

2020



PEACEBUILDING
FUND

SECRETARY-GENERAL'S
PEACEBUILDING FUND


















IN 2020 THE PEACEBUILDING FUND
APPROVED \$173,728,998
IN 39 COUNTRIES





















REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ON THE PEACEBUILDING FUND 

APPROVALS

PRIORITY WINDOWS

 WOMEN AND YOUTH INCLUSION	 FACILITATING TRANSITIONS	 CROSS-BORDER AND REGIONAL APPROACHES
 \$ 59.1 M	 \$ 35.4 M	 \$ 28.7 M
 29 Projects	 20 Projects	 23 Projects
 20 Countries	 8 Countries	 20 Countries
 21 Partners	 27 Partners	 7 Partners
34%	21.07%	16.56%

FOCUS AREAS

 IMPLEMENT AND SUSTAIN PEACE AGREEMENTS	 DIALOGUE AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE	 PEACE DIVIDENDS	 RE-ESTABLISHING BASIC SERVICES
 \$ 33.6 M	 \$ 113.8M	 \$ 14.8 M	 \$ 11.5 M
 14 Projects	 72 Projects	 7 Projects	 11 Projects
 13 Countries	 35 Countries	 6 Countries	 9 Countries
 19 Partners	 34 Partners	 10 Partners	 4 Partners
19.33%	65.5%	8.52%	6.65%

