



PEACEBUILDING  
FUND

2023

Secretary-General's  
Peacebuilding Fund

























In **2023** the Peacebuilding Fund approved **\$202 million** for **36 countries and territories**

APPROVALS

Priority Windows























 Women and Youth Inclusion	 Facilitating Transitions	 Cross-Border and Regional Approaches
 \$57.06 M	 \$38.35 M	 \$24.73 M
 35 Projects	 19 projects	 14 Projects
 21 Countries	 8 Countries	 14 Countries
 35 Partners	 12 Partners	 8 Partners
28%	19%	12%
2020-2024 target 20%	2020-2024 target 35%	2020-2024 target 20%

Focus Areas

 Implement and Sustain Peace Agreements	 Dialogue and Peaceful Coexistence	 Peace Dividends	 Re-establishing Basic Services
 \$26.11 M	 \$138.71 M	 \$6.69 M	 \$31 M
 7 Projects	 67 projects	 3 projects	 16 projects
 5 Countries	 35 Countries	 3 Countries	 12 Countries
 7 partners	 41 Partners	 7 Partners	 10 Partners
12.9%	68.5%	3.3%	15.3%

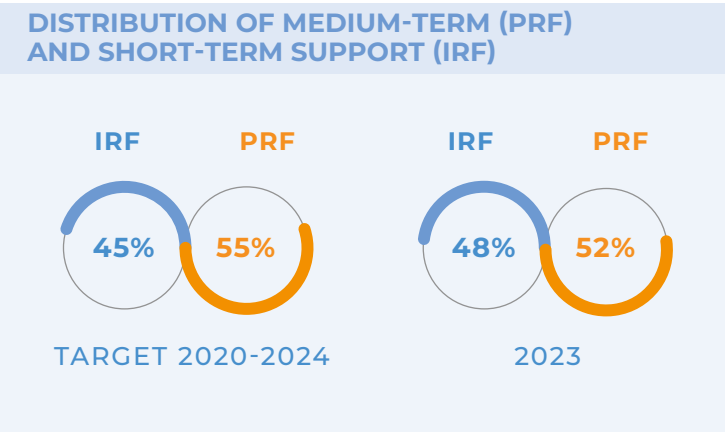
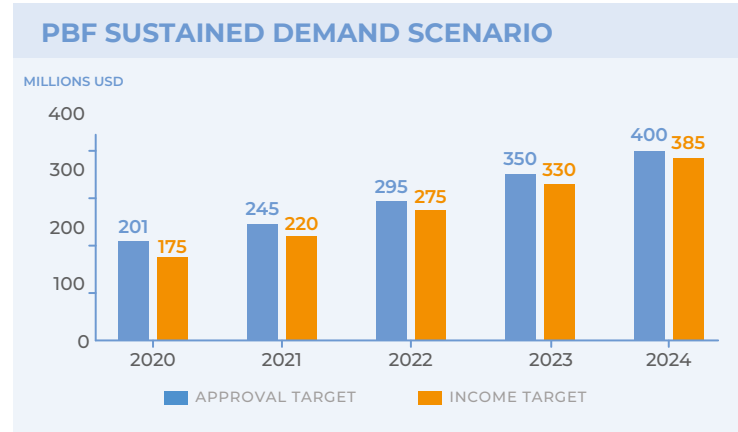
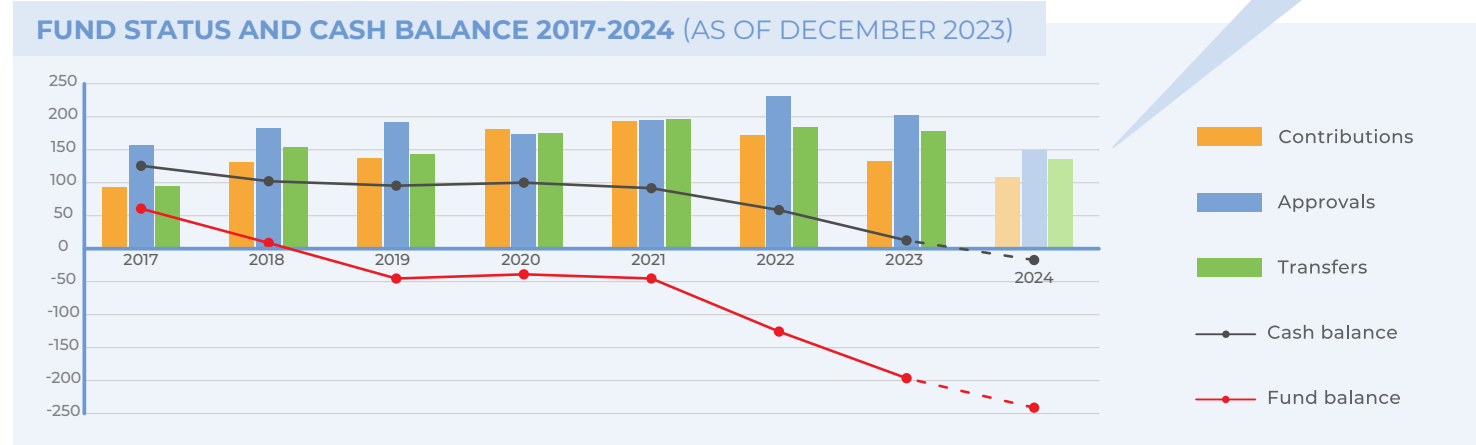
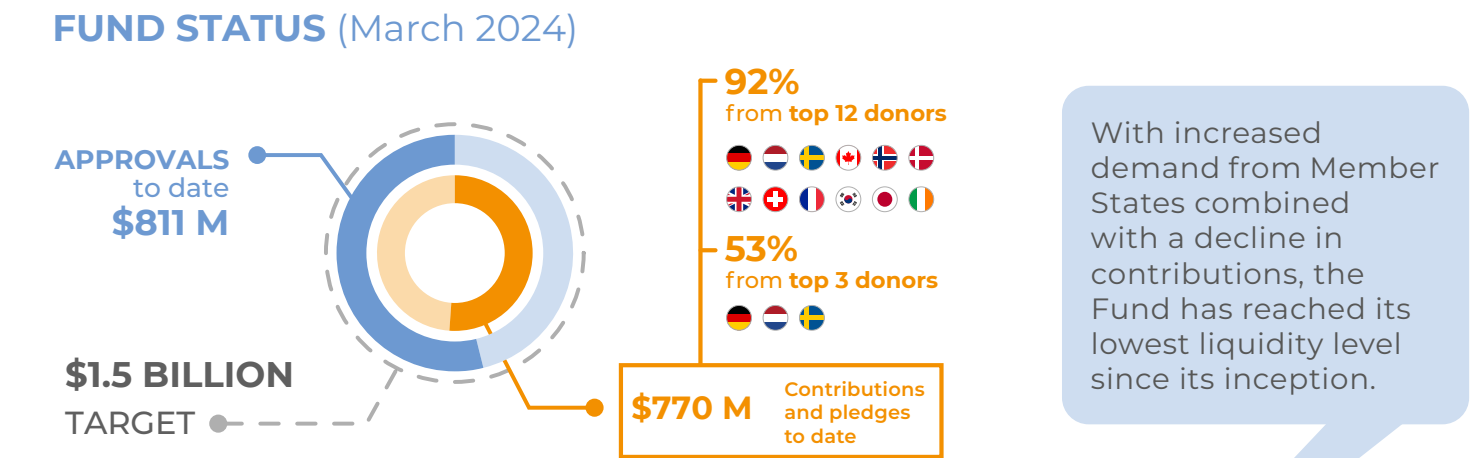
RESOURCES

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IS GRATEFUL TO THE **36 PARTNERS** WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE **PEACEBUILDING FUND** IN 2023

