



### Project 6: Promoting national reconciliation and social cohesion through the establishment of peace and reconciliation commissions

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#### Duration:

Length:	2 years
Start Date:	July 2023
End Date:	July 2025

#### Budget:

TOTAL:	\$3.5 Million
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#### Implementing Agencies and Partners:

##### UNDP, IOM

**Partners:** Mediator of the Republic  
Ministry of Economy and Development Planning; Ministry of Territorial Administration and Autonomous Communities; Ministry of National Education and Civic Promotion, Ministry of Youth and Entrepreneurial Leadership; Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation; Ministry of Women and Early Child Care; High Council of Territorial Authorities and Traditional Chiefdoms; NGO ACRA; Civil society; Governorates of the eight target provinces;

#### CONTEXT

In Chad, recurring tensions, including increasingly violent community conflicts, highlight the urgent need to strengthen traditional conflict resolution mechanisms. This requires building the capacity of provincial, departmental, and local authorities to identify, prevent, and manage potential conflicts in a timely manner.

This project implements the recommendations from the recent Inclusive and Sovereign National Dialogue (DNIS), specifically focusing on consolidating peace and national reconciliation. It provides technical and material support to establish provincial branches of the National Commission and fosters an environment conducive to dialogue and cohesion among communities. It also aims to strengthen relations between the general population—particularly young girls and boys—and authorities (administrative and security), through awareness-raising, training, and support for local peacebuilding initiatives. Following DNIS recommendations, the Government issued Decree No. 1884/PT/PM/MRNCS/2023 on July 3, 2023, to establish the National Peace and Reconciliation Commission, with branches at the provincial and departmental levels.

#### OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the project is to operationalize the provincial branches of the National Commission for Peace, National Reconciliation, and Social Cohesion in eight targeted provinces. The project seeks to establish functional provincial and departmental peace committees to prepare the groundwork for a peace architecture in Chad.

- **Result 1:** Commissions for peace, reconciliation, and social cohesion—focused on conflict prevention, management, and reconciliation—are operational in the eight target provinces. These commissions involve young girls, women, boys, and marginalized stakeholders.
- **Result 2:** The level of trust and responsibility between communities, administrative authorities, and security actors is enhanced, fostering peace and sustainable development.

## PEACEBUILDING IMPACT

The Fund is the first and only financial partner supporting the operationalization of the National Commission for Peace and Reconciliation, including its provincial and local branches. These committees are critical peace infrastructures and reflect a significant commitment by national authorities to decentralized and inclusive social cohesion and national reconciliation.

The ongoing project aims to ensure that the eight provincial committees and their departmental branches are fully functional to contribute to peacebuilding by addressing factors undermining social cohesion, such as social injustices, including gender and generational inequalities.

The project's overall vision is to ensure the effectiveness of the National Commission and its inclusive branches, comprising ministerial, traditional, and religious authorities, as well as young girls, boys, and women. It aims to strengthen trust between these actors and promote the State's role as a key provider of conflict prevention and management services, as well as local development initiatives.

Through this catalytic initiative, the National Commission and the eight provincial committees will be fully operational, with members actively supporting efforts to address conflict and social tensions.

### Testimonial

*"Experience has shown that peace mechanisms, often developed at the grassroots level, lack a connection with the normal and gradual hierarchy. This often distorts the very mode of conflict resolution. But with the provincial committees that are in place, and their support in training, communication with the grassroots, as well as mechanisms for peaceful conflict resolution, will be strengthened and effective for better results".*

**Secretary General of the Province of Tandjilé**

*"In Moussoro, the project first strengthened our capacity to resolve conflicts peacefully, while allowing us to understand the different mechanisms that can lead to peaceful resolution. The committees set up, thanks to the activities that will follow, will make it possible to strengthen living together and further consolidate peace."*

**Mr. Sougouma Hassaballah President of a Youth Association**