**Introduction and Brief Description**

RADPKO documents UN peacekeeping personnel deployed as part of Chapter VII peacekeeping missions in Africa from 1999 until 2018. The data provide information on the location, personnel type, nationality, and gender of peacekeepers deployed, aggregated to individual peacekeeping bases, a country’s second order administrative unit, or standard PRIO 0.5 x 0.5 decimal-degree grid cells.

Our peacekeeping data differ from available peacekeeping data along the following dimensions:

* Our data provide information on peacekeeper identity, both in terms of nationality of peacekeepers and the gender of peacekeepers.
* Our data provide the most current information for ongoing peacekeeping deployments with a Chapter VII mandate, such as MINUSMA (Mali), MINUSCA (Central African Republic), and UNMISS (South Sudan).
* Our data use *two* primary documents from the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UN-DPKO): irregularly published UN mission Reports to the Secretary General and monthly mission-specific deployment statistics from UN-DPKO. We code the subnational location and nationality of peacekeeping personnel using deployments maps commonly found in UN Reports to the Secretary General. We estimate the count of peacekeepers by personnel type, nationality, and gender using monthly deployment reports from UN-DPKO. Our data project is the first to use monthly deployment reports from UN-DPKO to estimate the count of personnel deployed per mission. Given that these reports are available more frequently than are mission Reports to the Secretary General, our data have higher temporal granularity than do other available data.

To be fully transparent, we provide information on the missing-ness of primary documents and list the assumptions used while coding our data below:

* We assume that peacekeeping personnel are distributed uniformly across all deployed units of their given nationality, per mission. A clarifying example: imagine that Nigeria has 100 PKO-troops, 100 PKO-police, and 10 PKO-observers deployed to Mali in March of 2016. In total, there are ten independent Nigerian peacekeeping units deployed across Mali at the same time. Our assumption distributes the personnel from each type uniformly across the ten Nigerian units, such that each unit receives 10 PKO-troops, 10 PKO-police, and 1 PKO-observer. We find this assumption preferable to using military symbology on unit size (e.g., squad, company, etc.) available on deployment maps to estimate deployment size. Future iterations of the data will take advantage of information on maps regarding unit type to distribute units across base locations more precisely.
* We assume that the location of UN-peacekeeping personnel is static during the months spanning the publication of UN Reports to the Secretary General for each mission.Figure A displays the availability of deployment maps from UN Reports to the Secretary General for each mission: blue tiles indicate that a map is available, red tiles indicate that no map is available. We assume that the location of deployed UN-PKO units remains constant for the red tiles spanning each available blue tile. [Note that this assumption is *not* reflected in the *number* of PKO personnel deployed. We use information from monthly deployment reports to estimate the number of PKO deployed per mission for each month of deployment. Therefore, we are able to provide precise estimates of deployment size even deployment maps from missions are unavailable.]
* We assume that the first available deployment map per mission represents the deployment of UN-PKO personnel during the mission’s first months of deployment. A clarifying example: consider map availability for the PKO deployment in the Central African Republic, MINUSCA. Figure A shows that the first published deployment map in a MINUSCA Report to the Secretary General is available in early 2015, even though the MINUSCA deployment began in early 2014. For the sake of constructing our data, we assume that *location* of PKO personnel from early 2014 to early 2015 mirror the *location* of PKO personnel reflected in the first available deployment map. [Note that this assumption is *not* reflected in the *number* of PKO personnel deployed. We use information from monthly deployment reports to estimate the number of PKO deployed per mission for each month of deployment. Therefore, we are able to provide precise estimates of deployment size even deployment maps from missions are unavailable.]

Our data are publicly available and will be cleaned and updated regularly. We are open to feedback regarding the data! Please contact Patrick Hunnicutt ([patrickhunnicutt@ucsb.edu)](mailto:patrickhunnicutt@ucsb.edu)) or William Nomikos ([wnomikos@wustl.edu)](mailto:wnomikos@wustl.edu)) if you would like additional questions about how these data were coded, constructed, etc.).

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**ID Variables**

1. *date:* month of UN deployment
2. *country:* country of UN deployment
3. *mission*: UN Chapter VII peacekeeping deployment acronym
4. *base*: name of population center where UN peacekeeping base is located
5. *id:* name and GADM-ID number of second-order administrative units where UN peacekeepers are located at date *t*
6. *prio.grid:* PRIO grid cell number where UN peacekeepers are located at date *t*
7. *latitude*: Latitude of UN peacekeeping base
8. *longitude*: Longitude of UN peacekeeping base

**PKO Variables**

1. *pko\_deployed:* Sum of UN peacekeeping personnel deployed base location *i* at date *t*
2. *f\_unmob:* sum of female UN military observers deployed at location *i* at date *t*
3. *m\_unmob:* sum of male UN military observers deployed at location *i* at date *t*
4. *unmob:* sum of UN military observers deployed at location *i* at date *t*
5. *f\_unpol:* sum of female UN police deployed at location *i* at date *t*
6. *m\_unpol:* sum of male UN police deployed at location *i* at date *t*
7. *unpol:* sum of UN police deployed at location *i* at date *t*
8. *f\_untrp:* sum of female UN troops deployed at location *i* at date *t*
9. *m\_untrp:* sum of male UN troops deployed at location *i* at date *t*
10. *untrp:* sum of UN troops deployed at location *i* at date *t*
11. *west\_pko:* sum of UN peacekeeping personnel from Western contributing countries deployed at location *i* at date *t*
12. *west\_unmob:* sum of UN military observers from Western contributing countries deployed at location *i* at date *t*
13. *west\_unpol:* sum of UN police from Western contributing countries deployed at location *i* at date *t*
14. *west\_untrp:* sum of UN troops from Western contributing countries deployed at location *i* at date *t*
15. *afr\_pko:* sum of UN peacekeeping personnel from African contributing countries deployed at location *i* at date *t*
16. *afr\_unmob:* sum of UN military observers from African contributing countries deployed at location *i* at date *t*
17. *afr\_unpol:* sum of UN police from African contributing countries deployed at location *i* at date *t*
18. *afr\_untrp:* sum of UN troops from African contributing countries deployed at location *i* at date *t*
19. *asian\_pko:* sum of UN peacekeeping personnel from Asian contributing countries deployed at location *i* at date *t*
20. *asian\_unmob:* sum of UN military observers from Asian contributing countries deployed at location *i* at date *t*
21. *asian\_unpol:* sum of UN police from Asian contributing countries deployed at location *i* at date *t*
22. *asian\_untrp:* sum of UN troops from Asian contributing countries deployed at location *i* at date *t*
23. *units\_deployed:* count of individual UN peacekeeping units deployed at location *i* at date *t*
24. *countries\_deployed:* count of units from unique contributing countries deployed at location *i* at date *t*