 NETHERLANDS \$22,221,406	 GERMANY \$21,859,880	 CANADA \$17,736,013	 SWEDEN \$14,441,754	 NORWAY \$9,663,236	 SWITZERLAND \$6,633,915
 FRANCE \$6,003,646	 DENMARK \$5,648,638	 REPUBLIC OF KOREA \$4,339,534	 IRELAND \$3,232,494	 EUROPEAN UNION \$3,109,800	 UNITED KINGDOM \$2,927,667
 AUSTRALIA \$2,834,384	 FINLAND \$2,625,814	 ITALY \$1,949,600	 NEW ZEALAND \$1,849,500	 JAPAN \$1,771,066	 UNITED STATES \$1,000,000
 SPAIN \$663,266	 LUXEMBOURG \$434,541	 TURKEY \$220,000	 QATAR \$200,000	 SAUDI ARABIA \$100,000	 KENYA \$99,975
 REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA \$54,439	 PHILIPPINES \$50,000	 THE GAMBIA \$50,000	 POLAND \$34,992	 MOROCCO \$30,000	 CZECH REPUBLIC \$22,590
 CROATIA \$20,000	 SLOVENIA \$16,520	 ROMANIA \$11,037	 REPUBLIC OF LATVIA \$10,953	 MALTA \$10,000	 PERU \$5,063

TOTAL \$131.8 MILLION

PBF STRATEGY 2020-2024



**ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS**

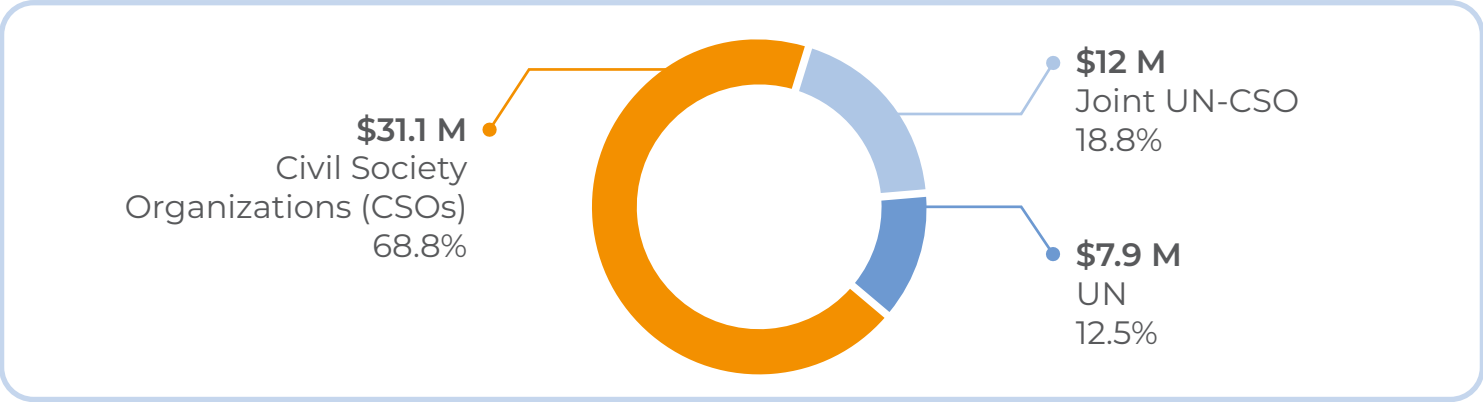
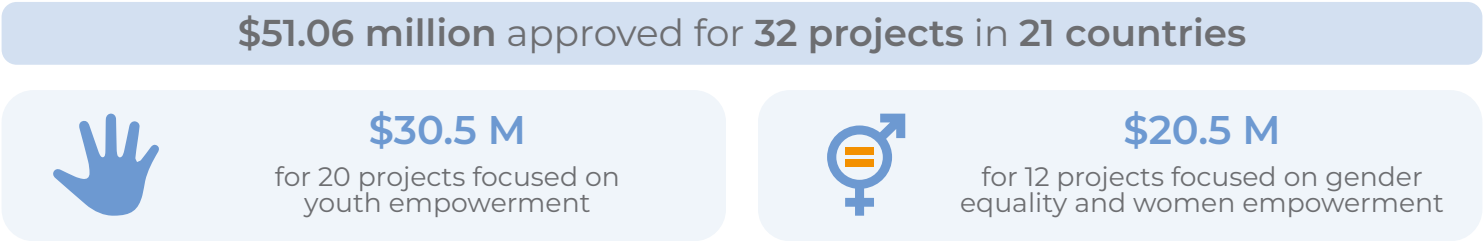
In a landmark decision in December 2023, the General Assembly agreed (A/RES/78/257) to support the request of the Secretary-General in March 2022 to provide assessed contributions to the Peacebuilding Fund. With this decision, Member States have decisively implemented a key tenet of the earlier General Assembly resolution (A/RES/76/305), unanimously adopted following the High-Level Meeting on Financing for Peacebuilding of April 2022. Starting from 2025, \$50 million will be provided annually, earmarked for the Fund's Peacebuilding and Recovery Facility in specified countries and territories.



