



YOUTH BUILDING PEACE

Inspiring and inspired by UNSCR 2250:
Youth, peace and security

WHAT IS PEACE?



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NEGATIVE PEACE

*... is the absence of
violence or fear of
violence.*

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POSITIVE PEACE

*... is the attitudes,
institutions & structures
that create and sustain
peaceful societies.*

WHAT IS PEACE?



- Peace is much more than just absence of armed conflict or direct violence
- It also includes absence of structural and cultural violence
- This means things like equality, equity and inclusiveness are integral to building true peace
- A society where everyone is well and value each other is a peaceful society



UN Security Council Resolution 2250 on youth, peace & security

Adopted on 9 December 2015

UN SECURITY COUNCIL



- ❖ The organ has the primary responsibility for **maintaining international peace and security** to the Security under the UN Charter.
- ❖ The decisions made by the Security Council must be accepted and implemented by the Member States, which gives a lot of **political weight** to the Resolutions.

YOUTH, PEACE & SECURITY



- 2250 first resolution to deal with the role of young people in the issues of peace and security - explores for example the impact of conflict on youth and the inclusion of youth in peace processes
- Important recognition for the positive role youth can play in building peace - Young people are involved in preventing violence, countering violent extremism, transforming conflict and building peace in their communities. However, their work often lacks recognition and support.

RESOLUTION 2250



- ❖ Adopted unanimously on 9 December 2015
- ❖ Formalizes the Youth, Peace and Security agenda as a **relevant political field**
- ❖ Defines youth as persons of the age of **18-29** years old
- ❖ Builds on an existing **movement of young peacebuilders** worldwide

RESOLUTION 2250

The document is a **global policy framework** that ensures an **age perspective** in issues related to peace and security, including in peace processes; dispute resolutions; rehabilitation, reintegration and post-conflict reconstruction. That means that the specific needs of young people and their views will be taken into account in policies, programme, distribution of funds, etc.



5 PILLARS

1. Participation
2. Protection
3. Prevention
4. Partnerships
5. Disengagement & reintegration



PARTICIPATION



The resolution asks member states to

- ❖ ***“increase inclusive representation of youth in decision-making at all levels (..) in institutions and mechanisms for prevention and resolution of conflicts”***
- ❖ take youth’s participation and views into account in **negotiation and peace agreements**. That includes:
 - considering their special needs;
 - supporting local youth peace initiatives;
 - empowering youth in peacebuilding and conflict resolution

PROTECTION



The resolution requires member states to:

- ❖ **ensure the protection of young civilians' lives and human rights** in contexts of armed conflict, including refugees and internally displaced persons;
- ❖ further ensure their **protection against sexual violence and gender based violence**;
- ❖ **investigate and prosecute** those responsible for crimes perpetrated against young civilians, including genocides, crimes against humanity, and war crime;

PREVENTION



The resolution urges member states to:

- ❖ facilitate an inclusive and enabling environment where youth from different backgrounds **can foster social cohesion and receive support to implement violence prevention activities;**
- ❖ create **youth-friendly policies** that promotes their participation in peacebuilding effort;
- ❖ provide youth with **quality education for peace;**
- ❖ promote **a culture of peace, tolerance, intercultural and interreligious dialogue**

PARTNERSHIPS



The resolution asks member states to establish and strengthen partnerships with relevant actors by:

- ❖ increasing **support to UN bodies** engaged in promoting peace, development and equality;
- ❖ **engaging young people during and after conflict** when developing peacebuilding strategies;
- ❖ **engaging community actors and empowering local people**, including youth, in countering violent extremism and promoting social cohesion and inclusion.

DISENGAGEMENT & REINTEGRATION



The resolution requires member states to consider youth's needs in disarmament, demobilization and reintegration activities, regarding:

- ❖ investing in **youth employment opportunities** to counter their marginalization;
- ❖ investing in **building youth's capabilities and skills** to meet labour demands;
- ❖ **supporting entrepreneurship initiatives** from youth-led and peacebuilding organizations.

IN SHORT



- **Participation:** Take youth's participation and views into account in decision-making processes, from negotiation and prevention of violence to peace agreements
 - **Protection:** Ensure the protection of young civilians' lives and human rights, and investigate and prosecute those responsible for crimes perpetrated against them.
 - **Prevention:** Support young people in preventing violence and in promoting a culture of tolerance and intercultural dialogue.
 - **Partnerships:** Engage young people during and after conflict when developing peacebuilding strategies, along with community actors and United Nations bodies
 - **Disengagement and reintegration:** Invest in youth affected by armed conflict through employment opportunities, inclusive labour policies and education promoting a culture of peace.
- This presentation is part of the 2250 Toolkit. For more, visit: unoy.org/2250-toolkit*

Progress Study on Youth, peace and Security

Provides recommendations and defines a strategy for implementing the resolution

Four themes:

- Tackling stereotypes and policy myths
- Youth for peace
- Addressing the violence of exclusion: from marginalization to meaningful inclusion
- From a demographic dividend to a peace dividend



Group discussions



Supporting questions for discussion:

1. How is this pillar relevant in your country? Or is it?
2. Is there something you don't understand regarding the pillar?
3. What is the dream, what kind of action and results would you like to see regarding the pillar in your country? What needs to be done in order for this to happen?

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