

- Interested governments should look at means of improving their ability to deploy quickly to such environments. Attention should initially be focussed on small scale, specialized deployments. Consideration could also be given to the deployment of unarmed military observers to act as liaison officers with local militaries and humanitarian agencies. The use of military police could also be considered depending on the circumstances.

**Responsibility and planning for refugee camp security:**

- Host countries have primary responsibility for ensuring the security of refugees on their territory. Host state efforts may need to be supported by the international community.
- Approaches to camp security should be comprehensive and holistic. Stakeholders that may be involved in refugee camp security, including international military and police, international organizations and NGOs must understand the capabilities and limits of one another, and receive adequate training for dealing with such circumstances.
- The importance of good security planning which is regularly updated and involves all relevant actors, including the refugee population, is crucial.
- Where relevant, refugee crises must be addressed as part of a broader regional security dynamic, particularly where armed elements are intermixed within refugee populations.
- The international community must strive to be more consistent in mobilizing the necessary political and material resources to address security issues in refugee camps, and the root causes which sparked displacement in the first place. Therefore, while development of existing early-warning and rapid response mechanisms should continue, efforts should also be directed to the politics and mechanics of mobilizing political will and ensuring an effective response.
- UNHCR in cooperation with Governments should continue to develop the concept of multi-disciplinary needs and security assessment teams (or “Humanitarian Security Officers”), which can be made available to deploy in advance or as a lead element of a humanitarian operation to help determine local capacities, potential security requirements, and develop a security plan.
- The UN Standby Arrangements System should be revised to take into account possible requirements with respect to camp security and recruitment methods should likewise be reconsidered with an eye to such deployments. Regional organizations with similar arrangements could also consider such measures.
- The potential role of private militaries and security firms in dealing with refugee camp security is an area that requires further consideration and while an interesting possibility, does raise important questions about accountability.
- The value of inter-agency and bilateral information-sharing and coordination, and regular information meetings and cooperation/logistics meetings on location cannot be underestimated;