GENDER AND YOUTH INCLUSION HIGHLIGHTS

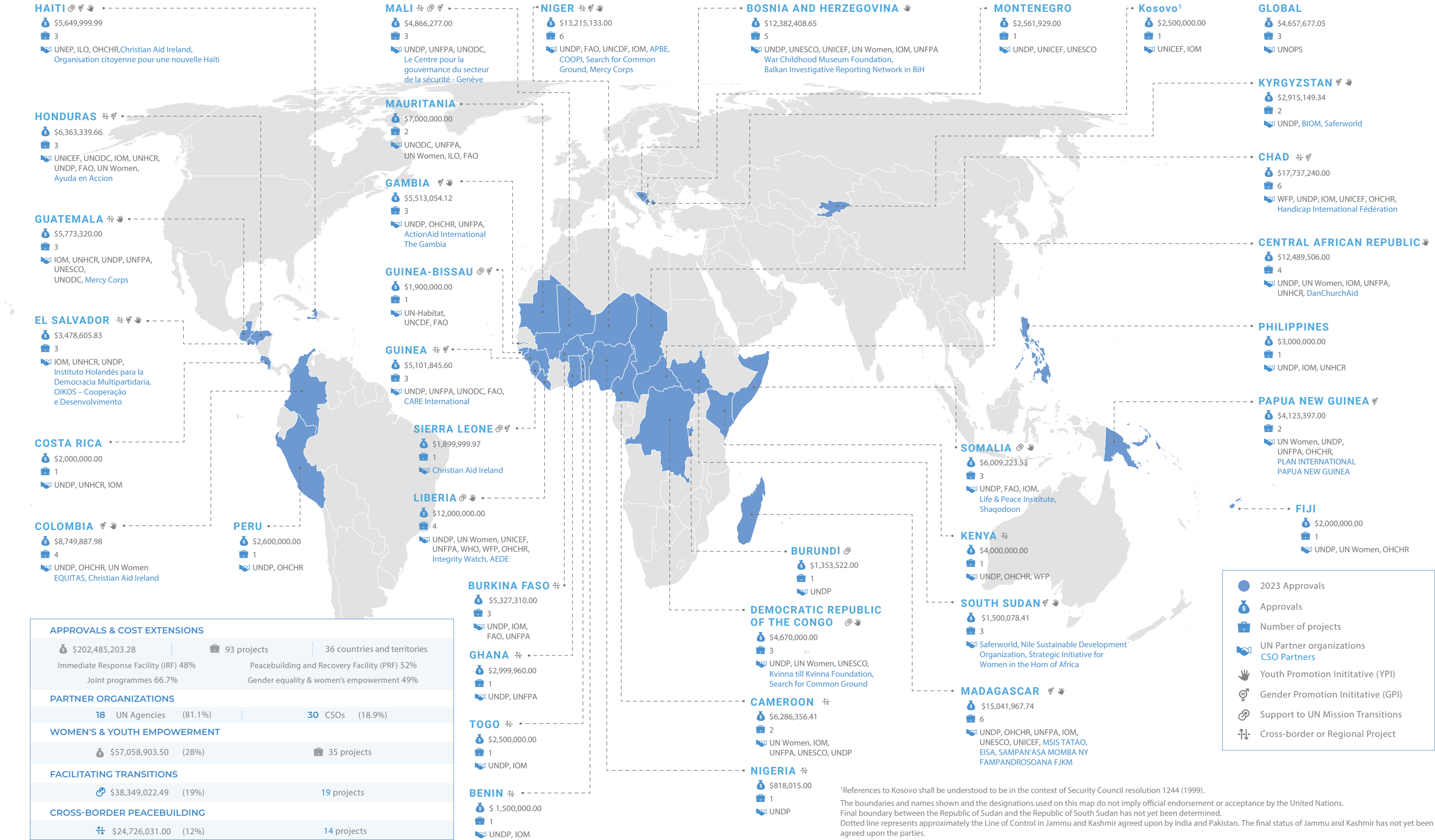
47.3% of approved budgets went towards gender equality and women's empowerment in peacebuilding, exceeding the Fund's target of 30% for the seventh year.

