



ESDC pilot course: Investigating and Preventing Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Conflict Environments

All modern armed conflicts have a common characteristic: civilians are the ones who suffer the most from war inflicted violence. Most affected are civilians, women and children- in particular by Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV).

Often used as a bounty of war or abused as part of tactical warfare, they are frequently survivors/ witnesses with long lasting or permanent psychological and/or physical harm. SGBV exists before, during and in the aftermath of armed conflicts but,



the vulnerability, the scale, the modus operandi of atrocities and the perpetrators themselves do change. Even after the signing of a peace agreement there might still not be peace for women and girls. Rape, sexual abuse, human trafficking and other forms of violence continue or increase, including domestic violence. Commonly within a setting of poor protection, poor accountability and poor justice. A situation hardly conducive to reconciliation which is a fundamental precondition for lasting peace to be achieved.

Police play a crucial role in regaining people's trust in a post conflict environment as they are the most visible indication of public security at hand. The professional conduct of the Police will have a positive impact on the welfare of all community members, even more though when it comes to dealing with cases of SGBV.

This course is designed for CSDP and UN mission personnel. It is also open for police or judicial personnel from host countries, if they are supported by their government or by international organizations. This



course is based on the UN DPKO/ITS curriculum on SGBV and other international recognized training material. It is a Train-the-Trainer course and intends to qualify

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pean Security and Defence College (ESDC) and on behalf of the German Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community (BMI).

Seminar Core Schedule and Content

Week 1

Monday

Definitions & Clarifications; Relevance of the Topic; Principles of International Crisis Management

Tuesday

SGBV Dynamics; International Legal Frameworks; Penal Code; International Criminal Law and SGBV;

Wednesday

Conflict Effects on Women/Girls and Men/Boys?; Mentoring, Advising and Training - Adult Learning Approach in Post Conflict Environments; Specific Forms of SGBV

Thursday

UN SCR 1325, 1820 ...; Networking and Partners, Victim Support Services; Preventing Crimes related to SGBV through Community Oriented Problem Solving Strategy;

Friday

Presentations of Group Assignments (SGBV Prevention);

Week 2

Monday

Case Management; Preparation Teaching Practices;

Tuesday

Crime Scene and Evidence Overview/Searching, Exhibits Manager and Handling - Assessed Teaching Practice;(ATP)

Wednesday

Trauma and Sensitive Victim Approach;

Thursday

Investigative Interview / Suspect Interview - ATP; Experiences from the Field; SSR and Gender; Transitional Justice;

Friday

Summary, Feedback and Closing Ceremony.

Course language:
English