


*Head of Household, Survivor of Rape, Market Woman:
Engendering Conflict Prevention Through a Holistic
Framework for Action*



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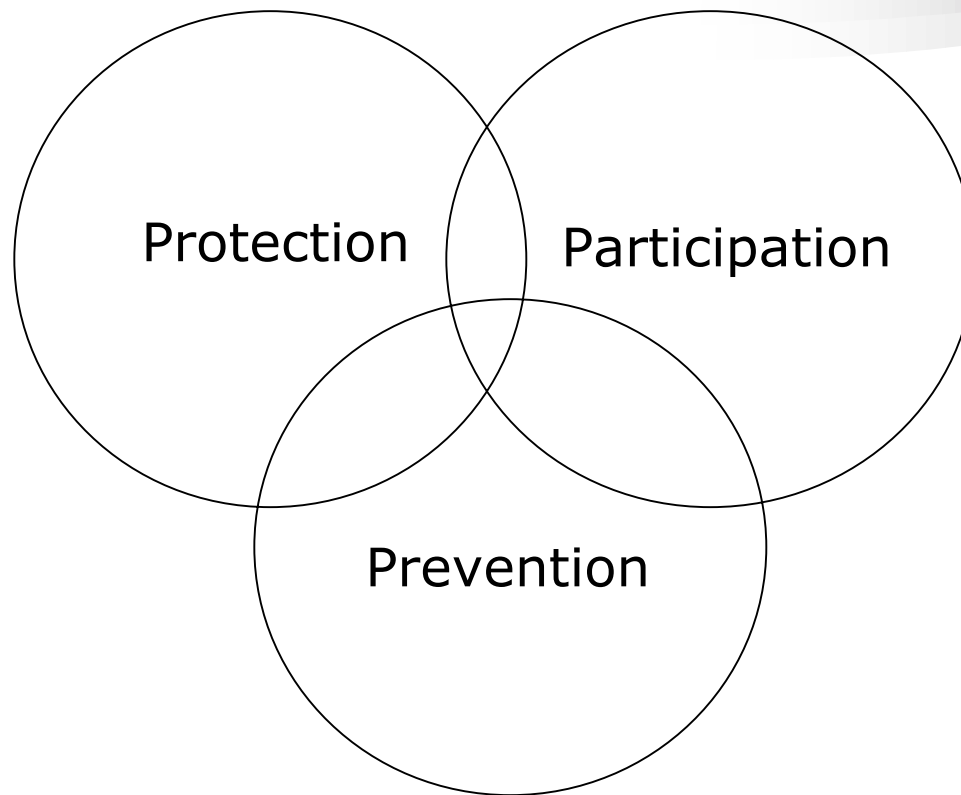
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The 'Three Ps'



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Guiding Documents

- UN GA Resolution 337 on Conflict Prevention (2003)
- Secretary-General's Study on Women, Peace and Security (2002)
- UNIFEM Commissioned Independent Experts' Assessment on Women, War, Peace (2002)
- Secretary-General's report of the Prevention of Armed Conflict (2001)
- UNSC Resolution 1366 on the Role of the Security Council in the Prevention of Armed Conflict (2001)
- G8 Roma Initiatives on Conflict Prevention - Strengthening the Role of Women in Conflict Prevention (2001)
- UNSC Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security (2000)
- European Parliament resolution on participation of women in peaceful conflict resolution (2000)
- UNSC Resolution 1296 on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict (2000)
- UNSC Resolution 1265 on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict (1999)
- Beijing Platform for Action (1995) and Beijing+5 Outcome Document (2000)
- Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women, CEDAW (1979)

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UNSC Resolution 1325: References to Conflict Prevention

- ...Reaffirming the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in peace-building, and stressing the importance of their equal participation and full involvement in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security, and the need to increase their role in decision-making with regard to conflict prevention and resolution,

- ...1. Urges Member States to ensure increased representation of women at all decision-making levels in national, regional and international institutions and mechanisms for the prevention, management, and resolution of conflict;

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Peace Agreement Processes as Conflict Prevention

...Recognizing that an understanding of the impact of armed conflict on women and girls, effective institutional arrangements to guarantee their protection and full participation in the peace process can significantly contribute to the maintenance and promotion of international peace and security,

...8. Calls on all actors involved, when negotiating and implementing peace agreements, to adopt a gender perspective, including, inter alia: (a) The special needs of women and girls during repatriation and resettlement and for rehabilitation, reintegration and post-conflict reconstruction; (b) Measures that support local women's peace initiatives and indigenous processes for conflict resolution, and that involve women in all of the implementation mechanisms of the peace agreements; (c) Measures that ensure the protection of and respect for human rights of women and girls, particularly as they relate to the constitution, the electoral system, the police and the judiciary;

Key concerns in ensuring that peace agreement processes serve as a component of a framework on conflict prevention

- Protection: to ensure participation in peace agreement processes, as specific provisions in peace agreements
- Participation: representation of society, redefinition of stakeholders, ownership of implementation
- Prevention: peace agreements as a mechanism for preventing conflict

Question for Moving Forward

How can we, as a civil society-UN collaborative initiative, ensure that mediators and donors guarantee and promote women's equal and full participation in peace agreement processes?

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Peacekeeping as Conflict Prevention

- ...4. Further urges the Secretary-General to seek to expand the role and contribution of women in United Nations field-based operations, and especially among military observers, civilian police, human rights and humanitarian personnel;
- ...6. Requests the Secretary-General to provide to Member States training guidelines and materials on the protection, rights and the particular needs of women, as well as on the importance of involving women in all peacekeeping and peace-building measures, invites Member States to incorporate these elements as well as HIV/AIDS awareness training into their national training programmes for military and civilian police personnel in preparation for deployment and further requests the Secretary-General to ensure that civilian personnel of peacekeeping operations receive similar training;

Key concerns in ensuring that peacekeeping operations serve as a component of a framework on conflict prevention

- Protection: to ensure women's active engagement with peacekeepers - military observers, civilian police, human rights personnel
- Participation: via gender-sensitivity training, recognition of women as early warning beacons, 'untapped resources'
- Prevention: peacekeeping as a mechanism for conflict prevention

Question for Moving Forward

How can we, as a civil society-UN collaborative initiative, ensure that Troop-Contributing Countries (TCCs) provide sufficient gender-sensitivity training pre-deployment?

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Challenges

- Societal norms: cultures of inequality and militarized societies
- Lack of political will: gender as 'soft issue'
 - Women as victims vs active agents for peace
 - Compartmentalizing 'women's issues'
- Lack of systematic information sharing: within the UN system, in particular between Headquarters and field offices; within civil society, including NGOs, academia, funding institutions, and activists; between the UN system and civil society