Gender and Youth Promotion Initiatives



- ▶ 12.9% of newly approved projects were joint initiatives between United Nations entities and local civil society organizations, an increase from 4.5% in 2022.
- ▶ The Gender Promotion Initiative (GPI) projects focused on climate change mitigation and adaptation and strengthening women's engagement in natural resources management.
- ▶ The Youth Promotion Initiative (YPI) projects focused on fostering youth-inclusive political processes and promoting the political participation of diverse young people. It also focused on safeguarding and expanding civic space for youth participation including through local-level infrastructures for peace.
- ▶ The Fund encouraged more localized approaches to gender promotion through new pilot initiatives in which United Nations country teams increase joint design processes with national partners, including local civil society organizations. Under this "Gender Promotion Initiative 2.0", the Fund approved a new pilot project in Colombia and progressed with developing pilots in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Guatemala, Liberia and South Sudan.

PEACEBUILDING FUND INVESTMENTS





PRIORITY WINDOWS HIGHLIGHTS

SUPPORTING CROSS-BORDER AND REGIONAL APPROACHES



Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger

In the Liptako Gourma tri-border area between Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger, a Mercy Corps-led small grants initiative increased social cohesion by adapting traditional practices based on livestock gifting for conflict resolution. The initiative not only strengthened the capacity of local organizations in remote regions to respond early to fragile situations; it also helped local civil society expand the practice by mobilizing an additional \$600,000 from other donors.



El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras

The initiative implemented by IOM, UNDP and UNHCR, has supported the creation of the Tri-national Coordination Space. Completing its first phase in 2023, an evaluation confirmed that this project helped to build cooperative relationships across the three governments and contribute to sustainable reintegration. It provided the three countries' governments with tools to address repatriation for returned populations, protection protocols, comprehensive care for migrant children and adolescents, and processes for detecting and addressing illegal trafficking of persons.



Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan

In border regions of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan, FAO and UNFPA enabled cross-border entrepreneurship and collaboration with 78 local self-help groups. These groups, structured around revolving funds, have started to generate their own internal lending and income-generating activities. The project has also contributed to improved bilateral relations as strengthened relationships at the district level have already facilitated quicker resolution of cross-border matters.

