Above all, we value the dignity of every human life, protect the rights of every person, and share the hope of every soul to live in freedom. That is who we are.” President Donald Trump, July 2017

U.S. National Security Strategy (Nov 2017)

“There can be no moral equivalency between nations that uphold the rule of law, empower women and respect individual rights and those that brutalize and suppress their people... Governments that respect the rights of their citizens remain the best vehicle for prosperity, human happiness, and peace. In contrast, governments that routinely abuse the rights of their children do not play constructive roles in the world. For example, governments that fail to treat women equally do not allow their societies to reach their potential... We must empower women and youth. Societies that empower women to participate fully in civic and economic life are more prosperous and peaceful. We will support to advance women’s equality, protect the rights of women and girls, and promote women and youth empowerment program.”

The Evolution of WPS

The Department of Defense has 120 days to complete a WPS Strategy Implementation Plan.

U.S. Strategy on Women, Peace, and Security End State and supporting Objectives

The Strategy defines women's political empowerment and equality as an end state whereby women can meaningfully participate in preventing, medicating, and resolving conflict and countering terrorism, in ways that promote stable and lasting peace, including in conflict-affected areas. To work toward this end state, the WPS Strategy identified three separate, yet interrelated, strategic objectives that must be achieved. These strategic objectives aim to make demonstrable progress by 2023:

1. Women are **more prepared and increasingly able** to participate in efforts that promote stable and lasting peace
2. Women and Girls are **safer, better protected, and have equal access** to government and private assistance programs, including from the U.S., international partners, and host nations
3. United States and partner governments have **improved institutionalization and capacity** to ensure WPS efforts are sustainable and long-lasting

**Line of Effort 1:** Seek and support the preparation and meaningful participation of women around the world in decision-making processes related to conflict and crisis

*Goal: Increase women's participation in political, civic, and military processes*

**Line of Effort 2:** Promote the protection of women and girls' human rights; access to humanitarian assistance; and safety from violence, abuse, and exploitation around the world

*Goal: Women and girls' security, human rights, and needs are protected*

**Line of Effort 3:** Line Adjust U.S. international programs to improve outcomes in equality for, and the empowerment of women

*Goal: The U.S. maintains its role as a leader on the world stage in promoting the meaningful participation of women in preventing, managing, and resolving conflict, and efforts in post-conflict relief and recovery*

**Line of Effort 4:** Encourage partner governments to adopt policies, plans, and capacity to improve the meaningful participation of women in processes connected to peace and security and decision-making institutions

*Goal: Partner governments are reforming policies, programs, and plans to increase women's meaningful participation in processes connected to peace and security and decision-making institutions*

**Conflict Affects Women and Children Disproportionately**

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- “Improving Operational Effectiveness by Integrating Gender Perspective”
- “Role of Gender Advisors”

**United Nations WPS Agenda**

- **UNSCR 1325** (2000) Women in peacebuilding
- **UNSCR 1820** (2008) Sexual Violence as a war crime
- **UNSCR 1888** (2009) Strengthen efforts to end sexual violence
- **UNSCR 1889** (2009) Women in the peace process
- **UNSCR 1960** (2010) Violence against men, women and children
- **UNSCR 2106** (2013) Sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict, includes men
- **UNSCR 2122** (2013) Women’s role in conflict prevention/resolution
- **UNSCR 2422** (2015) Countering Violent Extremism and Terrorism (CVET)
- **UNSCR 2272** (2016) Sexual exploitation and abuse in peace operations *
- **UNSCR 2331** (2016) Human Trafficking *
- **UNSCR 2647** (2019) Conflict Related Sexual Violence *

*Indicates additional UNSCRs related to WPS

**The following publications include WPS content:**

- Joint Publication 3-29, Foreign Humanitarian Assistance
- Joint Publication 3-07, Stability
- Joint Publication 3-07.3, Peace Operations
- Army Techniques Publication 3-07.6, Protection of Civilians
- PKSOI SOLLIMS Lessons Learned Samplers: "Operationalizing WPS" (NOV 2017)
- "FHA: The Complexity of Considerations (SEP 2018)
- Multinational Force SOP (USINDOPACOM)

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