

JOINT UNDP-DPPA PROGRAMME ON BUILDING NATIONAL CAPACITIES FOR CONFLICT PREVENTION

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CONTEXT

There is a recognition that prevention is more cost effective than crisis response, and that, when driven by national stakeholders, prevention offers the most sustainable path to lasting peace, resilience and development. Since 2004, the Joint Programme has been at the forefront of providing tailored support to nationally led prevention efforts, responding directly to national priorities and working closely with national counterparts and UN Country Teams to strengthen capacities and infrastructures for peace.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To support nationally led efforts to prevent conflict and sustain peace around the world through the deployment of Peace and Development Advisors (PDAs), a cadre of UN staff who support national partners, UN Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- 1) To enhance national capacities for conflict prevention and infrastructures for peace.
- 2) To strengthen UN capacities for conflict prevention, peacebuilding and conflict-sensitive programming.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- 40% of PDAs support the strengthening of national peace architectures.
- 60% of PDAs support the development of national prevention strategies and approaches.
- 80% of PDAs enhance conflict sensitivity in UN programming and engagements on prevention and peacebuilding.
- 70% of PDAs strengthen women's participation in prevention and peacebuilding initiatives.
- 60% of PDAs strengthen young people's participation in prevention and peacebuilding initiatives.
- 35 PDAs deployed (international/national).

ACTIVITIES

- Deploy international and national PDAs.
- Undertake conflict analysis and provide strategic and technical advice and support for the design and initiation of conflict prevention initiatives.
- Build national and local capacities for negotiation, mediation, and dialogue.
- Develop the capacities of women and youth to engage in and influence conflict prevention efforts.
- Establish and strengthen strategic partnerships for conflict prevention at the national level, including with diplomatic community, International Financial Institutions, and regional organisations.
- Support electoral violence prevention, political party dialogue, inter-faith dialogue, and conflict-sensitive reporting by the media.

AMOUNT

€ 3,000,000

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA)

DURATION

September 2025 - August 2028

COUNTRIES COVERED

Global – PDAs deployed in more than 40 countries
 Africa: Benin, Burundi, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Uganda, Zambia
 Latin America & the Caribbean: Bolivia, Caribbean, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Venezuela

Europe & Central Asia: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Caucasus-Armenia, South-Caucasus-Georgia, Ukraine

Asia/Pacific: Bangladesh, Fiji/Pacific, Myanmar, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka

Arab States: Sudan, Tunisia

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ACHIEVEMENTS

- Supported the development of national prevention strategies and approaches in Mauritania, Papua New Guinea, and Cameroon.
- September 2025: Launched a landmark Gender-Responsive Climate Security Assessment, the first of its kind in Sri Lanka and South Asia.
- December 2025: Supported high-level Security Council engagement on climate, peace and security (CPS) by advising, facilitating, and accompanying the UNSC Informal Expert Group field mission to Lake Chad Basin and Eastern Chad.



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