



The Secretary-General's Peacebuilding Fund


Uzbekistan




United Nations
Peacebuilding

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PBF Investments in

TOTAL
APPROVED  **\$2,199,370**



CURRENT
PORTFOLIO  **\$2,199,370**

Current projects

1 IRF Project

"Youth for Social Harmony in the Fergana Valley"

Focusing on

-  Revitalize economy and peace dividends
-  Gender and youth responsive peacebuilding

Partners



UNODC
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

PEACEBUILDING CHALLENGES

Uzbekistan has been in the process of an immense transformation since a change in the Presidential administration in December 2016, where key structural reforms touching all spheres of political, economic and social life are being introduced. Diplomatic relations between Uzbekistan and its neighbors have improved with a positive impact on interethnic relations in border areas.

In the long run, these reforms have the potential to provide the bedrock for new job creation and national prosperity on the economic front and a more inclusive means of governance on the political front underpinned by the rule of law and equal access to justice. However, while trust towards the reform agenda remains high, the economic challenges experienced over the last year have resulted in sizeable portions of the population reporting worsening financial conditions, lack of optimism for the future and life dissatisfaction, with risks increasing at the bottom, especially among those that are poorer, receiving social benefits, worried about jobs and living in urban areas. Similarly, while the reforms create conditions for enhanced dialogue in the public space, combatting corruption and better human rights practices, it is important to provide support to decision-makers - particularly local administrations - to implement their functions in line with universal human rights standards and the rule of law.

PEACEBUILDING FUND IN ACTION

In 2019 PBF has approved its first project in Uzbekistan titled "Youth for Social Harmony in the Fergana Valley" with a total of \$ 2,199,370. Through the project, the PBF will support communities in the Fergana Valley to better adapt to the rapid reform process in Uzbekistan, while enabling local service providers to deliver the reform agenda in an inclusive manner. This project focuses on young people as a fast-growing demographic and the future of the country, aiming to ensure that they are not left behind in the context of the rapid changes linked to the reform process.



In practical terms, the PBF aims to ensure that young women and young men continue to have equitable access to socio-economic opportunities and benefit from its positive outcomes, while enabling them to have a stronger say about their future.

■ PEACEBUILDING FUND IMPACT

The project will support community resilience and sustain peace by empowering youth as actors of positive change, increasing their opportunities for self-fulfillment and piloting new models for the government to deliver reform and services inclusively in the Fergana Valley. The project provides timely support to the implementation of the country's youth policy and is innovative by introducing for the first-time life skills and civic engagement as catalysts for sustainable development and peace in Uzbekistan.

■ ABOUT THE PEACEBUILDING FUND

The UN Secretary-General's Peacebuilding Fund is the organization's financial instrument of first resort to sustain peace in countries or situations at risk or affected by violent conflict. The Fund may invest with UN entities, governments, regional organizations, multilateral banks, national multi-donor trust funds or civil society organizations.

The Fund works across pillars and supports integrated UN responses to fill critical gaps; respond quickly and with flexibility to peacebuilding opportunities; and catalyze processes and resources in a risk-tolerant fashion.

