

Military Engineer Activities in UN Peacekeeping Operations



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Role of the UN Military Engineer Unit

United Nations Peacekeeping Missions Military Engineer Unit Manual

1.1 Role

- The primary role of the UN Military Engineer Unit is to enable the deployment of the UN Mission under conditions allowing the Mission to fulfil its mandate in an efficient and safe manner.
- UN Military Engineers enable Mission transition operations from peacekeeping to peacebuilding, and from Mission support to host nation development.

Engineer activities in support of mission components





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Principles and Guidelines

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- Many civilian organizations and government departments routinely function with a high degree of tolerance for ambiguity.
- At the same time, military staff tend to seek to minimize ambiguity by making informed assumptions within a strong planning culture.

Engineer activities in support of/collaboration with UNCT

**The UNCT encompasses all the entities of the UN system that carry out operational activities for development, emergency, recovery and transition in programme countries*



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1.2 Command and Control

- UN Military Engineer Units, as well as other military components, are under the Operational Control of the Force Commander.

1.3.1 Tasking Authority for UN Combat Engineer Unit

- Combat Engineer Units are specifically categorized as “combat support units” under the direct tasking authority of the Force Commander.

1.3.2 Tasking Authority for UN Military Construction Engineer Unit

- Military enabling resources such as construction engineers, fall under the direct tasking authority of the Director of Mission Support and his/her designated subordinates.

Engineer activities designed to benefit population



Before



After



