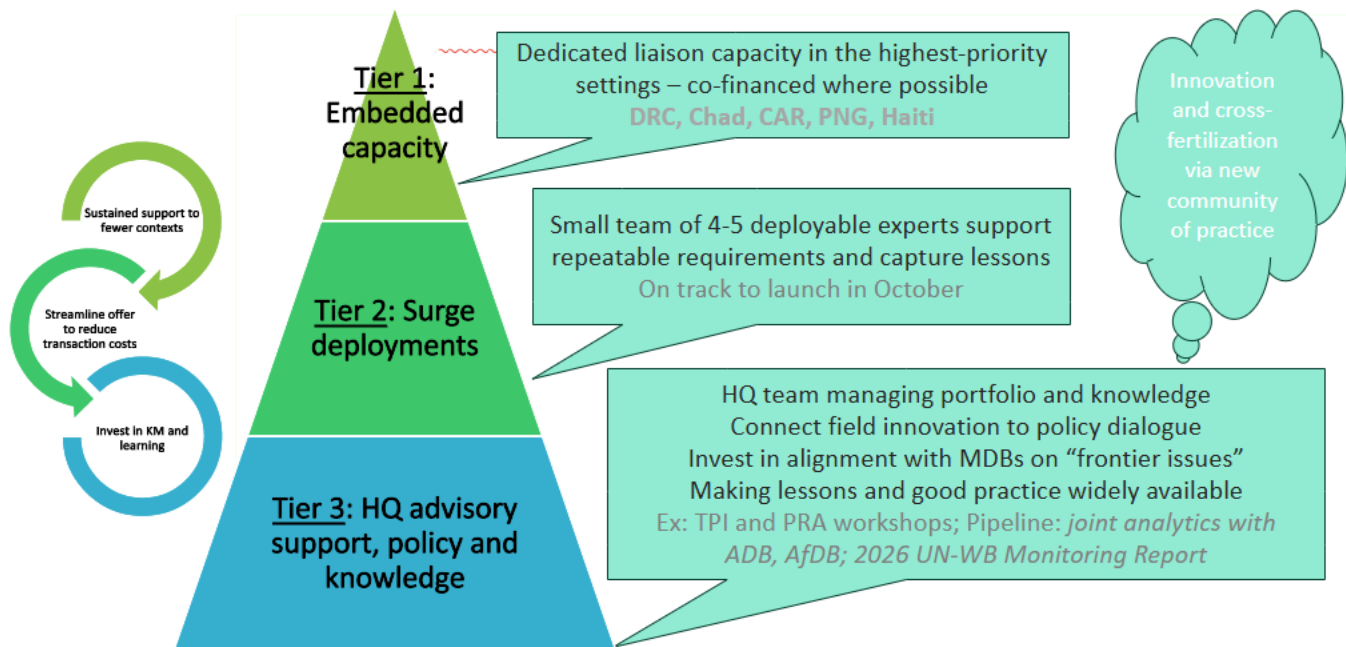


Since its establishment in 2019, PBSO's Partnership Facility has been successfully supporting greater alignment, coherence, and synergies **between the UN and International Financial Institutions** to advance shared prevention and transition priorities, responding to the guidance of UN Member States in relevant resolutions and the Pact for the Future. The Facility provides liaison/advisory services, surge capacity to UN entities in conflict-affected settings facilitating partnerships with IFIs while also supporting institutional partnerships.

REBOOT phase: April 2025-September 2026

The Facility entered its fourth "reboot" cycle in April 2025 which is **funded until 30 September 2026**. The current cycle has been designed to respond to the findings and recommendations of the [external evaluation of the Facility](#) completed in 2024. The **Facility is streamlining its offer to UN field leadership**, offering a **three-tier model with a reinforced feedback loop** between practice and policy.



IMPLEMENTATION STATUS as of September 2025

As of 15 September 2025, the Facility has approved a **total of over 60 grants** at country, regional, and global level. Since June 2025, the Facility approved **five new grants** (CAR, Chad, DRC, PNG and tier 2 Surge Advisory Team).

In total:

- **10 active portfolio projects** (ADB, AfDB, Colombia, Euphrates-Tigris Basin, Haiti, Maldives, Mauritania, Micronesia, Sudan, Somalia)
- **5 new approved projects in initial stages of implementation** (CAR, Chad, DRC, PNG and tier 2 Surge Advisory Team)

FUNDING STATUS: Beyond September 2026?

The Partnership Facility is funded by **Canada, Ireland, Japan, the Netherlands, Switzerland** and **the United Kingdom** through preferred contributions to the Peacebuilding Fund. The current cycle of the Facility started on 1 April 2025 and is funded through **30 September 2026**, with a **budget of \$4.6 million for 18 months**.