FACILITATING TRANSITIONS

The Democratic Republic of the Congo



For the 2023 elections, UN Women and Interpeace helped to increase women's participation and candidacy. In the Dibaya and Luiza territories, there were 59 and 86 women candidates in 2023 versus 21 and 31 respectively in 2018. In the Tanganyika province of DRC, a project implemented by Tearfund enabled the endorsement of a land charter for displaced Twa and Bantu communities, outlining customs in local land management and mapping of land access rights. Ten land conflicts over demarcation were resolved peacefully.

Mali



In the context of the withdrawal of MINUSMA, PBF supported projects continued to reinforce peacebuilding and stabilization activities. UNDP and UN-Women rehabilitated security and justice infrastructures to increase access, effectiveness, and state presence. Consultative Security Committees were set up, and security and justice actors received training. As a result, in 2023 in the project areas, communities' level of trust on State's conflict prevention mechanisms and security actors increased by 8% and 6% respectively since the previous perception survey of 2020.

WOMEN AND YOUTH INCLUSION

Haiti



In 2023, OHCHR and UNDP started to lay a groundwork for a national peace infrastructure by mapping youth organizations and facilitating their access to national authorities. In the context of growing insecurity and heightened sexual and gender-based violence, UN-Women and WHO helped to increase the outreach of mental health services, with 2,814 people accessing support.



Central African Republic



Increased youth engagement in local mediation in the Bamingui-Bangoran Region in the Central African Republic yielded concrete results, with increased constructive interactions between the farmer and herder communities from 37 to 68% over two years. In addition, at the end of this intervention led by Search for Common Ground, 71% of 160 young people surveyed reported a higher level of trust in the other community.

FOCUS AREAS HIGHLIGHTS



IMPLEMENT AND SUSTAIN PEACE AGREEMENTS

Gambia



In May, the Government launched a five-year national plan outlining a comprehensive reform agenda spanning prosecutions, reparations, reconciliation, and constitutional and legal reforms with support from UNDP and OHCHR. This facilitated the recent passage of the Victims' Reparations Act, which will guide the establishment of a specialized body overseeing different forms of reparations for the victims of the former regime.

DIALOGUE AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE

Chad



IOM and Humanité et Inclusion enabled a constructive dialogue between the state and communities to better manage conflicts over gold, water, gypsum and natron in the northern provinces. As a result, a roadmap was developed by local stakeholders, civil society representatives and the authorities, with several agreed solutions, including one for the improvement of mining governance in collaboration with the Société Nationale d'Exploitation Minière et de Contrôle.

RE-ESTABLISHING BASIC SERVICES

Sudan



A project aimed at strengthening capacities for peace and social cohesion in Port Sudan and Kassala, implemented by UNDP and UNICEF, adapted activities to prioritize livelihoods and essential services interventions. This included water infrastructures in Kassala State expected to benefit 25,000 people and alleviate tensions over water scarcity, as well as distributing seeds and productive tools to 23,585 people to enhance the resilience and food security of conflict-affected communities.

PEACE DIVIDENDS

Papua New Guinea



In the Highlands Region, local actors have built their capacities to prevent and address local conflict. For example, five mediation teams led by the Catholic Diocese of Mendi and the United Church have successfully brokered dialogue among parties involved in 12 conflicts and prevented relapses into violence. Six conflicts have already been settled with signed local peace agreements. 25 community peacebuilding grants have created positive changes by strengthening cultural, social, and economic ties among the previously disputing parties. IOM, UNDP, UNFPA and UN-Women made concerted efforts to engage communities in trust-building and resilience-strengthening activities, including around socio-economic peace dividends.

CLIMATE SECURITY

Burkina Faso



As noted in the 2023 Climate-Security and Peacebuilding Thematic Review commissioned by the Peacebuilding Support Office, the Fund has responded to continuously rising demand to address the intersection of climate change and conflict and the effects of heightened competition over natural resources. In the east of Burkina Faso where increasing water scarcity affects conflict drivers, FAO and UNDP enabled the establishment of pastoral boreholes, increasing water availability, reducing the pressure on domestic boreholes for animal watering thereby reducing conflicts and improving social cohesion.



