

# About USSOCOM

USSOCOM develops and employs fully capable Special Operations Forces to conduct global special operations and activities as part of the Joint Force to support persistent, networked and distributed Combatant Command operations and campaigns against state and non-state actors to protect and advance U.S. policies and objectives.

WHAT USSOCOM DOES & Core Activities [documented as goals in this StratML rendition]

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## U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM)

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**Special Operations Forces**

### Vision

Empowered SOF Professionals, globally networked, partnered and integrated, relentlessly seeking advantage in every domain to compete and win for the Joint Force and the Nation.

### Mission

To provide fully capable Special Operations Forces to defend the United States and its interests

### Values

**Truths:** SOF Truths

**Humanity:** Humans are more important than hardware

**Quality:** Quality is better than quantity

**Selectivity:** Special Operations Forces cannot be mass produced

**Preparation:** Competent Special Operations Forces cannot be created after emergencies occur

**Partnership:** Most special operations require non-SOF support

## 1. Civil Affairs

*Enhance the relationship between military forces and civilian authorities in localities where military forces are present*

**Stakeholder(s)**

**Military Forces**

**Civilian Authorities**

Civil Affairs Operations ~ CAO enhance the relationship between military forces and civilian authorities in localities where military forces are present.

## 2. Hostages

*Prevent, deter, preempt, and respond to terrorist threats and incidents*

### Stakeholder(s)

#### Hostages

Hostage Rescue and Recovery ~ Offensive measures taken to prevent, deter, preempt, and respond to terrorist threats and incidents, including recapture of U.S. facilities, installations, and sensitive material in overseas areas.

### 3. Counterinsurgency

*End insurgent violence and facilitate a return to peaceful political processes*

Counterinsurgency ~ The blend of civilian and military efforts designed to end insurgent violence and facilitate a return to peaceful political processes.

## 4. Information

*Convey selected information and indicators to foreign audiences*

### **Stakeholder(s)**

#### **USSOUTHCOM :**

*United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) conducts internet-based MISO in partnership with United States Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM) to expose, counter, and compete against adversary malign activity and*

*disinformation throughout USSOUTHCOM's area of responsibility. These on-going and enduring activities are coordinated with U.S. government agencies and implemented in accordance with U.S. law and DoD policies.*

Military Information Support Operations ~ MISO are planned to convey selected information and indicators to foreign audiences to influence their emotions, motives, objective reasoning, and ultimately the behavior of foreign governments, organizations, groups, and individuals in a manner favorable to the originator's objectives.

## 5. Counterterrorism

*Act directly against terrorist networks and indirectly to influence and render global and regional environments inhospitable to terrorist networks*

Counterterrorism ~ Actions taken directly against terrorist networks and indirectly to influence and render global and regional environments inhospitable to terrorist networks.



## 5. Security

*Organize, train, equip, rebuild, and advise components of Foreign Security Forces*

### **Stakeholder(s)**

#### **Foreign Security Forces**

Security Force Assistance ~ Activities based on organizing, training, equipping, rebuilding, and advising various components of Foreign Security Forces.

## 7. WMD

### *Counter weapons of mass destruction*

Counter-proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction ~ Activities to support USG efforts to curtail the conceptualization, development, possession, proliferation, use, and effects of weapons of mass destruction (WMD), related expertise, materials, technologies, and means of delivery by state and non-state actors.

## 8. Reconnaissance

*Collect or verify information of strategic or operational significance*

Special Reconnaissance ~ Actions conducted in sensitive environments to collect or verify information of strategic or operational significance.

## 9. Action

*Engage in short-duration strikes and other small-scale offensive actions*

Direct Action ~ Short-duration strikes and other small-scale offensive actions employing specialized military capabilities to seize, destroy, capture, exploit, recover, or damage designated targets.

## 10. Unconventional Warfare

*Enable a resistance movement or insurgency to coerce, disrupt, or overthrow a government or occupying power*

Unconventional Warfare ~ Actions to enable a resistance movement or insurgency to coerce, disrupt, or overthrow a government or occupying power.

## 11. Humanitarian Assistance

*Relieve or reduce human suffering, disease, hunger, or privation*

Foreign Humanitarian Assistance ~ The range of DOD humanitarian activities conducted outside the US and its territories to relieve or reduce human suffering, disease, hunger, or privation.

## 12. Environment

*Prepare the environment [for special operations]*

Preparation of the Environment

### 13. Foreign Defense

*Protect against subversion, lawlessness, insurgency, terrorism, and other threats to their internal security, and stability, and legitimacy*

Foreign Internal Defense ~ Activities that support an HN's internal defense and development (IDAD) strategy and program designed to protect against subversion, lawlessness, insurgency, terrorism, and other threats to their internal security, and stability, and legitimacy.

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