TOP 10 RECIPIENTS



\$54.8 M



\$26.3 M



\$11.7 M



\$11.5 M



\$7.3 M



\$6.8 M



\$6.2 M



\$6.2 M



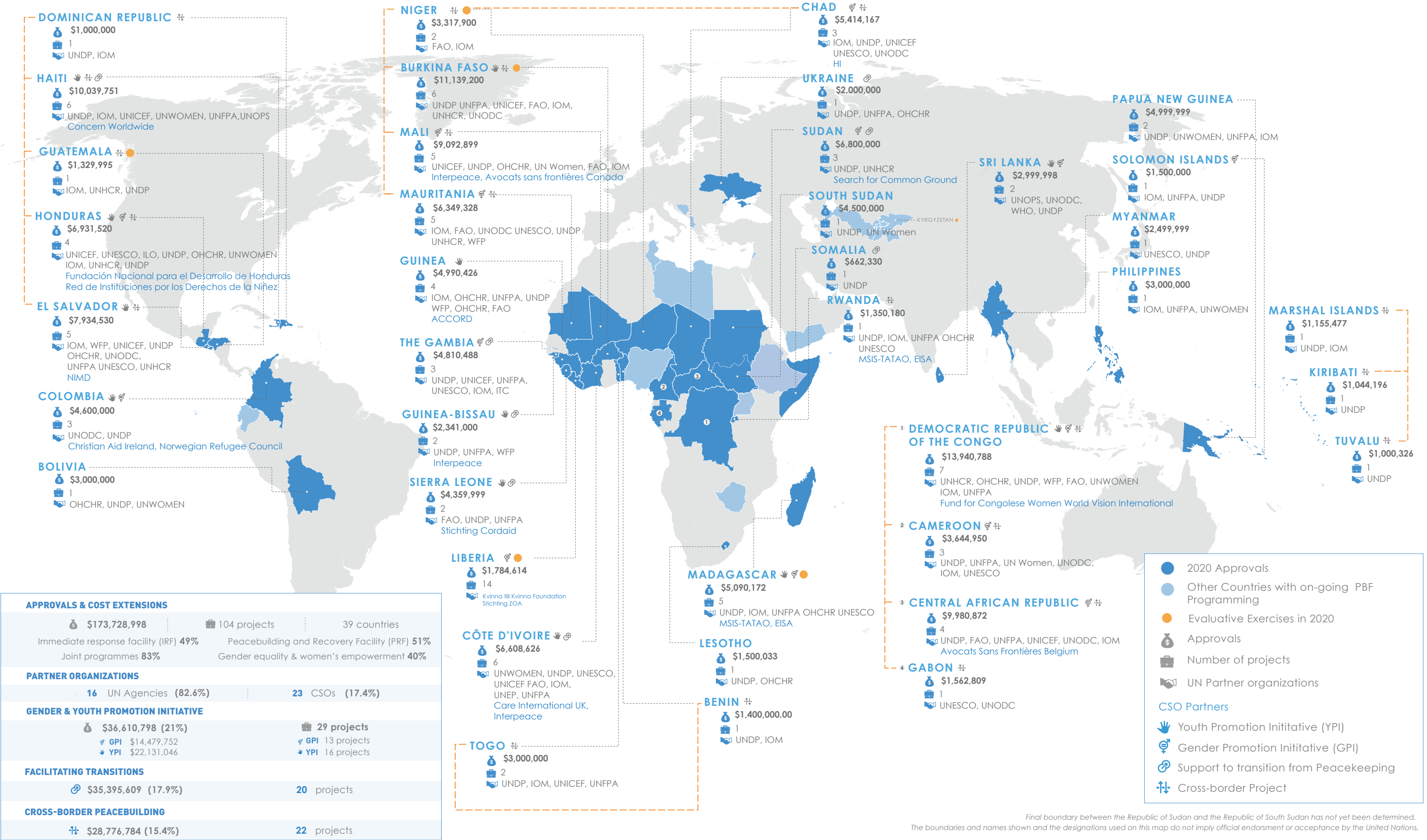
\$5.9 M







\$5.6 M



PEACEBUILDING FUND INVESTMENTS



APPROVALS & COST EXTENSIONS		
 \$173,728,998	 104 projects	39 countries
Immediate response facility (IRF) 49%	Peacebuilding and Recovery Facility (PRF) 51%	
Joint programmes 83%	Gender equality & women's empowerment 40%	
PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS		
 16 UN Agencies (82.6%)	 23 CSOs (17.4%)	
GENDER & YOUTH PROMOTION INITIATIVE		
 \$36,610,798 (21%)	 29 projects	
 GPI \$14,479,752	 GPI 13 projects	
 YPI \$22,131,046	 YPI 16 projects	
FACILITATING TRANSITIONS		
 \$35,395,609 (17.9%)	20 projects	
CROSS-BORDER PEACEBUILDING		
 \$28,776,784 (15.4%)	22 projects	

2020 Approvals

Other Countries with on-going PBF Programming

Evaluative Exercises in 2020

Approvals

Number of projects

UN Partner organizations

CSO Partners

Youth Promotion Initiative (YPI)

Gender Promotion Initiative (GPI)

Support to transition from Peacekeeping



Cross-border Project



Final boundary between the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan has not yet been determined. The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.



GENDER AND YOUTH INCLUSION HIGHLIGHTS

Maintaining its role as a leader in gender-responsive peacebuilding, **40% OF PBF INVESTMENTS SUPPORTED GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT**, exceeding its ambitious annual target of 30%, and, for the 6th year in a row, the 15% target set by the [Secretary-General's Seven-Point Action Plan on Gender-Responsive Peacebuilding](#).

\$37.7 M → focused on youth empowerment 
\$14.5 M → focused on gender equality and women empowerment 

\$11.3 M → civil society organizations (CSOs) 6.5% 
\$19 M → joint UN-CSO 11% 

- ✓ Expanded initiatives for innovative projects, in partnership with UN Women, UNFPA and UNV, promoting meaningful participation of women and youth in peacebuilding.
- ✓ For the first time, PBF welcomed joint UN-CSO proposals to foster partnerships between the UN and civil society organizations.
- ✓ Responding to the [Call to Action for Human Rights](#), the [Gender and Youth promotion initiative \(GYPI\)](#) included a focus on protection of women and young peacebuilders

and human rights defenders. PBF approved \$19.2 million (52%) to this objective.

- ✓ The Fund approved, also for the first time, \$9.2 million (25%) to initiatives in **Colombia, DRC, El Salvador, Honduras, Madagascar, Liberia and Sri Lanka** which included lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and inter-sex human rights defenders and peacebuilders.

PRIORITY WINDOWS

WOMEN AND YOUTH INCLUSION

GUATEMALA

A central aspect of Fund support in Guatemala has been strengthening women's rights and access to truth, justice, and reparations, particularly of indigenous women. Following the landmark Sepur Zarco case, the Fund has helped Sepur Zarco Grandmothers claim their rights to land and, in partnership with the Human Rights Ombudsman, launch a community-based early warning system to detect sexual violence, improve food security and generate income. Building on earlier success in pushing emblematic cases through the justice system, eight new cases of rights violations during the internal armed conflict were brought before courts and witnesses were provided legal and psychosocial support. Institutional support to the Prosecutor's Office and the judiciary, moreover, produced 72 first instance sentences related to violence against women that have all complied with international norms and standards.