The Facility recently received pledges of renewed contributions from the **UK** (GBP 500,000 for 2025), following an A-rated strategic review in 2024; and from **Switzerland** (two-year pledge of CHF 500,000 each in 2025 and 2026). Based on the latest Facility model and a **zero-growth budget**, we project a funding gap of **\$2.7 million** for the next project cycle, due to start in October 2026.

HIGHLIGHTS of RESULTS

Policy engagement

The Facility supports engagement of PBSO staff with IFIs at policy level on strategic issues. In September, Assistant Secretary-General Spehar accompanied Peacebuilding Commission Chair to Washington DC to brief the World Bank Executive Board on support for prevention and peacebuilding strategies and interacted with Inter-American Development Bank on implementation of its fragility, conflict and criminal violence (FCCV) strategy.

Recently concluded:

In The Gambia, a Facility-funded project (2022-2025) strengthened the UN–World Bank partnership in supporting **The Gambia's** Turn Around Strategy (TAA) by aligning priorities through joint analysis and structured dialogue. It harmonized IFI-supported interventions in governance, security, and economic resilience, while institutionalizing engagement mechanisms. Key results included linking TAA investments with IFI funding, aligning financing priorities with fiscal sustainability, and ensuring IFI participation in technical working groups. Joint analytical work—such as Conflict and Development and Political Economy Analyses—shaped resilience strategies, while additional studies on climate-security, human rights, and disability inclusion expanded the evidence base. Overall, it deepened IFI engagement and aligned TAA milestone tracking with governance, security, and reform priorities.

Recently launched:

Building on earlier liaison and advisory support, the Facility's newly initiated project in **Papua New Guinea** will support the Government in implementing its new Prevention Strategy (2025–2030), an important effort jointly developed with the World Bank and the UN system in response to rising communal violence in PNG. Based on the World Bank's 2024 Risk and Resilience Assessment (RRA), to which the UN actively contributed, the strategy offers a government-led vision to tackle cross-cutting drivers of conflict such as governance deficits, extractive industry-related grievances, and intercommunal tensions. The World Bank is expected to finalize eligibility for PNG to the Prevention and Resilience Allocation (PRA), while PNG is also seeking re-eligibility for the Peacebuilding Fund (PBF). Through the project, the Facility will support a follow-up coordination mechanism, led by a Technical Secretariat in the Department of the Prime Minister, which is tasked with managing implementation.

In progress:

Although the context in **DRC** has deteriorated, the role of the UN–IFI partnership remains critical. The UN–IFI Partnership Advisor function, funded by the Facility, was deployed in April 2025 and extended through September 2026 based on initial results. Positive first-year results include close partnership with the World Bank on prevention and peacebuilding; a common UN–WB strategic approach; PRA review, and the Peacebuilding Fund; joint crisis impact assessments; analysis of operational effectiveness; and collaboration with the IMF. The extended project will focus on three key areas for collective impact: supporting development of a national vision and governance for peace; enhanced collaboration on gender-based violence, leveraging existing UN–WB partnerships, and engagement with the AfDB; and deepening joint analytics and policy collaboration on corruption and illicit financial flows, leveraging UN and IFI comparative advantages. A joint Facility-PBF partner visit to DRC will take place on 6-11 October 2025.

Meanwhile in **Mauritania**, Facility deployed surge capacity in the RCO to assist with Government development of a national prevention strategy, in line with the New Agenda for Peace, a crucial pre-requisite to World Bank's consideration of additional prevention financing. The strategy has been finalized in an inclusive manner through stakeholder consultations and is expected to be adopted and launched by Government on 18 September 2025.

In **Haiti**, the Facility continued to support the UN field team in its coordination role for the Government's Medium-Term Plan, a joint initiative involving the Government, the IDB, WB, UN, and EU. This effort aims to identify and prioritize feasible investments across regions, including measures to address the factors contributing to conflict and violence while engaging the private sector in recovery efforts. The collaboration builds on the Rapid Crisis Impact Assessment for Port-au-Prince finalized last year.

Knowledge management:

As part of a drive for enhanced collaboration with regional MDBs, the Facility is conducting a **joint review of AfDB-UN partnership on peacebuilding**, together with the AfDB's Transition States Coordination Office. Emerging findings will underpin a dedicated session on UN partnerships at the AfDB Resilience Forum on 1-3 October in Abidjan.

The Facility also continued with capacity building efforts, including **regular virtual learning sessions on UN-IFI partnership topics**, and a **weekly roundup of news and developments at the IFIs** with a focus on conflict-affected settings.