

Summary of Security Policy Applicable to UN Volunteers

UN Security is underpinned by five main legal documents, outlining the responsibilities of all stakeholders:

1. [United Nations Charter – articles 104 and 105](#)
2. [Conventions on Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations \(1946 and 1947\)](#)
3. [Convention on Safety and Security of United Nations Personnel and Associated Personnel \(1994\) – Optional Protocol \(2005\)](#)
4. [Annual Resolutions of the General Assembly on Safety and Security of UN personnel and associated personnel](#)

[The Security Policy Manual](#) (SPM) constitutes a solid policy framework for enabling the conduct of UN operations while ensuring the safety and security of UN personnel, including UN Volunteers. [The Security Policy Manual](#) contains a series of security policies that guide all actors within the UNSMS, including UNV. There are four essential policies for any security decision maker in the United Nations system:

1. The Applicability Policy
2. The Policy on Security Risk Management (SRM)
3. Framework of Accountability for the United Nations Security Management System
4. Programme Criticality (PC) Framework

Chapter III of the UNSMS SPM Applicable Policy makes clear that UN Volunteers serving with UN Entities and their eligible dependents must be fully incorporated into UN Entities' security planning, management and implementation arrangements for the area of the relevant UN Entity office and under the overall authority of the Designated Official.

UN Volunteers shall abide by the requirements of such security plans and adhere to all security instructions given by their UN Entity supervisor and/or UN Entity Field Security Adviser, as applicable.

The Programme Criticality methodology assigns one of the four Programme Criticality levels:

- PC1 activities only in very high present risk environments;
- PC1 - PC2 in high present risk environments;
- PC1 - PC2 - PC3 in medium present risk environments;
- PC1 - PC2 - PC3 - PC4 in low present risk environments.

UNV reserves the right to restrict placement of UN Volunteers, with particular attention to UN Youth Volunteers, from serving in environments with unacceptable risk levels in line with the UNV guiding principle that UNV does not compromise on duty of care health, safety, well-being, and sanity of UN Volunteers.

Annex

Risk determination and Programme Criticality

Determining Acceptable Risk: Comparing Security Risk and Programme Criticality levels

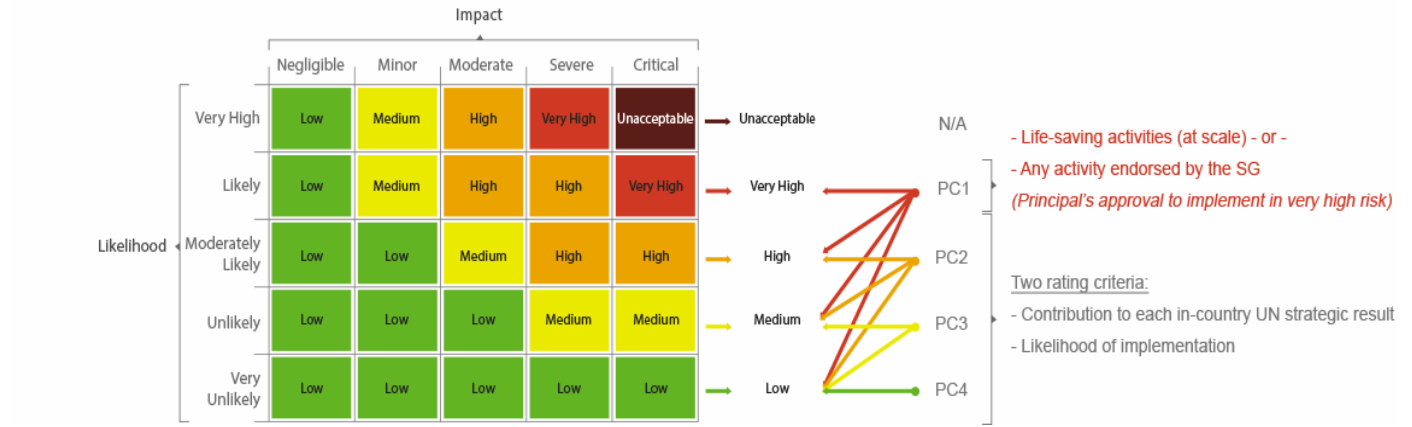
Security Risk Management (SRM) process

→ Present Risk

Programme Criticality Level

The levels of present security risk in a certain location are determined through the SRM process

PC levels (PC1-PC4) are determined through a PC assessment



Accountability Matrix

