

A New Era: Power in Partnership Peacekeeping

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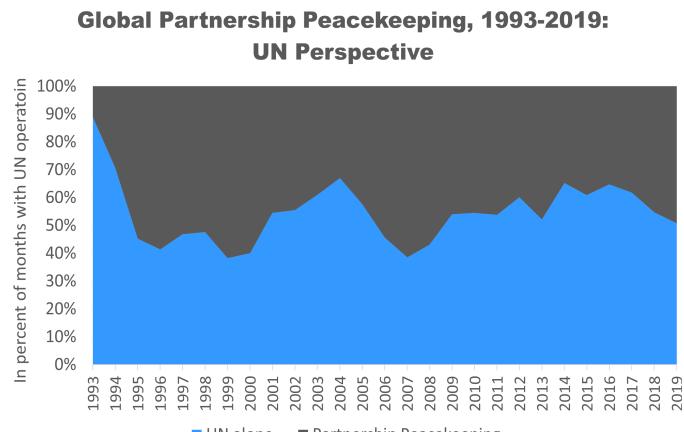
"We have entered an era of partnership peacekeeping." *Former UNSG Ban Ki-moon, in 2015*

Partnership Peacekeeping at a Glance

- The UN has a partner (deployed in parallel) in about 2/5 of instances.
- Partnership peacekeeping is relatively stable over time.
- UN partners are regional organization, coalitions of states, and single states.

Research Question

Do parallel non-UN missions increase the effectiveness of UN peacekeeping operations in reducing battlefield violence, and vice versa?



Findings

- **Partnership peacekeeping works** (i.e. it reduces battlefield violence).
- With a non-UN operation as partner, **UN operations can much more effectively**, that is, with fewer troops, **reduce violence**.
- **Non-UN operations need UN operations** to successfully curb violence.

We explain this with complementary strengths and capacities of UN and non-UN operations. The UN's multidimensional engagement offsets the negative effect of the often very militarized approach of non-UN operations.

Study Design

- Statistical analysis of civil wars with and without peacekeeping, Africa, 1993-2019
- Outcome: Monthly count of battle-related deaths from the UCDP GED data
- Explanatory: Interaction of monthly UN troop numbers and monthly non-UN troops
- Causal inference: Matching & Fixed Effects

Take-away

- **Non-UN peacekeeping can support, but not replace, the UN.**
- The UN's multidimensional toolkit is needed to pacify today's civil wars.