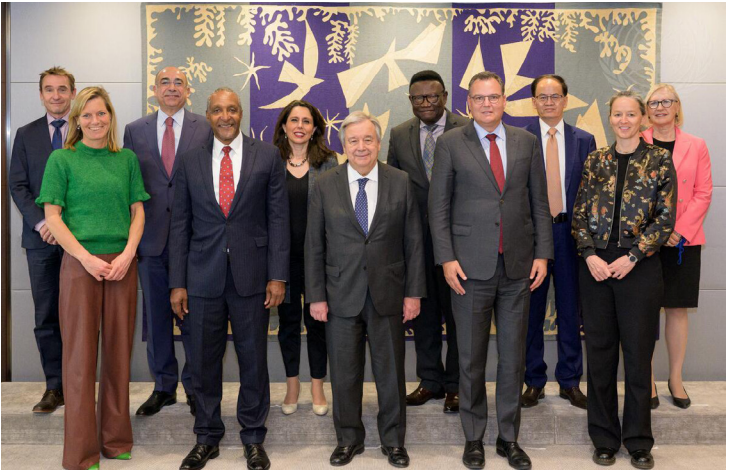


TOP 10 UN PARTNERS



ADVISORY GROUP

- ▶ The seventh Advisory Group held their two annual meetings in New York in April and November, and a virtual meeting on the Fund's approach to assess impact in June. In consultation with the Secretary-General, the Group focused on the implications of the New Agenda for Peace, the Fund's connector role for the UN system, impact, and funding.
- ▶ In November, the Advisory Group also held its first full session with the Peacebuilding Commission. Following a briefing by the Group's Chair, participants discussed synergies between the Fund and the Commission.
- ▶ Three Advisory Group members including the Chair, Sara Pantuliano, also participated in the Fund's partner visit to Mauritania in October.



GROUP OF FRIENDS OF THE PBF



- ▶ Co-Chairs Sweden and the United Kingdom convened the Group quarterly, including the annual Ambassadorial-level meeting. In addition to briefings on the Fund's activities from DPPA-PBSO, the Group held discussions with the UN and national government representatives from partner countries, including the Hon. Pia Philip Michael, Undersecretary for Peacebuilding from South Sudan and Bruno Lemarquis, the UN Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- ▶ The Irish Minister of State for International Development and Diaspora, Sean Fleming and Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support, Elizabeth Spehar concluded the 5th Annual Strategic Dialogue with the Peacebuilding Fund's (PBF) top twelve donors and other partners hosted by the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs in Dublin.
- ▶ The Dialogue focused on the strategic direction of the Fund in an evolving global peacebuilding context. Issues covered included the role of Fund in UN transition contexts, in supporting national transitional justice processes, and reducing barriers for supporting local actors. Participants reaffirmed the Fund's priorities and recommended ways to continue improving the Fund's performance.

PEACEBUILDING COMMISSION

- ▶ Collaboration between the Fund and the Peacebuilding Commission deepened in 2023. The Peacebuilding Support Office of the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs continued to regularly update the Commission on programmatic activities.
- ▶ In the first-ever meeting involving the full Advisory Group and the Commission, held on 17 November 2023, the Policy Brief on A New Agenda for Peace, the Summit of the Future, and the Peacebuilding Architecture Review 2025 were discussed.
- ▶ Member States and the Advisory Group concurred on the increased urgency for peacebuilding and prevention in the global context. They called for more adequate, predictable and sustainable financing for the Fund from a variety of sources. They advocated for increased regular interactions, provision of strategic advice to the Fund, joint missions, and incentivizing recipient countries and territories of the Fund to share experiences with the Commission more regularly.





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We spend much more money and resources managing conflicts than on preventing them and building peace.

We need to seriously review our priorities and resources across the peace continuum, strengthening investment in prevention and peacebuilding.

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- UN Secretary-General  
**António Guterres**

