

Role of the S&R Section

The Stabilization & Recovery Section (S&R) supports to the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General (DSRSG), Resident Coordinator (RC) and Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) in her responsibilities to lead the United Nations' contribution to Mali's reconstruction efforts.

S&R promotes synergies between MINUSMA, the UN Country Team and other international partners, in favour of communities most affected by the conflict, particularly in the north and center of Mali.

Through this monthly bulletin, we provide regular updates on stabilization & recovery developments and activities in the north of Mali. The targeted audience is the section's main partners including MINUSMA military and civilian components, UNCT and international partners.

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- 2017 Donors' retreat
- Kidal: new Center for Civil Society Organizations (QIPs)
- Trust Fund: trainings in support of institutional bodies related to the Peace Agreement
- Culture: international conference in Bamako
- More projects launched in northern regions

Main Figures

Quick Impact Projects (QIPs): 221 projects completed and 42 under implementation over a budget of 11.9 million USD (263 projects in total since 2013)

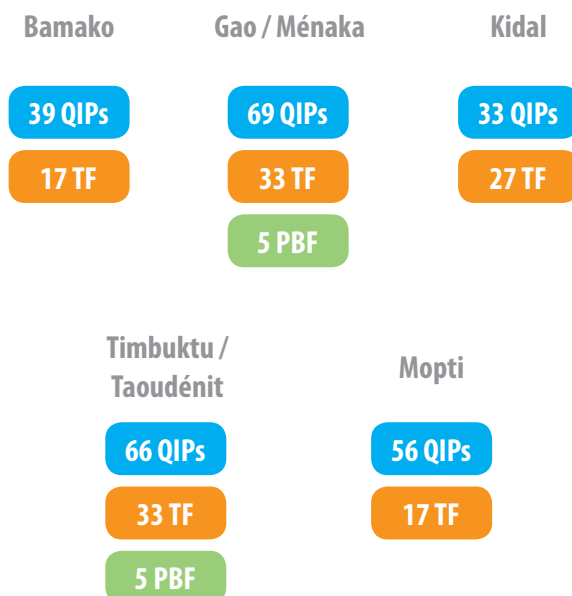
Peacebuilding Fund (PBF): 5 projects started in 2015 over 18 months for a total budget of 12,106,353 USD (3 projects extended)

Trust Fund (TF): 24 projects completed and 58 projects under implementation out of 86 projects approved for a cost of 22,733,835 USD over a budget of 31,330,367 USD (contributions from Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom and UN DOCO)

Global overview since 2013

Number of projects by region

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Sectors

QIPs Quick Impact Projects

Security / Justice / Public Infrastructures / Agriculture / Health / Public Information / Education / Water / Handicraft / Culture / Sports / Conflict Management / Waste Management / Human Rights

TF Trust Fund

Peace Talks / Elections / Outreach / Gender / DDR / Cantonment / Rule of Law and Justice / Return of State Authority / Border Control / Prisoner rehabilitation and reintegration / Arms Control / Security / Health / Electricity / International Accountability / Water & Sanitation / Social Cohesion / Education / Economic Recovery

PBF Peacebuilding Fund

Education / Socio-economic Support / Reintegration of IDPs / Justice / Cantonment

Donor Coordination and Partnerships

1. On 2 March, the S&R Section participated in the **donors' retreat** which gathered all heads of bilateral and multilateral cooperation agencies, MINUSMA, and UN agencies with a sector lead role including UNDP, UNFPA, OCHA, WFP and UN WOMEN. This was the opportunity to review key messages for political dialogue with the Government of Mali and explore modalities for better programming in the North of Mali. Donors expressed concerns about the capacity for Mali to respect the electoral calendar due to the volatile situation, as well as about the holding of the *Conférence d'Entente Nationale*. They also

expressed their impatience toward the long awaited Strategy for the North, and the Strategy for the Centre. In order to improve impacts of the interventions, donors have entrusted the *Commission Réhabilitation des Zones Post-Conflict* (CRZPC) with the follow-up of initiatives on Conflict-Sensitive Program Management (GPSC) initiated by Switzerland in 2016. Donors will contribute to a comprehensive development of key programmes in the North and improve information sharing.

