Unarmed Civilian Protection: Tools for Sustaining Peace

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CYCLES OF VIOLENCE

- Exposure to Violence
- Separation from Families
- Sexual Violence and Exploitation
- Deprivation
- Interrupted Education
- Lack of Health Care
- Death & Injuries
- Hate Speech
- Targeting
- Child Soldiering
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Unarmed Civilian Protection (UCP)

UCP refers to the use of unarmed civilians to directly protect civilians by preventing, reducing, and stopping violence through *deterrence* and *encouragement*.

UCP relies on dialogue, relationships, real-time analysis and understanding with all stakeholders including armed actors to effect changes that reduce violence and protect civilians.
H O W  D O E S  U C P  W O R K ?

PROTECT
Unarmed civilians, nationals and internationals, providing direct protection to civilians under threat of physical violence without resort to weapons.

SUPPORT
Supporting local civil society organizations and communities to better protect themselves build peace, and prevent further outbreaks of violence.

BUILD
Strengthening the capacity of existing protection mechanisms and local peace structures to sustain peace.
UCP IN PRACTICE

NONVIOLENT
NONPARTISAN
PRIMACY OF LOCAL ACTORS

• Specially trained professionals
• Full-time, 24/7
• Multi-national
• 50% women
• Over half from host country
• Strategic
• Adaptable
• Deeply immersed in community
• Cost-effective
PROTECTIVE ACCOMPANIMENT
CREATING SAFER SPACES: PROVIDING GRASSROOTS MEDIATION

76,000 internally displaced people return home after 110 interventions in 5 months
PREVENTION AND SUSTAINING PEACE

WOMEN’S PARTICIPATION

COLLABORATION

PEOPLE CENTERED
UNARMED STRATEGIES MUST BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF UNITED NATIONS EFFORTS TO PROTECT CIVILIANS.

“Unarmed civilian protection (UCP) is a methodology for the direct protection of civilians and violence reduction that has grown in practice and recognition. In the last few years, it has proven its effectiveness to protect women and girls.”