

SUPPORTING PEACE OPERATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), on behalf of the Government of Canada, deploys police officers to peace operations around the world. Canadian police assist in building and strengthening law-enforcement capacity in countries at risk. By building the capacity of foreign police to maintain law and order, Canadian police, in cooperation with international partners, help create a safer and more stable global environment. This in turn paves the way for long-term development and also prevents illicit activities from spilling across borders into other countries, including Canada.

The decision to deploy Canadian police is made within the framework of the Canadian Police Arrangement (CPA), a partnership between DFATD, Public Safety Canada and the RCMP. Under the CPA, the RCMP is responsible for all operational activities.

In 2014–2015, the RCMP managed the deployment of over 90 police officers to peace operations in Haiti, the West Bank and Gaza, the UN Standing Police Capacity in Brindisi, Italy and the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations, and Canada's Permanent Mission to the UN, both in New York City.

Canadian police also worked with the UN and various countries to help them increase the number of female police deployed to peace

operations worldwide. To assist the UN in its goal of increasing female police participation in UN missions, Canadian police officers and their UN counterparts travelled to Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Rwanda to oversee training in a variety of skills including communication, firearms and driving in advance of testing by the UN candidate selection team. As at January 2015, the project had contributed to an increase in pass rates from 37 percent to 71 percent for female candidates destined for deployment to unarmed UN missions and an increase in pass rates from 30 percent to 45 percent for deployment to armed UN missions. To date, 111 out of a total of 244 female candidates who passed the Selection Assistance and Assessment Team testing were in the process of being deployed to UN peacekeeping operations.

In 2014–2015, approximately 85 Canadian police officers were also deployed to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) to help enhance the capacity of the Haitian National Police. The concept of three Canadian-led specialized teams within MINUSTAH—a community policing team, a management advisory team and a serious crime support unit—was supported by the UN. The Canadian police also worked with Norwegian police officers on projects relating to sexual and gender-based violence.