Culture

1. From 14 to 15 March, MINUSMA Culture Unit supported the **International Conference on Challenges to the Protection of Cultural Heritage in Conflict Zones** organized by UNESCO in Mali in partnership with the Ministry of Culture. The objective was to present the results of the rehabilitation programme of cultural heritage and safeguarding of the ancient manuscripts, launched in 2014. More than 100 experts from 15 countries including, thanks to MINUSMA's support, 25 participants from northern regions of Mali shared their views and experiences. During the event, Culture Unit outlined the technical, logistical and financial support provided by MINUSMA since 2013 to the Malian authorities related to its mandate on protection of cultural heritage in the frame of this program. MINUSMA

was congratulated by partners and representatives of the communities for these various supports.

3 Quick Impact Projects for 87,000 USD have been funded in support of this programme. About 800 travels by MINUSMA flights, representing a cost of more than 300,000 USD, allowed the implementation of activities such as the reconstruction of the 14 mausoleums destroyed in Timbuktu. More than 4 tons of material provided by UNESCO and partners were transported by MINUSMA from Bamako to the northern regions and made the equipment of the regional authorities of culture and the equipment of 9 libraries of ancient manuscripts in Timbuktu possible.

For more information (in French):

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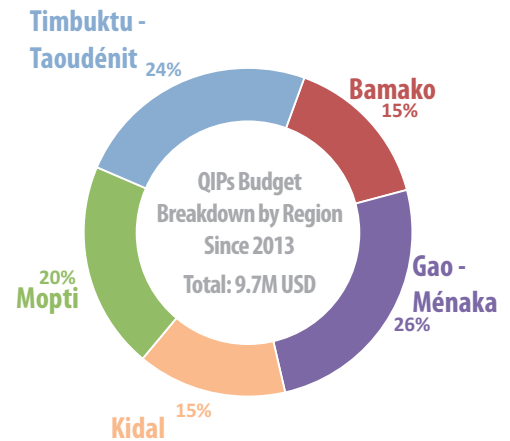
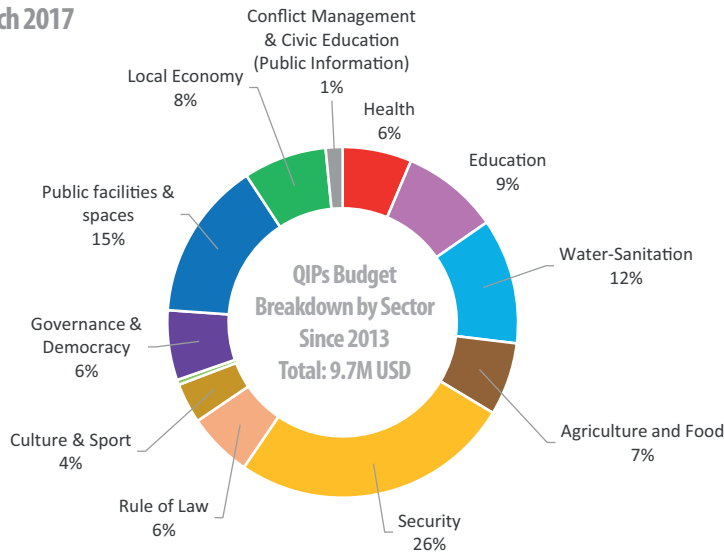


Financed by MINUSMA, Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) are community micro projects. These projects have a maximum cost of 50,000 USD and a maximum 6-months duration, in the areas of services and small public infrastructures rehabilitation, training and awareness-raising activities, employment and revenue

creation. They must have both a quick and long lasting effect meeting priority needs of the population and aim at building confidence towards the peace process, the Mission and its mandate.

These projects benefit mainly to northern regions and support requests from the Malian Government, international and national NGOs, international agencies and civil society. All projects are executed through local partners and businesses.

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Projects' highlights

1. On 13 March, MINUSMA proceeded to the official handover to Kidal civil society of the **new premises of the Center for Civil Society Organizations** in the region. Construction and equipment were funded through 2 QIPs sponsored by MINUSMA Civil Affairs Division for a total budget of 75,000 USD. This Center will help Civil Society Organizations effectively carry out their activities in the benefit of local populations. For more information (in French): <http://bit.ly/2o30sSa> ►



Newly approved projects

1. Rehabilitation, construction of additional premises and provision of equipment for the **Centre de Santé Communautaire (CSCOM) in Samba, Koro cercle (Mopti Region)**

The principal objective of the project is to provide the Samba CSCOM with basic medical materials. The project will reinforce the operational capacity of the community health center, improve staff working conditions, rehabilitate the main building, and build the fence, a storage and a shelter. The project will also provide one motorcycle for the mobility of the CSCOM staff.