FACILITATING TRANSITIONS

GUINEA-BISSAU

In the lead up to the 31 December 2020 closure of the UN Integrated Peacebuilding Operation in Guinea-Bissau, Peacebuilding Fund support has advanced a multi-sectoral approach to strengthen key national institutions and facilitate a smooth transition. Despite challenges triggered by a political crisis that followed the second-round presidential election in December 2019, coupled with the impact of COVID-19, constitutional reform efforts and interparty dialogue via the Good Offices Group of the People's National Assembly gained traction. The Assembly, moreover, revised the Criminal Procedure, Penal and Civil Codes for gender-sensitivity, which will be sent to Parliament for debate and adoption. Balancing support to state institutions, civil society organizations launched a "Common Agenda for Peace and Development" and founded civic spaces to promote stability in the country. Women and youth organizations throughout the country established inter-communal confidence-building measures through various Fund-supported small grants facilities, including a compensation fund for families that ceded their land to end a long-lasting communal conflict concerning village boundaries.



CROSS-BORDER AND REGIONAL APPROACHES

THE PACIFIC

PBF committed \$3.2 million to fill knowledge gaps on the link between climate change and conflict, and to facilitate joint identification of innovative countermeasures in the low-lying Atoll nations of Tuvalu, Kiribati, and Marshall Islands.

LAKE CHAD REGION

Reforestation and improved livelihoods initiatives have reduced conflict by 48% in target areas, while the demarcation of more than 232 kilometers along Chad's borders with Central African Republic and Niger has removed a conflict trigger by reducing destruction to fields done by livestock.

KYRGYZSTAN AND TAJIKISTAN

The project contributed to a 50% reduction in inter-communal conflict during its first three years by investing in local capacities for conflict management, improved livelihoods and small businesses for women and young people, and tangible infrastructure investments. Flares along the un-demarcated border in 2019 and 2020, however, highlight the fragility of even promising local peacebuilding efforts against national-level stressors, a dynamic that will be explored in 2021 through a thematic review on local peacebuilding, conducted in partnership with PeaceNexus Foundation and UN Volunteers.



IMPLEMENT & SUSTAIN PEACE AGREEMENTS



CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

In support of the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in the Central African Republic between the government and 14 armed groups, mixed security units composed of 200 ex-combatants and members of the Defense and Internal Security Forces will deploy to the northwestern defense zone of Paoua. Their deployment follows Fund-supported joint training of 620 participants from the Defense and Internal Security Forces and former members of armed groups, including 29 women. Complementing security efforts, Fund support enabled the adoption of laws establishing legal aid and the Commission on Truth, Justice, Reparation and Reconciliation. Together with the passage of a four-year justice sector policy, these steps are expected to promote access to justice and transitional justice. Looking ahead to upcoming elections, 550 community volunteers led a national campaign that reached more than two million people to encourage women's electoral participation. Through the campaign, 3,185 women received birth certificates to enable their voter registration, while 390 women were trained on electoral normative frameworks, campaign strategies, financing, and public speaking to boost their candidacies.



DIALOGUE AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE



THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

PBF investment through a \$3.5 million joint UN-civil society initiative advanced transitional justice in Kasai and Kasai Central, contributing to the fight against impunity, the establishment of provincial Truth and Reconciliation Commissions, and establishment of local peace committees to facilitate inter-communal dialogue. In Tanganyika, funding supported dialogue and trust building between Twa and Bantou communities and empowered women to play a more prominent role in their communities. In the eastern part of the country, the Fund continued to support stabilization efforts by channeling resources through the Coherence Trust Fund to finance social cohesion and community security initiatives. In South-Kivu, young people and women have begun participating in local decision-making and helped facilitate joint calls by local leaders and community members for armed groups to respect commitments to demobilize.

