



Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) is a nonpartisan unarmed peacekeeping force composed of trained civilians from around the world. In partnership with local groups, Nonviolent Peaceforce members apply proven nonviolent strategies to protect human rights, deter violence, and help create space for local peacemakers to carry out their work.

Conceived in 1999 at the Hague Appeal for Peace and born at the convening event in Surajkund, India in 2002, NP is a federation of 93 Member Organizations from around the world that is endorsed by 8 Nobel Peace Laureates. Member Organizations elect the 18-member International Governing Council, currently from 17 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, North America, and the Middle East. The staff of 60 professionals hails from 22 countries.

Building upon the work of Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, and other unarmed peaceworkers, the vision of NP is to create a large-scale nonviolent peacekeeping force through deployments, public education, training, and advocacy.

NP launched a project in Sri Lanka in late 2003 at the invitation of, and in partnership with, local groups. The second wave of peacekeepers was deployed in September 2005, bringing the number of NP Sri Lanka Team members to 30. More than 64,000 people have been killed and 1.6 million displaced in the civil war that has ravaged Sri Lanka since 1983.

An advanced team is laying the groundwork for five-person early warning project in Mindanao in the southern Philippines, an area that has been plagued for decades by violent conflict. NP is conducting advanced exploration for possible deployment in northern Uganda and in Colombia. Research is also underway in Burma and Israel/Palestine.

Our Field Team uses many techniques to reduce and prevent violence, each applied appropriately to particular circumstances. These include:

- Accompanying civil society activists
- Providing protective presence in villages and at public events
- Monitoring demonstrations and other volatile situations and consulting during times of crisis
- Connecting local leaders, authorities, community based organizations, and other individuals, providing safe places to meet, and sharing local knowledge with other NGOs and INGOs

Our field team members are successfully:

- Providing safety and passage to high-risk civilians
- Providing peacekeeping in volatile situations to reduce and deter violence
- Election observing, and recruiting and training other international observers
- Limiting civilian casualties during battles
- Ensuring equitable distribution of emergency aid relief
- Facilitating the release, protection, and reintegration of child soldiers.

The 2005 budget was \$1.8 million USD with over 50% from 2400 individual donors and the balance from foundations, faith organizations, businesses, UNICEF Sri Lanka, German Federal Foreign Ministry, Cordaid (Netherlands), Catalonian Local Authorities, and Christian Aid (UK). NP interacts with the United Nations Secretariat and its agencies including the UN High Commission on Refugees.

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