



Peace Support OPERATIONS

Identifying HUMAN INSECURITY

Peacekeeping has traditionally been a primarily military activity that took place between states in order to monitor a peace treaty upon which all parties had agreed. However, contemporary conflict, in which civilians are the primary tools and targets, has forced traditional peacekeeping missions to evolve into broad and multidisciplinary "peace support operations". As a result, Canadian involvement in international peace support operations has expanded to include civilian experts, such as human rights monitors, refugee and child protection experts, corrections officers to rebuild justice systems, and civilian police to monitor and train local police forces.



Canada's Peace Support Operations initiatives include the following issues:

- ▼ Peace Support Capacity
- ▼ Expert Deployment
- ▼ Police in Peace Support Operations

Taking CONCRETE ACTION

The Human Security Program of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) invests in initiatives that strengthen our capacity to deploy peace support operations that meet today's challenges. To assist the international community respond to emerging challenges in a comprehensive manner, the Human Security Program supports CANADEM – a national roster of Canadian civilian experts in a range of fields who can be deployed to urgent and complex missions. To date, CANADEM has helped to deploy over 320 Canadians to peace support operations and registered nearly 3000 Canadian experts on its roster.

Multilateral and bilateral partnerships are also an important aspect of Canada's approach to peace support operations. Canada is currently working with the UN to bolster its capacity to manage peace support operations. Activities include improving Canadian deployment and training systems to provide civilian, police and military experts, and building the capabilities of member states to participate effectively and supporting specific capacity-building initiatives at the UN. The Human Security Program also works with The Lester B. Pearson Canadian International Peacekeeping Training Centre based in Clementsport, Nova Scotia, to train civilian and military personnel from all countries in peacebuilding skills. We have also developed other initiatives on a bilateral level, for example, Canada and the UK have developed the *Gender Training Initiative*: a three day course on gender sensitive approaches to peace support operations aimed at both military and civilian personnel.

Fostering FUTURE SECURITY

Building on its international reputation as a pre-eminent peacekeeper, Canada has been at the forefront of developing a more integrated approach to today's more complex missions. Canadians have long contributed to these missions in military, civilian police and civilian capacities. As peacekeeping evolves, Canada will serve as a model and, in so doing, develop peace support operations that expand the possibilities for both the prevention of conflict and the making of peace.