FOCUS AREAS



PEACE DIVIDENDS



EL SALVADOR

To ease the transition of returning migrants to El Salvador, Fund support through IOM, UNDP and WFP provided immediate assistance, psychosocial support, and labor skill certification to more than 700 returnees. Work with National Police and border authorities aims to ensure that their actions, infrastructure and policies comply with human rights standards and gender-sensitivity. To address high levels of violence that drive irregular migration, the Fund helped establish the capital's first safe and inclusive bus stop, designed with input from female public transportation users, and will replicate the model elsewhere in 2021. Concomitant training and public awareness raising campaigns will tackle cultural acceptance of violence against women.



RE-ESTABLISHING BASIC SERVICES



SUDAN

PBF's support in Sudan centers on strengthening rule of law and reducing local conflicts to encourage durable solutions for displaced persons, newly established protection committees in all five States of Darfur have already registered over 800 protection cases. In West Darfur, local communities report greater acceptance of the involvement of nomadic populations in community life, an important step towards reducing negative perceptions of nomads that have sparked past conflict. In Golo, the local population's confidence in Sudan's Peace and Reconciliation mechanism has begun to increase since paralegals and community police volunteers, who were trained in mediation and community dialogue by the Fund-supported Peace, Justice and Reconciliation Center, have begun resolving most conflicts locally. Targeted local communities also report an 86% reduction in inter-communal violence since 14 community-based conflict resolution mechanisms were reactivated with Fund support.

RESOURCES

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IS GRATEFUL TO THE
24 PARTNERS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE
PEACEBUILDING FUND IN 2020



GERMANY
\$46,452,353



NETHERLANDS
\$36,067,840



SWEDEN
\$32,487,481



NORWAY
\$12,288,243



CANADA
\$10,466,811



DENMARK
\$10,439,177



UNITED KINGDOM
\$6,409,217



AUSTRALIA
\$4,891,918



SWITZERLAND
\$3,921,985



FINLAND
\$3,523,425



JAPAN
\$3,000,000



BELGIUM
\$2,632,828



IRELAND
\$2,047,102



NEW ZEALAND
\$1,983,831



KOREA
\$1,800,000



FRANCE
\$1,113,969



LUXEMBOURG
\$355,986



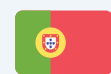
TURKEY
\$220,000



ESTONIA
\$89,530



POLAND
\$26,472



PORTUGAL
\$22,378



MOROCCO
\$10,000



PERU
\$2,936



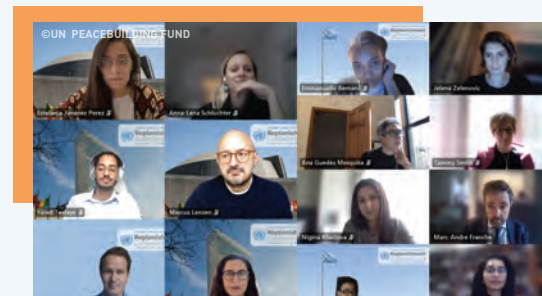
SLOVAK REPUBLIC
\$2,450



TOTAL
\$180,255,932



Peacebuilding Fund office, September 2020



Peacebuilding Fund retreat, January 2021



Peacebuilding Fund Advisory Group meeting, January 2021

- The PBF Team quickly and effectively adapted and re-organized the team to continue providing support during the **Covid-19 pandemic**.

ADVISORY GROUP & GROUP OF FRIENDS

ADVISORY GROUP

- The sixth Advisory Group members took up their mandate in March and, due to COVID-related travel restrictions, held their first two meetings virtually, a first for the Advisory Group.
- At its inaugural meeting, members agreed to focus their term on three strategic priorities, including how to support the Peacebuilding Fund to achieve more predictable, adequate funding, drive greater coherence within the UN, and generate more robust evidence of the Fund's impact.
- Following its initial online meeting, the Group established three working groups to advance the three priorities and have already begun meeting online in between Advisory Group plenary sessions.

GROUP OF FRIENDS OF THE PBF

- Co-chaired by Sweden and the United Kingdom, the group convened four times.
- PBSO briefed members on how the Fund is addressing the [peacebuilding dimensions of the COVID-19 pandemic](#) as part of the UN's Comprehensive Response to the pandemic, and on the status of contributions and approvals.
- The [PBF Strategic Plan 2020-2024](#) was presented to the group and priorities under this new Investment Plan were discussed by participants.

