

Mission Statement

The Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law (GFP) is a United Nations platform co-chaired by DPKO and UNDP that is designed to strengthen the provision of rule of law assistance to address and prevent violent conflict, to protect human rights and to restore justice and security for conflict-affected people. The GFP is a field-focused arrangement that enables United Nations entities, including UNODC, UNHCR, OHCHR, EOSG, UN Women and others, to jointly pursue shared objectives, in accordance with their mandates and capacities, beginning from the articulation of priority strategic objectives to the integrated planning stage through the design and delivery of results.

The GFP operates in the following non-exclusive settings:

- Prevention and/or sustaining peace, including non-mission settings;
- Settings in which peacekeeping operations or special political missions are mandated to operate; and
- Transitions in the context of peace operation drawdown or withdrawal.

Through this arrangement, GFP partners at headquarters coordinate the provision of expertise, guidance and the mobilization of resources in response to requests from the field to ensure the efficient delivery of rule of law and security sector-related mandates. This support and assistance includes:

- Rapid deployment of expertise;
- Joint planning, programming and evaluation;
- Joint assessments, thematic / geographic analyses;
- Assistance with resource mobilization; and
- The development of United Nations system-wide policy, guidance, good practices and lessons learned material as possible.

GFP partners promote United Nations norms and standards, including gender mainstreaming and human rights-based approaches. Rule of law support should be aligned with the Secretary-General's reform agenda and priorities of Member States, including the restructuring of the peace and security architecture of the Secretariat and of the development system, the Secretary-General's Agenda for Prevention, the resolutions on Sustaining Peace, the United Nations Security Council resolutions on Women, Peace and Security, Action for Peacekeeping (A4P), and the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to 'leave no one behind.'

The GFP is not an entity and United Nations staff serving the arrangement retain their reporting lines within their respective United Nations organizations. Coordinating platforms and working group arrangements are established both at headquarters and in the field to increase United Nations coherence, align strategies and programs with national development plans, serve as a single entry-point for host governments, and to achieve better results drawing on the mandates and expertise of the contributing agencies. In addition to in-house expertise, and the existing rosters of United Nations entities, GFP partners utilize the Brindisi-based DPKO/OROLSI Standing Police Capacity and the Justice and Corrections Standing Capacity, which are rapidly deployable and flexible operational units available for both mission and non-mission settings.