

PBSO's Partnership Facility - Update



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FOCUS AREAS



Coordination
and liaison
capacity



Support to Risk
and Resilience
Assessments and
joint EU-WB-UN
exercises



Joint data
analysis and
dashboards



Political
Economy
Analysis and
other
Assessments



Knowledge
management

PRIORITIZATION PROCESS

Established in 2019, PBSO's Partnership Facility supports **greater alignment, coherence, and synergies between the UN and International Financial Institutions to advance shared prevention and transition priorities**, via advisory support, liaison, and catalytic small grants to UN entities. The Facility also regularly supports UN engagement in Risk and Resilience Assessments, FCV envelopes, and other processes.

DELIVERY HIGHLIGHTS

The Partnership Facility was replenished in 2023 for an additional budget of US\$ 3.5 million with support from **Canada, Ireland, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom**.



To date, the Facility has approved more than **40 grants** at country, regional, and global level. Between December- August 2024, the Facility approved seven new grants with an ongoing active portfolio of 13 initiatives (**Benin, Central African Republic, Chad, Euphrates-Tigris Basin, DRC, the Gambia, Kosovo, Haiti, Somalia, Sudan, Timor-Leste**, and two global thematic projects, on **advancing collaboration on SSR** and on **ending violence against women and girls** respectively).



At the **policy level**, new grants included support for two **EU-UN-WB joint assessment exercises**, following policy agreement in April 2024 to reinvigorate use of Recovery and Peacebuilding Assessments by exercising greater flexibility and widening the range of tools available. Surge capacity from the Facility is enabling (i) a strategic alignment exercise in the **Central African Republic** aimed at enabling greater coherence between the government, the UN, IFIs, and the EU and other partners in respect of peacebuilding outcomes under the new National Development Plan, and (ii) a rapid crisis impact assessment in **Haiti** by UN, EU, WB and Inter-American Development Bank, with a view to prioritizing development needs of the incoming transitional authorities.

The Facility continued to prioritize **UN-WB partnership in support of national prevention strategies**, consistent with the Secretary-General's "A New Agenda for Peace", as well as in peacekeeping transition settings. In **Benin**, new surge capacity to the Resident Coordinator of \$65,000 enabled coordinated UN engagement in the eligibility process for the Bank's Prevention and Resilience Allocation (PRA) worth more than \$500m, including mapping of activities in the North, and a deep dive with the World Bank on support for social cohesion. In **Chad**, the Facility supported consultations with local authorities and other stakeholders in more than a dozen provinces, informing partner development of a nexus approach for prevention and resilience in the face of the refugee crisis in the East, while providing advisory support in the context of the \$300m PRA.

IMPACT STORIES



Facility grants support alignment of UN and IFI efforts at the country level, helping to target available financing more effectively to peacebuilding and prevention, and promoting application of good practices and lessons learned.

In **Somalia**, around US\$500m of WB IDA resources are channeled through the UN and INGOs to support delivery of basic services and help strengthen the social contract. This model, which combines direct delivery with support for building national systems, is supported by the **UN-WB Liaison Officer** function co-financed by the Facility and the local World Bank Multipartner Trust Fund since 2020. The jointly financed function provides technical support to both institutions for a unique hybrid model of IDA implementation, and has been highlighted as a good practice in key documents such as SG Reports and Integrated Strategic Reviews. The UN is advocating to replicate the model for other contexts.

In the **Democratic Republic of Congo**, liaison and advisory support from the Facility has enabled lessons learned from Peacebuilding Fund operation in Eastern DRC to be injected into planning for the WB STAR-EST operation, enhancing the conflict sensitivity of this significant reintegration programme in the context of the MONUSCO drawdown. The **UN-IFI Liaison Officer** onboarded in May 2024 has already facilitated UN-WB collaboration on risk analysis and conflict impact assessments, which will inform conflict-sensitive planning for DRC engagement in the IDA21 cycle.

In **Chad**, the Facility's advisory and small grant support have continued to support Chad's **engagement with the Prevention and Resilience Allocation**, including through liaising with relevant UN agencies, funds, and programmes that directly accompany significant milestones of the government's PRA action plan, such as the establishment of provincial peace committees enabled by the PBF.

In **The Gambia**, the Facility supports an innovative **government-WB-UN Steering Committee** to discuss and review Turn Around Allocation priorities and milestones, which are in turn informed by ongoing joint analysis eg on climate-security and political economy. The Gambia model of UN-IFI collaboration facilitating joined-up support for national peace efforts is recognized by both UN, WB and Government as a good practice. Since project approval, the government of The Gambia has made significant strides into its turnaround strategy.

In **Mozambique**, the Facility's support enabled UN engagement with the 2021 Recovery and Peacebuilding Assessment for three northern provinces. The RPBA informed a **national programme for conflict prevention** in the North, helping Mozambique meet key milestones for the \$700 million Prevention and Resilience Allocation and bringing the UN, EU, World Bank and AfDB together around critical priorities. UN Agencies have played a critical role in implementing PRA resources in the North, in a good practice highlighted by the Bank as a model for other settings.

UN-WB collaboration on the security-development nexus, in partnership with NYU Center for International Cooperation has generated shared knowledge on UN and WB engagement in justice and security sectors and strategic recommendations to reinforce future partnership through a joint framework. The process will contribute to the **development of an internal WB guidance note** on engaging with justice and security sector institutions. The need for the Bank to re-engage with security and justice sector needs is recognized in the Mid-Term review of the FCV Strategy.