The Secretary-General's Peacebuilding Fund

Honduras

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PBF Investments in

TOTAL APPROVED:	$22.7 M
CURRENTLY ACTIVE:	$13.7 M

Focusing on

- Conflict prevention and management with a human rights approach
- Citizen participation in peacebuilding
- Rule of Law

Partners

UNHCR, FAO, IOM UN Migration, WFP World Food Programme, UN Women, UNDP, United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner, UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, unicef, FUNDAHRSE, CAFOD actalliance, NRC Norwegian Refugee Council, Caritas de Honduras, Grupo Sociedad Civil, CCIT, Cámara de Comercio e Industrias de Cortés, Jóvenes contra la Violencia, CDH, coneanfo, Organización Fraternal Negra Hondureña (OFRANEH), Colegio de Periodistas de Honduras, Estudios para la Dignidad Bufete de Derechos Humanos, Justicia para los Pueblos Bufete Jurídico, Ayuda en Acción, MUA, CURE Violence Global

PEACEBUILDING CHALLENGES

Ranked 138 out of 193 countries in UNDP's Human Development index in 2024, Honduras faces political and social challenges within a context of polarizing dynamics and a society striving to strengthen social cohesion and the social contract. Violence, impunity, corruption, organized crime, and drug trafficking, combined with weaknesses in the security and justice sectors, present persistent challenges to sustaining peace and negatively impacting human rights. Social, environmental, agrarian and land related conflicts, at times exacerbated by the effects of climate change, weaken the social fabric and deepen historical inequalities, disproportionately affecting women, indigenous populations and Afro-Hondurans. Human rights defenders, including land and environmental advocates, face attacks for their work, with Honduras having one of the highest per capita murder rates of human rights defenders globally. These challenges occur in a context of high levels of violence against women, as the femicide rate in Honduras is the highest in Latin America. Other challenges include the need to increase the meaningful participation of women and youth in political, economic, social, and peacebuilding processes, as well as to comprehensively address the root causes of forced displacement and irregular migration while preventing violations of the human rights of people in situations of human mobility.

PEACEBUILDING FUND IN ACTION

UN Secretary-General first declared Honduras eligible to access the Peacebuilding Fund in 2020. During the first two years of this eligibility period, the PBF was instrumental in promoting citizens' participation and promoting the credibility of the National electoral institutions, which resulted in the democratically elected Government of President Xiomara Castro who took office in January 2022.

The Fund has invested in various areas, including strengthening the rule of law, reducing violence, preventing and peacefully managing conflicts, enhancing effective and efficient public administration, and strengthening inclusive participation and civil society. Gender equality and women's empowerment

in peacebuilding processes have neem key priorities, alongside addressing risks linked to forced displacement and supporting reintegration efforts to strengthen social cohesion. The Fund has invested over $19 million in ten projects. For the current eligibility period (2020-2025), the PBF Strategic Results Framework establishes three priority peacebuilding results:

1. By 2025, Honduran society's confidence in institutions and mechanisms for a comprehensive approach to conflict has increased, incorporating human rights, gender equality, and youth approaches.
2. By 2025, the Honduran State and society will have increased levels of citizen participation in peacebuilding and the full exercise of human rights, especially for women, youth, and other underrepresented population groups.
3. By 2025, Honduran citizens will have greater confidence in a more accessible, independent, inclusive, and effective justice system, contributing to the consolidation of the rule of law.

PEACEBUILDING FUND IMPACT

1. Strengthening of the legal framework to address environmental and land-related conflicts.
2. Strengthening of the justice system for the management of conflicts related to environmental protection and land disputes.
3. Establishment of dialogue and conflict resolution spaces at the national and local levels, promoting the inclusion and meaningful participation of women, youth, indigenous populations, Afro-descendants and the LGBTI community.
4. Promotion of a safer environment for human rights and environmental defenders.
5. Strengthening of institutions, actors, and community leaders in implementing laws, policies, and protocols, including specific measures to prevent conflicts, resolve latent disputes, and address gender-based violence.
6. Strengthening of women's networks, youth networks, and associations of indigenous and Afro-Honduran peoples.
7. Strengthening the systemic response to violence against children and adolescents, from prevention to the restitution of rights, adapting and/or creating specialized prevention and care models.
8. Capacity building and awareness-raising campaigns on the rights of children and adolescents, forced displacement, gender-based violence, political advocacy and planning.

WORKING ACROSS PILLARS

The United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for Honduras 2022-2026 identifies sustaining peace and conflict prevention, guaranteeing the fully enjoyment of human rights, resilience, and prevention and response to humanitarian emergencies in Honduras as priority areas for UN System support.

PBF's investment in Honduras is based on the priorities of the Government of Honduras as reflected in the Strategic Results Framework: Dialogue and Conflict Prevention, Citizen Participation and Access to Justice, and Human Rights. These are aligned with the strategic priorities of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, including its guiding principles: Leave no one behind, human rights, gender equality and women's empowerment, resilience, sustainability and accountability, aimed at operationalizing the Humanitarian-Development-Peace triple nexus.