Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities

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What are U.S. Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities?
U.S. contributions to United Nations (U.N.) peacekeeping activities help stabilize countries in conflict by protecting civilians from violence; facilitating humanitarian aid; disarming, demobilizing, and reintegrating former combatants; training local police forces; and supporting free and fair elections. The U.N. Security Council, of which the U.S. is a veto-wielding permanent member, authorizes peacekeeping operations.

What do the funds support?

- An investment of $2.745 billion for the U.S. to pay its FY2024 peacekeeping assessments in-full as well as cap-related arrears accrued from FY2017 to FY2023.
- The U.S. share of assessed contributions for to current U.N. peacekeeping missions spanning three continents as well as critical war crimes accountability work. The U.S.’s current assessment rate is 26.94% of the U.N. peacekeeping budget, though the U.S. currently only pays 25%.
- Maintenance or restoration of international peace and security by promoting the peaceful resolution of conflict.

Foreign Aid Delivers
Peacekeeping missions save American taxpayers money. Currently, a U.N. operation costs American taxpayers about one-eighth the cost of deploying a comparable U.S. force, helping save lives, shorten the duration of conflicts, contain the geographic spread of war, and reduce sexual and gender-based violence for less. U.N. peacekeeping is an excellent example of global burden-sharing. The U.S. provides only about three dozen uniformed personnel out of a total force of more than 75,000, while allies like Bangladesh, Nepal, India, Rwanda, and Pakistan contribute large numbers of uniformed personnel.

“Fully paying our UN peacekeeping dues is good for the world and good for the United States. UN peacekeeping missions make the world a safer place and are more cost effective than U.S. military operations...It’s time for the United States to fulfill our promises and pay our share in support of our UN peacekeeping dues.”
- Congresswoman Sara Jacobs (D-CA)

Funding History
Funding levels may not accurately reflect those in the appropriations bills and/or reports due to rounding.