PEACEBUILDING COMMISSION

- The [PBC](#) dedicated its 2020 session on advancing options to ensure predictable and sustainable financing for peacebuilding.
- Member States stressed the inextricable links between humanitarian, development, peace and security initiatives, and in that regard urged for more robust action to ensure coherent UN action in the field with stronger focus on efficiency and results and called for deeper exploration of innovative financing and even stronger UN/IFIs collaboration for peacebuilding.
- They also underscored the need for both assessed and additional voluntary contributions for peacebuilding, stressing the importance of empowering women and youth peace-builders and mediators and enabling women entrepreneurs to fulfill their potential as business leaders, a necessary condition for communities to forge their own path for long-term stability and development.

PBF AND COVID-19

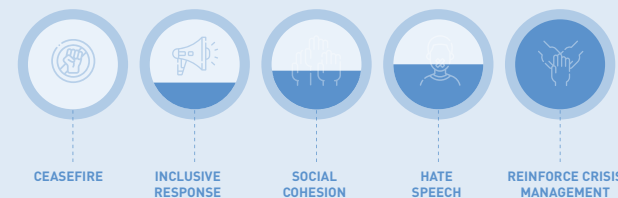


KEY AREAS OF PBF STUPPORT TO ADDRESS PEACEBUILDING DIMENSIONS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC


1. **Reinforce** crisis management capacities and communications
2. **Ensure** inclusive and equitable response and recovery
3. **Strengthen** inter-community social cohesion and border management
4. **Counter** hate speech and stigmatization and address trauma
5. **Support** the SG's call for a global ceasefire


Nearly half of ongoing PBF projects have made COVID-19 related adjustment. The PBF had reacted quickly, working with UN Resident Coordinators and partners to identify emerging risks and opportunities, enabling ongoing programmes to adapt and encouraging new proposals to mitigate conflict risks emanating from the pandemic.

DISTRIBUTION OF PBF RESPONSE AS OF AUGUST 2020




ADDRESSING GENDER AND PEACEBUILDING DIMENSIONS OF THE PANDEMIC


 In **Guatemala**, the UN rapidly supported the Public Prosecutor's Office to implement awareness-raising and protection activities for women who have become at higher risk of domestic violence in the context of lockdown measures. The Office also launched interventions to counter discrimination and hate speech targeted against migrants. Moreover, ongoing psychosocial services to victims of violence at the community level were rapidly adjusted to incorporate issues related to the pandemic.

 In **Colombia**, PBF projects supported the protection of female health personnel, women leaders and human rights defenders, and female Venezuelan migrants, who had become more vulnerable to attacks and sexual and domestic violence.



STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS DURING THE PANDEMIC

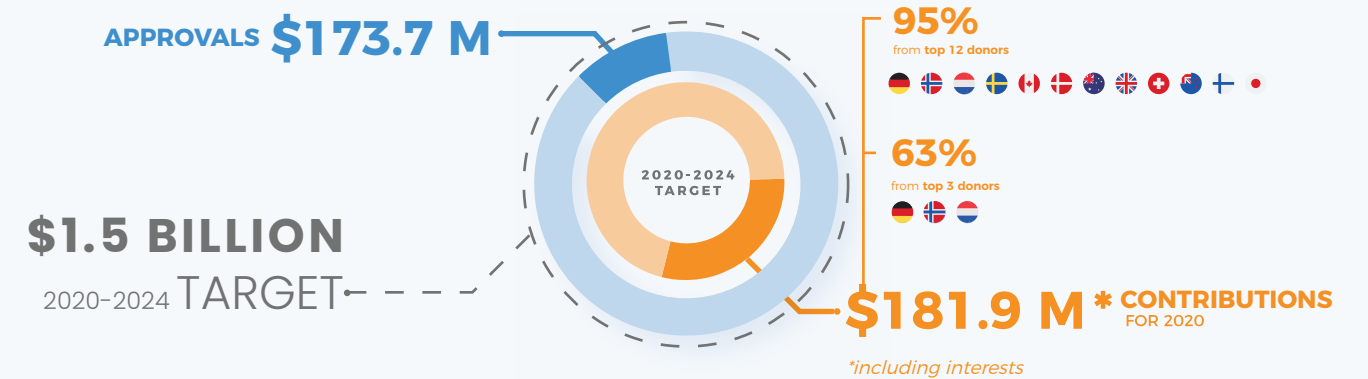
 In **The Gambia**, the ongoing PBF support to establish and build capacity of a new National Human Rights Commission integrated components to support the Commission in training police forces on how to protect the rights of citizens during the state of emergency.

