



Strengthening Civilian Capacities to Protect Civilians

Unarmed Civilian Protection Online Course

January 14 - February 22, 2019

Register by January 7

Cost: \$300 USD

Register at www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org/UCPcourseregistration

Bring Peace to Armed Conflict

- Learn nonviolent methods to protect civilians in violent conflict
- Learn how to work with local communities to deter violence
- Learn the basics of a practice recognized at the UN as crucial and effective

What is Unarmed Civilian Protection?

- Unarmed civilian protection (UCP) is a methodology for the direct protection of civilians, for violence reduction, and for supporting local peace infrastructures. UCP provides unarmed, specially trained civilians who live and work with local civil society in areas of violent conflict.
- Unarmed civilian protection is an emerging discipline, currently practiced in areas of conflict such as Colombia, South Sudan, Palestine, the United States, Iraq, and the Mindanao region of the Philippines.
- Always nonviolent and nonpartisan, unarmed civilian protectors support local actors as they work to address the roots and consequences of violent conflict. This practice is grounded in international law, in the principle of civilian immunity in war, and in the protection afforded by international conventions. This course aims to contribute to the common objectives of protecting civilians and keeping peace.

Become a part of the growing field of unarmed civilian protection.

Why the Urgency?

- More civilians are displaced by violent conflict for longer periods than any time since World War II—and the number is growing.
- Be a part of the solution: Learn field-tested, effective methods to protect civilians and prevent violence.
- The High-Level Independent Panel on United Nations Peace Operations (HIPPO) asserted that “Unarmed strategies must be at the forefront of UN efforts to protect civilians.”

Why Take the Course?

This facilitated course is highly interactive. At completion, students will successfully:

- describe the key principles, objectives, and sources of guidance for UCP;
- analyze a conflict and identify vulnerable populations;
- demonstrate an understanding of the methods of UCP and how they can be adapted and applied to a conflict situation;
- identify key features of an effective UCP implementation plan and exit strategy, with a view toward maximizing the security both of UCP staff and local civilians

Course Modules

Module one: Introduction to unarmed civilian protection;

Module two: UCP: Principles and sources of guidance;

Module three: Methods and required skills;

Module four: UCP in practice (1): Preparing to enter and entering a community;

Module five: UCP in practice (2): Living in and exiting the community.

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Please note: The course will only run if there is a minimum of 13 students enrolled. If the minimum is not met, that section will be cancelled and students will have the opportunity to move their enrollment to the next course offering in the schedule.

