



## The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers (29 May)

United Nations Peacekeeping missions operate in the most dangerous and difficult environments in the world dealing with conflicts or their aftermath which others cannot or will not address. The UN Peacekeeping missions are instrumental in enhancing social protection in regions with poor peace and justice institutions. Over the past 20 years, protection of civilians has increasingly been at the heart of UN peacekeeping. Today, more than 90% of peacekeepers are serving in eight peacekeeping operations in Abyei and Darfur, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, Lebanon, Mali and South Sudan. UN peacekeepers continue to courageously serve in life threatening conditions to protect civilians from violence and injustice. Since the early 1970s, Ghanaian men and women have served as United Nations peacekeepers by participating in operations that stretched from the Sinai to the African continent. Ghana is now among the top 10 contributors to UN peacekeeping, with nearly 3,000 personnel serving on eight missions.

### Facts and figures

- There are 16 UN peacekeeping operations deployed in 4 continents.
- Women make up 30% of civilian peacekeepers, 10% of police peacekeepers and 3% of military peacekeepers.
- UN peacekeepers help over 150 million people across the world. The largest mission is in [Darfur](#).
- UN peacekeeping is supported by 193 member states who contribute personnel, equipment and funds.

### UN Peacekeepers Enhancing SDG 16

- UN Peacekeepers protecting civilians: ([Watch now](#))
- Recognizing a Malawian peacekeeper killed in action: ([Watch now](#))
- Women working for peace: ([Learn more](#))
- Protecting people with technology; modernizing peacekeeping operations:([Watch now](#))
- UN Photo story: Honoring Ghana's peacekeeping efforts: ([Learn more](#))
- [Thank you Ghana](#): ([Watch now](#))