COUNTRY ELIGIBILITY

Secretary-General’s Declaration of Eligibility. PBF funding is provided to countries that are formally declared eligible by the Secretary-General, following a review by PBSO. To be eligible, countries must have emerged from conflict or political crisis and have national government commitment towards sustainable and inclusive peace. Countries on the Peacebuilding Commission agenda are automatically eligible. Conflict Analysis. PBF’s funding is based on a conflict analysis identifying the country’s peacebuilding priorities. Conflict analysis is generally conducted by the UN together with the government, development partners and local civil society.

PBF FUNDING MECHANISMS

• The Immediate Response Facility (IRF) addresses critical and urgent peacebuilding needs in the immediate aftermath of conflict or as a result of a dramatic change in the country situation. Up to $3 million in IRF funds can be approved by the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support on behalf of the Secretary-General without a formal eligibility process for the country.

• The Peacebuilding and Recovery Facility (PRF) provides medium-term financing in post-conflict contexts for countries declared eligible for PBF funding. PBF funding is based on a Peacebuilding Priority Plan (up to 3 years duration) developed through a country-based Joint Steering Committee and subsequently approved by PBSO. Specific projects are then approved by the Joint Steering Committee, co-chaired by the Government and the UN and including civil society and other development partners. Detailed guidance is available from the PBF Guidelines: http://www.unpbf.org/application-guidelines/

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In order to promote peaceful coexistence and conflict resolution, the PBF supports projects which focus on national and local reconciliation efforts, good governance and the proper management of land and natural resources. Such projects can span a wide range of initiatives including encouraging political and community dialogue, facilitating trust-building and social cohesion, women’s empowerment, peaceful resolution of land disputes and strengthening independent institutions and non-state actors.

3) ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AND GENERATION OF PEACE DIVIDENDS

In order to generate peace dividends, the PBF supports targeted short-term employment and livelihood programs to encourage conflict-affected communities to support peaceful development during fragile post-conflict transitions. Activities include the promotion of private sector partnerships, development of micro-enterprises and employment promotion programs, often focused on youth and women, with clear and direct link to social cohesion and peace consolidation.

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OVERVIEW OF COUNTRIES SUPPORTED BY PBF FROM 2007 TO 2013

Countries on the Peacebuilding Agenda

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SIERRA LEONE: The PBF has contributed $48 million since 2007. In 2012, the PBF supported capacity building of political parties, religious and traditional leaders, academia, women, youth and the media to advocate peaceful approaches for democratic competition in the elections.

KYRGYZSTAN: A package of $10 million through the Immediate Response Facility helped to empower different communities in the country’s south, especially youth and women’s networks, to help manage the response to the violence in 2010. Another $15 million of support was approved in 2013.

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