Implementing partner: *Centre de Santé Communautaire (CSCOM) in Samba*

Sponsor in MINUSMA: UNPOL
Budget: 25,126.40 USD

2. Provision of school furniture to public schools in Fafa, Tabankort, Inagar and Tin-Fadimata (Gao and Ménaka Regions)

The project is complementing the construction and rehabilitation of the referred schools, also funded by MINUSMA in the frame of a Community Violence Reduction (CVR) project. It will help operationalize these educational institutions, providing the necessary furniture including 420 tables and benches. Overall, this will support capacities of local collectivities in reopening crisis-affected schools and will contribute to the promotion of education for all.

Implementing partner: *Groupe de Recherche pour l'Amélioration des Initiatives des Populations (GRAIP)*

Sponsor in MINUSMA: Disarmament Demobilization Reintegration Section (DDR)
Budget: 48,484.30 USD

3. Realization of 4 manual water well drillings in 4 villages of Kati cercle (Bamako Region)

The objective of this project is to strengthen access to safe and secure potable water in 4 villages where 4800 people will benefit from. This will contribute to the reduction of waterborne diseases.

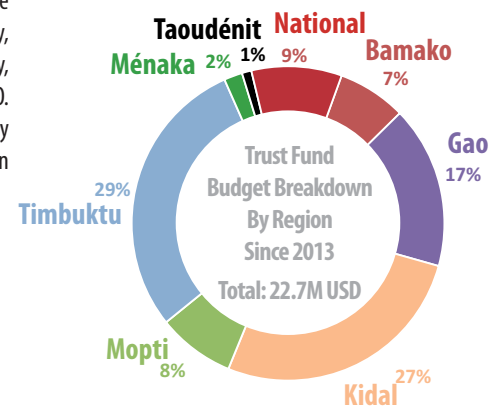
Implementing partner: TAGNE NGO

Sponsor in MINUSMA: Civil-Military Coordination (CIMIC)

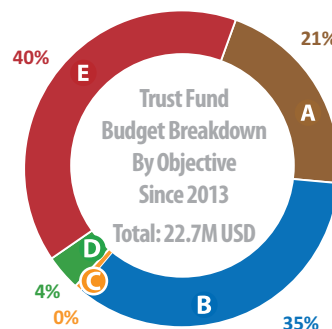
Budget: 46,218.52 USD

The UN Trust Fund in support of Peace and Security in Mali was created at the request of the Security Council (SC resolution 2085 (2012)). Member States can contribute earmarked and/or non-earmarked funds to the Fund, which aims to provide vital support to the Malian Defence and Security Forces (MDSF), assist the Malian Government in its efforts to ensure lasting peace and the return of State Authority and constitutional order, and support critical development and humanitarian interventions contributing to the immediate and long-term efforts by the international community to resolve the crisis in Mali.

It is supported by voluntary contributions from the following donors: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom and UN DOCO. The Fund's budget currently amounts to approximately 31.3 million USD, of which some 72.6 per cent has been attributed to projects.



E Immediate and long-term efforts to resolve the crisis in Mali



A Restoration of Constitutional Order, National Unity and Support for Elections

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B Return of State Authority, Rule of Law and DDR-SSR

D Equipment and Logistical Support to Malian Defence and Security Forces (MDSF)

C Capacity building of Malian Security Forces (MSF)

Projects' highlights

1. In the frame of the Trust Fund project **“Support to the operationalization of the National DDR Commission (NDDRC), Integration Commission (IC), and National Council on Security Sector Reform (CNRSS)”**, the first training workshop for 70 NDDRC members took place from 6 to 13 March. The project foresees 2 other workshops to train nominated members of the IC and CNRSS which will be organized by the end of April. This is made possible via the German contribution for 113,169 USD.

Training workshop for NDDRC members, organized in Fana in March 2017 ▶

2. On 9 and 10 March, the **first training of trainers for interim authorities** and transitional colleges was held in Bamako in the frame of a Trust Fund project funded via the Norway contribution for 381,588 USD.



