

## **ADF Support to Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI) Peacekeeping Capstone Exercise Khaan Quest 16 (KQ16)**

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The ADF Peacekeeping Operations Training Centre has played a key training and leadership role in the ongoing success of annual Capstone Indo-Asia-Pacific peacekeeping exercises, which are held under the auspices of the Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI). The Capstone peacekeeping exercises seek to develop regional peacekeeping capacity with like-minded partners.

A key training focus is on building critical enabler capabilities in areas such as: Women Peace and Security (WPS); Conflict Related Sexual Violence (CRSV); Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA); Children Affected in Armed Conflict (CAAC); and the broader application of Protection of Civilians (POC).

In 2016, the exercise was conducted in Mongolia and involved participation by over 40 countries. Contributing countries in this region provide large numbers of military and police personnel to some of the most complex United Nations missions in the world.

ADF Peacekeeping Operations Training Centre (POTC) personnel provided specialised training and support on the previously listed critical enabler capabilities; using a variety of training methods including academic sessions, scenario discussions, and Commander coaching during the Field Training Exercises.



*WPS training team for Ex Khaan Quest in Mongolia, comprising LTCOL Darleen Young from ADF POTC and trainers from the USA and Mongolia.*



*LTCOL Darleen Young from ADF POTC (centre) and other trainers in the WPS training lane, as part of Ex Khaan Quest in Mongolia, 2016*