

UNITED NATIONS PEACEBUILDING FUND (UNPBF)

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CONTEXT

The number of United Nations (UN) Member States seeking support for peacebuilding and prevention has increased. The range of demands is wide: localisation and community-driven approaches to conflict resolution; transitional justice; combating hate speech and misinformation; the intersection of climate change with conflict; durable solutions for refugees and internally displaced persons. The Secretary-General's Peacebuilding Fund is the UN's leading instrument for prevention and peacebuilding programming, supporting joint UN responses to address critical peacebuilding opportunities, connecting peace and security with development, human rights and humanitarian pillars. The Fund is a demand-driven instrument grounded in national ownership with the flexibility to respond fast to peacebuilding and prevention needs and emerging opportunities.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To help enable the UN system to sustain peace before, during, and after an escalation of violent conflict, by supporting governments and societies dealing with complex conflict risks.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- 1) Supporting cross-border and regional approaches.
- 2) Facilitating transitions.
- 3) Fostering inclusion through women and youth empowerment.
- 4) Support to nationally led prevention strategies.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- More and better nationally led peacebuilding and prevention interventions, including in cross-border and transition contexts, and in support of more inclusion of women and youth.
- Catalytic effects through more investments in peacebuilding at country level, unblocking of critical processes, and innovative approaches for peacebuilding and prevention.
- UN system and partners implement more coherent and integrated approaches to peacebuilding in a timely manner.
- PBF enhances management systems that consolidate it as the lead multilateral, pooled financing instrument with increased resources.

ACTIVITIES

- Respond to imminent threats to a peace process.
- Support for the implementation of peace agreements and political dialogue, strengthening of national institutions and processes, re-establishing basic services and related human and technical capacities.
- Build and strengthen national capacities to promote co-existence and peaceful resolution of conflict and to carry out peacebuilding activities.
- Support of efforts to revitalise the economy and generate immediate peace dividends for the population at large.

AMOUNT

€ 6,000,000 (Strategy Extension 2025-2026)
€ 14,000,000 (UN PBF Strategy 2020-2026)

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

United Nations Peacebuilding and Peace Support Office - Department for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (PBF Secretariat), United Nations Development Programme Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (PBF Administrative Agent), United Nations Country Teams

DURATION

December 2025 - January 2027

COUNTRIES COVERED

Global – 51 countries with ongoing projects

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ACHIEVEMENTS

- In 2025 various initiatives on cross-border approaches with progress in strengthening Government-led prevention and early warning systems. E.g. a new cross-border initiative in Mali, Mauritania and Senegal using inclusive water governance as an entry point to prevent conflict, strengthen cooperation and consolidate peace in border areas.
- Several ongoing initiatives in facilitating transitions, such as strengthening security governance in DRC and inclusive resource management.
- Fostering inclusion through women and youth empowerment initiatives, including the Gender Promotion Initiative with a decentralized, locally anchored approach that prioritizes women-led and youth-inclusive civil society organisations.
- Supported the development of national prevention strategies in PNG and Chad. In Sri Lanka, the Government requested the Fund's support to implement trust-building measures, including the development and initial implementation of the national policy and action plan on reconciliation and coexistence.



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