



The United Nations Peacebuilding Fund

Bridging the gap between conflict and recovery

The Peacebuilding Fund is a multi-year standing trust fund for post-conflict peacebuilding, established in 2006 by the Secretary-General at the request of the General Assembly with an initial funding target of \$250 million.

Founding Fund Principles: The Fund was established out of the recognition that among the impediments to successful peacebuilding is the scarcity of resources, most notably financial resources. The Fund aims therefore to extend critical support during the early stages of a peace process. Its design embodies several key principles:

- ❖ Recognition of national ownership of peace processes;
- ❖ The need to serve as a 'catalyst' to kick-start critical peacebuilding interventions;
- ❖ To utilize United Nations agencies, funds and programmes as recipients to support project implementation by national entities; and
- ❖ To operate as a disbursement process at the country level.

Accessing the Fund: The Fund provides support under three criteria:

- ❖ To countries under consideration by the Peacebuilding Commission;
- ❖ To countries declared eligible by the Secretary-General; and
- ❖ Project support through its emergency window.



Funded Activities: The PBF focuses on providing support during the very early stages of a peacebuilding process, in addition to addressing any gaps in the process, in four main areas:

- ❖ Activities in support of the implementation of peace agreements;
- ❖ Activities in support of efforts by the country to build and strengthen coexistence and the peaceful resolution of conflict;
- ❖ Establishment or re-establishment of essential administrative services and related human and technical capacities;
- ❖ Critical interventions designed to respond to imminent threats to the peacebuilding process.

MATTERS OF FACT

Pledges:	\$230,541,457
Donors:	38
Commitments:	\$184,342,798
Deposits:	\$144,012,803
Projects:	24 (as of 12/09/ 2007)
Countries:	Sierra Leone, Burundi, Cote d'Ivoire,* Central African Republic* (Emergency Fund)

Assistance to Date: Since its establishment in October of 2006, the Peacebuilding Fund facility has been activated for the two countries currently under consideration by the Peacebuilding Commission, Burundi and Sierra Leone. The Secretary-General allocated US\$ 35 million each for these two countries earlier this year.

Burundi: To date, the Peacebuilding Fund approved **12 projects with a total budget of US\$ 26,883,000** in the four priority areas set out in the United Nations-Burundi Government Peacebuilding Fund priority plan, namely governance, the security sector, justice and human rights, and land issues.

Sierra Leone: At present, the Peacebuilding Fund approved **7 projects with a total budget of US\$ 15,982,577** in the priority areas of good governance, security and justice sector reform, youth employment and empowerment, and capacity-building.

Côte d'Ivoire: The Fund approved emergency funding in the amount of US\$ 700,000 to support the on-going "Direct Dialogue" between President Laurent Ghagbo and the armed opposition, the *Forces nouvelles*, in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. The funds will help build confidence between ex-belligerents of the Ivorian conflict and contribute to the implementation of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement, leading to the organization of free and fair elections.

Central African Republic: The Fund approved emergency funding in the amount of US\$ 801,975 to support political dialogue, including a period of mediation by international facilitators, between the Government, civil society members, opposition political parties and armed opposition groups.

Governance Arrangements: The General Assembly guides the operations of the Fund and may offer overall policy guidance. The Peacebuilding Commission supports the development of integrated strategies for post-conflict peacebuilding and recovery and provides strategic advice in relation to countries under its review.

The Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) provides overall direction and guidance on programme management and monitoring. The Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) Office of the United Nations Development Programme serves as the Administrative Agent and is responsible for fund management, including the receipt of donor contributions, the disbursement of funds, and the submission of consolidated narrative and financial reports.

The Advisory Group: An independent advisory group has been appointed by the Secretary-General to provide advice and oversight of the speed and appropriateness of fund allocations and to examine performance and financial reports. In March 2007, the Secretary-General announced the composition of the Advisory Group: 10 eminent persons, from all regions, with significant peacebuilding experience. The Advisory Group met for the first time on 6 September 2007.



Advisory Group Chair: Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland) The Secretary-General designated H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland) as the first Chair of the Peacebuilding Fund Advisory Group. Ms. Rasi is currently the Under-Secretary of State for Development in Finland and the Governor for Finland in the Asian Development Bank, African Development Bank and Inter-American Development Bank. She is a board member of the International Peace Academy and Finn Fund, a Finnish Development finance company. Ms. Rasi served previously as Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations from 1998-2005. During her tenure, she was involved in the creation of the ECOSOC ad hoc advisory mechanism on countries emerging from conflict. Ms. Rasi has also served on the board of the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP).



Vice Chair: Mr. Joseph Mutaboba (Rwanda) is Secretary General of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. He has also served as Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He recently co-chaired the UN Permanent Advisory Committee on Security Issues in the Central African region (September 2006). Since 2003, he participated in preparatory meetings of the International Conference on Peace and Security in the Great Lakes region. He also served as Coordinator for Rwanda and Head of the Peace and Security Thematic Group.



Mr. Paulo Roberto Campos Tarrisse da Fontoura (Brazil) is currently Minister-Counsellor at the Permanent Mission to United Nations. From 1995 to 2003, he was the Director of the United Nations Division at the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Relations. He is the author of a doctorate level thesis on "Brazil and the United Nations Peace Keeping Operations" published in 1999.



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Ms. Nataša Mikuš (Croatia) is currently the Deputy State Secretary of the Central Office for Development Strategy and Coordination of EU funds. From 2002 to 2005, she was the Head of the Department for National Programmes at the Directorate for Coordination of EU Assistance and Cooperation Programmes. She served as Expert Assistant in the same Directorate from 2000 to 2002.



Dr. Mounir Zahran (Egypt) is currently an Attorney-at-Law. He was a member of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Administrative Questions (ACABQ) from 2003 to 2005. He has been a member of the Council of the International Institute for Humanitarian Law, San Remo, Italy since 1995 and as a member of the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs since 1999.



Mr. Yukio Takasu (Japan) is the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations in New York. Previously, he was Ambassador in charge of Human Security, Science and Technology Cooperation and Special Envoy on UN reform and a Visiting Fellow at the Harvard University conducting a research on the concepts of security and peace building. From 2000 to 2001, he was Director General for the Multilateral Cooperation Department and was instrumental in promoting Japan's initiative for Human Security and in launching the Commission for Human Security. Ambassador Takasu was in charge of Japan's contributions to international efforts, including the drafting of the United Nations Peacekeeping Cooperation Law.



Mr. Vidar Helgesen (Norway) is the Secretary General of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) in Stockholm. He was Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2001 to 2005, and served as Special Adviser to the President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Geneva from 1998 to 2001. He is the author of "Waging War for Human Rights" published by the Institute of Public and International Law of the University of Oslo (1999).



Mr. Dan Smith (UK) is the Secretary General of International Alert, a London-based international peacebuilding NGO. He was the Director of the International Peace Research Institute in Oslo (PRIO) from 1993 to 2001 and Senior Adviser at PRIO from 2002 to 2003. He was the chair of the board of the London-based Institute for War and Peace Reporting from 1992 to 2006. He is the author of *The State of the Middle East: An Atlas of Conflict and Resolution* (2006). He is also the author of several reports including the overview report of the Joint Utstein Study on Peacebuilding – Towards a Strategic Framework for Peacebuilding: Getting their Act Together (2004).



Mr. Carlos Pascual (USA) is the Vice-President and Director of the Foreign Policy Studies Program at the Brookings Institution. Before joining the Brookings Institution, Mr. Pascual served as Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilisation at the U.S. Department of State where he led and coordinated U.S. government planning to help stabilize and reconstruct societies in transition from conflict or civil strife.

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