Works with UNHCR & UNCT facilitate cross-border transfer

NGO
Provides basic services

UN SECURITY COUNCIL

Children reunited with families

ICRC
Tracks family in home country
Facilitates family reunification

UNICEF

ICRC

UN SECURITY COUNCIL

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Takeaways

• Child protection is a team effort and everyone has a role to play.
• Component responsibilities differ but are complementary.
• Coordination is essential.
• Reporting is crucial to triggering action.
• The military should establish Child Protection Focal Points at Force HQ, sector, battalion and company levels.
• Child protection information requirements and mechanisms for sharing information with the Child Protection Adviser should be established.
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Questions