 In **Guinea**, an ongoing programme to strengthen governance and quality of police services added a training for 35 NGO representatives from human rights groups to strengthen their capacity to monitor security forces' performance during the state of emergency and to document any potential human rights violations and prevent abuse of power.

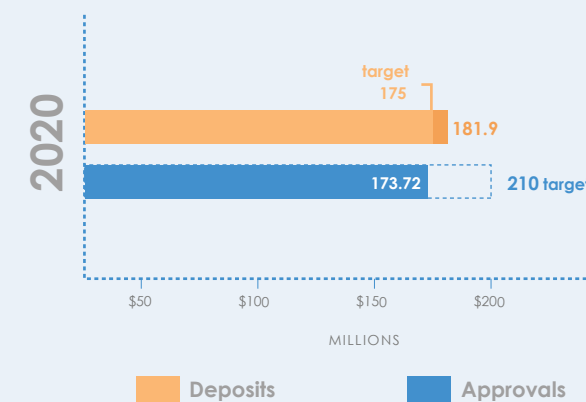


PBF STRATEGY 2020-2024

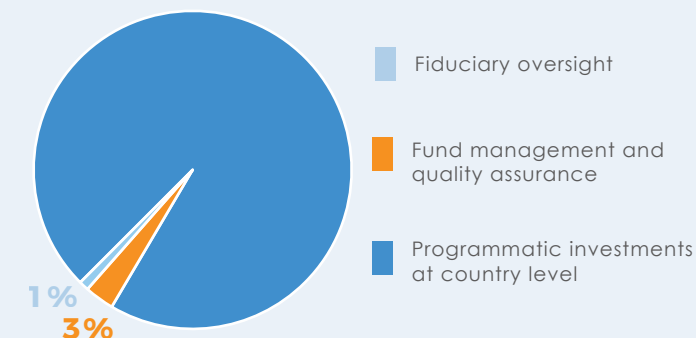
FUND STATUS (DECEMBER 2020)



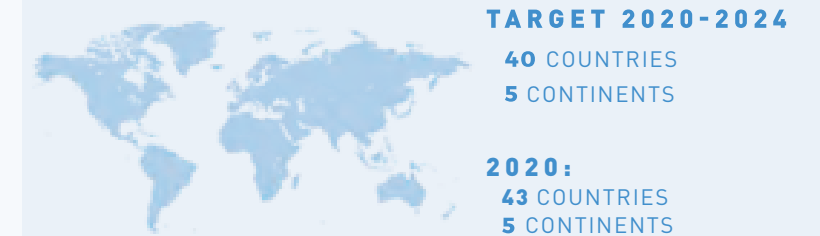
PBF SUSTAINED DEMAND SCENARIO



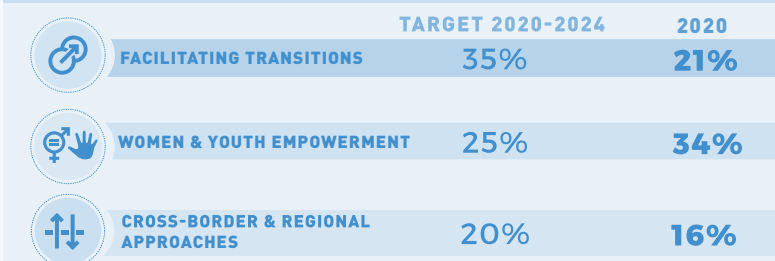
SPREAD OF FUND RESOURCES



COVERAGE



DISTRIBUTION PER PRIORITY WINDOW



DISTRIBUTION OF MEDIUM-TERM (PRF) AND SHORT-TERM SUPPORT (IRF)



BALANCE BETWEEN INVESTMENTS BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER CONFLICT





"We need to take risks for peace and enable stakeholders with the resources and space to seize opportunities."

We have a responsibility to bring down the institutional siloes and bring together, in an agile and responsive manner, the full range of the United Nations' system capacities. The Peacebuilding Fund aims to do just that."

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