



## About Peacekeeping

Peacekeeping is a calling that demands both personal dedication and sacrifice. Service in the cause of peace offers real opportunities to help peoples and countries recover from conflict, rebuild their societies, and enjoy the benefits of peace.

United Nations peace operations offer opportunities to make a difference, both in the world and in your own life. Working and living conditions in the field vary. If you serve in a peacekeeping or political mission, or in a humanitarian field operation, the country or region that you work and live in is likely to be emerging from conflict or an emergency situation where the conditions are more arduous; the infrastructure is weak and electricity and clean water are often in short supply. In addition, most peacekeeping, political or humanitarian missions are categorized as "non-family" duty stations, and therefore family members are unable to join the staff member at the relevant location.



## Social Affairs

This Job Family is part of the Economic and Social Development Job Network and includes roles in Gender Affairs, Child Protection and HIV/AIDS. Experts in these specialisms work to mainstream and promote gender equality, protection of the rights and well-being of children and to raise HIV/AIDS awareness, prevention and risk-reduction in peace operations.

Officers working in a Social Affairs context have comprehensive knowledge of their field of expertise, with particular emphasis on rebuilding institutional responses in conflict and post-conflict environments.



## Nature of our Work

Officers who work in the field of Social Affairs contribute to building sustainable peace after conflict with a particular emphasis on inclusion, equal participation and protecting the rights of all peoples, which are fundamental factors in longer term security and development. HIV/AIDS prevention and response protects both the peacekeepers and host populations and is critical for building a partnership with the host country.



## Working in the Field

United Nations peacekeeping and political missions have evolved over time to respond to different conflicts and changing political landscapes. Civilian peacekeepers work as administrators and engineers, police officers and legal experts, economists and electoral observers, specialists in civil affairs and gender, as well as experts in information technology and public information among other specialized functions. International positions have two categories, Professional and Higher and Field Service, which are distinguished by levels of responsibility as well as education and work experience requirements.



## Gender

The United Nations fosters gender equality and encourages applications from suitably qualified and experienced women across the full range of career opportunities particularly in the more "non-traditional" field careers such as Aviation, Logistics or Engineering.



## Education

Experts in this field are expected to demonstrate comprehensive knowledge and experience in their area of expertise. A master's degree is required in a relevant social science, Social Studies, Social Development, Economics, Human Rights, Law, Gender Studies, International Relations or another related field. Work in these areas of expertise requires teamwork, excellent communications skills; demonstrated sensitivity to the political and social environment; an understanding of working in complex emergency environments; good analytical and research skills; and an ability to integrate social sciences perspectives into mission programmes, policies and activities as required. English and French are the working languages of the United Nations. Knowledge of a second official UN language is an advantage.



## Related Careers

There are various career opportunities related to Social Affairs, such as the following:

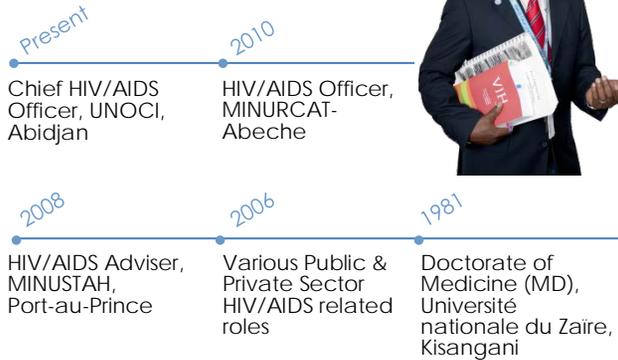
- **Women Protection Advisor**
- **Protection of Civilians Officer**
- **Programme Officer**
- **Coordination Officer**



## Helpful Links

- [careers.un.org](https://careers.un.org)
- [hr.un.org](https://hr.un.org)
- [inspira.un.org](https://inspira.un.org)
- [point.un.org](https://point.un.org)

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**Global Workforce**

Over time, the United Nations has increased its presence in locations all over the world. There are over 130 field offices, which include peacekeeping and political missions and humanitarian field operations, and they play an essential role in identifying, highlighting, and responding to emerging challenges. While the work may vary greatly, the one unifying factor is the opportunity to make a difference, both in the world and in your own life. Together with its partners, the UN is tasked with a variety of responsibilities, such as providing and coordinating humanitarian assistance; promoting and protecting human rights; promoting the wise stewardship of the global environment; assisting countries to combat the supply of illicit drugs, crime and corruption and; providing information on the Organization and its activities in the various locations in which it operates.

Missions Directed by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations\*




**UN Field Careers**

Before you navigate through the existing job opportunities available online, we strongly advise that you read carefully the description of each current UN operation through the links to the mission website.

Please apply for the positions that best match your expertise, qualifications, experience and aspirations. The necessary education background/training, experience and skills to perform a specific job are explained in the qualification section of each vacancy announcement.

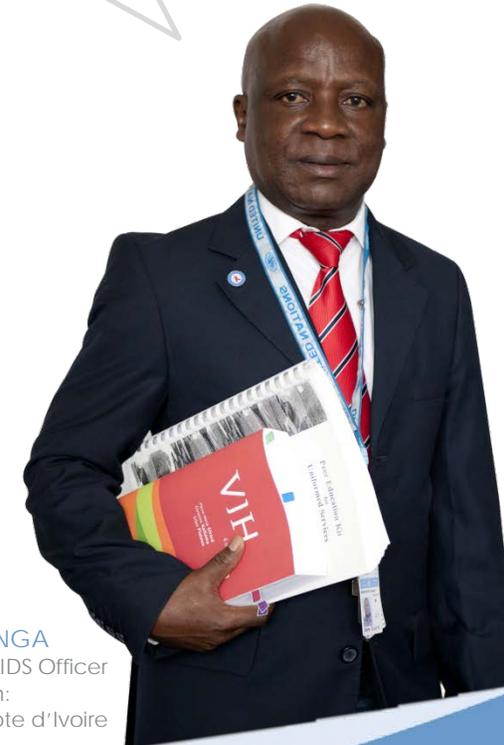
If you are interested in working for Peacekeeping Operations, please send your resume to [Outreachforpeace@un.org](mailto:Outreachforpeace@un.org) and write "WRUD4P" in the subject line of your email.

\* Source: Map No. 4259 Rev. 20(E), Cartographic Section, Department of Field Support, UNITED NATIONS, April 2014  
\*\* political mission  
Disclaimer: due to the mobile and dynamic nature of field careers, profilees may not necessarily feature in their current positions.

# What are you doing for peace?

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I'm passionate about encouraging everyone to become involved in a **positive response to HIV/AIDS**, especially in environments where resources are often stretched and demand is high.



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