3. In March, **3 training workshops for women candidates to territorial elections** were held in Ségou, Mopti and Sikasso, in the frame of Trust Fund project funded via the UK contribution for 68,509 USD. The workshops provide women candidates with basic knowledge on the implementation of the Peace Agreement, electoral legislation and procedures and territorial administration. By the end of April 2017, 6 workshops will be organized with support of the MINUSMA Gender Unit and of the *Cadre de Concertation des Femmes Politiques (CCFP)*, in Ménaka, Taoudénit, Kayes, Gao, Koulikoro and Timbuktu.

Newly approved projects

1. On 21 February, a comprehensive project divided into 3 phases, led by MINUSMA Justice & Corrections Section in Timbuktu, has been approved by the Project Review Committee. Over the course of 2016, the need for support has been identified by Timbuktu's *Cadre de concertation pour la chaîne pénale*. The first phase of the tryptic aims at improving the functioning of the **penal chain in Timbuktu**. It will provide protective equipment, office furniture and technical support for evidence gathering to the Police, Gendarmerie and Penitentiary actors. The second phase will support safekeeping and restoring the archives of the

Tribunal de Grande Instance de Tombouctou and will be implemented by local partner CFOGRAD. Finally, phase III envisages a sensitization campaign to inform citizens on the organization and functioning of the legal protection mechanisms in place, in order to improve access to justice for the population in the 5 *Cercles* of Timbuktu region and will be implemented by NGO WILDAF.

Budget: 381,714 USD

Funded through the contribution of the Netherlands

2. Provision of HESCO bastions for the reinforcement of 17 FAMas checkpoints in Mopti: This project, which is led by MINUSMA Civil-Military Coordination in Mopti, aims at reinforcing 17 FAMas checkpoints in Mopti region in order to support the efforts of the Malian government to enhance the FAMas' ability to secure the region. Improving security conditions is hoped to help improve the trust between the population, the Malian Defense and Security Forces and the authorities.

Budget: 259,166 USD

Funded through the contribution of Canada

To deal with the political, institutional and security crisis that deeply destabilized Mali since 2012, the Malian Government and the United Nations System in Mali resorted to the Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) in order to support peacebuilding and reconciliation. The Government of Mali submitted an eligibility request to the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) on 24th of February 2014 which was approved by Secretary-General of the United Nations on 2nd of April 2014.

In this context, the intervention of the PBF programme in Mali represents in its first phase 12.4 million USD, of which 12.1 have been attributed to 5 projects undertaken by UN agencies and MINUSMA. A Steering Committee oversees the whole programme and gathers the Malian Government, the civil society, international donors and the United Nations. The remaining 0.3 million USD goes to the Steering Committee Support Office. The 5 projects were implemented from January 2015 to June 2016 and 3 of them (*) have been granted extensions between January and March 2017.

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1 Education project for peacebuilding in the north of Mali (*)
UNICEF

The agency and its partners implement a speed school strategy for not attending and out-of-school children. Fora for inclusive community dialogue are also set up for social cohesion at school, within the family and community.



2 Support to capacity-building in conflict resilience for women and youth in Gao and Timbuktu regions (*)
UNDP, UNIDO

This joint project accompanies national reconciliation and dialog promotion creating economic opportunities in favor of vulnerable women and at-risk youths.



3 Confidence-building through support to the Cantonment process
UNOPS

Operations strengthen mutual trust between peace agreement signatories and favor security climate appeasement. Rooting of the disarmament process in the country goes through fighters' cantonment, among other steps. UNOPS is in charge of the construction and management of camps intended for this purpose.



4 Solutions for a sustainable and peaceful reintegration of internally displaced people (IDPs) and repatriated refugees in Gao and Timbuktu regions
IOM, UNHCR

This project consists in providing IDPs and repatriated refugees access to basic social services and reinforcing peaceful cohabitation between local communities in a climate of increased trust in the peace process.



5 Programme for a better access to justice and security for women victims of SGBV in the peacebuilding process in Mali (*)
UN Women, UNFPA, MINUSMA

Both agencies and the Mission assist SGBV victims facilitating access to justice and holistic care. The project also supports capacity-building of care services and judicial system in terms of SGBV.

