

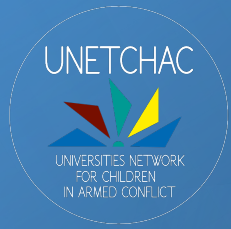
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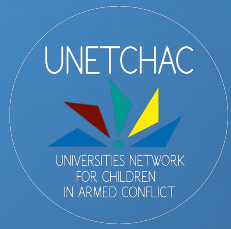
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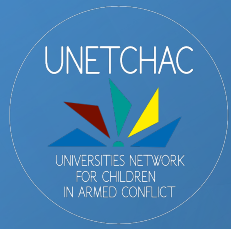
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- The current Italian NAPS embodies four fundamental pillars that will guide Italy's endeavours:
- **1. Participation:** Italy recognizes the vital contributions of women in creating long-lasting and stable solutions.
- **2. Protection:** The NAP reaffirms Italy's commitment to safeguarding women's rights and protection from gender-based violence, both during conflicts and in the post-conflict phase.
- **3. Prevention:** Italy acknowledges that preventing conflicts is essential for global security. By addressing the **root causes of violence and discrimination** against women and promoting gender equality, we can build a more peaceful and just society.
- **4. Coordination and Implementation:** To make real progress, Italy emphasizes the need for effective coordination and the implementation of policies and programs that promote women's participation and empowerment in all aspects of peace and security.



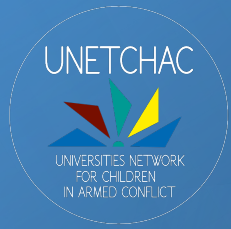
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- The Implementation Framework of the Italian NAP Includes :
- **Objective No.1 - Strengthen – on a continuous and lasting basis - the role of women in peace processes and in all decision-making processes**, also increasing synergies with civil society, in order to effectively implement UN Security Council Resolution 1325(2000) and the WPS Agenda
- **Objective No.2 - Continue to promote a gender perspective in peace operations and enhance the presence of women**, in particular in the Armed Forces and Polices Forces,
- **Objective No.3 – Contribute to promote gender equality, empowerment and protection of women and children, especially girls and boys**, as well as respect for human rights of women and children, especially girls, in conflict and post-conflict areas. Indeed, One of the key aspects of this NAP regard the need to ensure the protection of children's rights
- **Objective No.4 – Strengthen strategic communication and result-oriented advocacy**, to further support the implementation of the WPS Agenda while continuing to ensure the enhancement of information and training at all levels, on the various cross-cutting issues of UNSCR1325(2000), in particular for the personnel participating in peace operations, including by increasing synergies with civil society and universities



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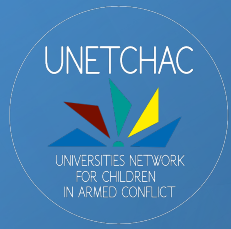
- The Italian Action Plan aims to:
 - (i) reduce the impact of conflict on women and children and in particular girls, while promoting their meaningful and transformational participation in the processes of prevention, mitigation, and resolution of conflict, as well as in decision-making processes, at all levels;
 - (ii) Raise awareness, educating and strengthening existing structures, on Women, Peace and Security Agenda and related issues.
 - (iii) Implement protection of children in armed conflict



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The Methodology adopted by the Italian NAP

- 1) The IV Italian NAP takes into account the intersections between gender and other factors such as age, ethnicity, and disability, recognizing that different forms of discrimination intersect and compound the challenges faced by women in conflict-affected areas. forms of discrimination intersect and compound the challenges faced by women in conflict-affected areas. Focus on Children who are often referred to as the "silent victims" of armed conflicts. (UN Secretary-General's Reports; 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda)**
- 2) The National Action Plan is conceived as a 'living document', with the ability of adapting to the changing needs and obstacles, which still stand in the way of women's full realisation**



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Some topic questions considered by the Italian NAPs.

- **Which are the children's rights in armed conflict to be protected?**
- **Should we consider children only victims or also agent of changes?**