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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Global overview since 2013

Number of projects by region

On 30 May 2017

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Thanks to all partners: Implementing partners, National Institutions, Civil Society, International Donors, Sponsoring MINUSMA components. All committed to an indivisible Mali!
Donor Coordination and Partnerships

1. On 4 May, took place the Commission de Réhabilitation des Zones Post-Conflit (CRZPC) at technical level with the involvement of the Ministère de la Solidarité et de l’Aide Humanitaire (MSAH) and the participation of different national and international counterparts. Partners of the MSAH briefed on the official opening of the Synergienord database and on the importance of the tool for the mapping of the interventions in the North. Based on Synergienord, MSAH also presented the level of completion to date of the Plan d’Urgence et de Relèvement (PUR) pour la Mise en Œuvre de l’Accord pour la Paix et la Réconciliation au Mali pendant la période Intérimaire 2015-2017. The PUR analyses the efforts of the Government to intensify the reconstruction of the North.

2. The S&R section contributed to the Groupe Exécutif de Coordination des PTF (GEC) that took place on 10 May. Chef de File-EU informed that the Prime Minister-Extended Troika consultation framework is well supported by the new Prime Minister, in the continuity of his predecessors. Partners discussed as well the note produced by the CRZPC which indicates that access to basic social services in the central area of the country is further weakened mainly due to the deterioration of the security situation. The response of the Government of Mali, through the Plan de Sécurisation Intégré des Régions du Centre (PSIRC), to address the issue has limitations related to inter-ministerial coordination. The GEC meeting ended by an update from the World Bank on the holding of sectoral reviews and preparation of the revision of the Cadre stratégique pour la Relance Economique et le Développement Durable (CRED), Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Stratégie Commune d’Assistance Pays (SCAP).

3. The meeting between the new Prime Minister and members of the extended Troika took place on May 26 at the Primature. In follow-up on the Conférence d’Entente Nationale (CEN), two specific commissions are tasked to put the CEN charter into effect and produce a cartography of distinctive lands of Mali (terroirs). Regarding the electoral process and due to the ongoing situation with the late installation of the Interim Authorities, the local elections (at cercle level) have been postponed to end October 2017 and the regional elections to end November 2017. The constitutional referendum has been maintained on 9 July 2017. As for the security situation in central regions of Mali and its impact on the delivery of basic social services, the Government is deploying considerable efforts within the Plan de Sécurisation Intégré des Régions du Centre (PSIRC) to restore security rapidly. As the implementation of the PSIRC proves difficult, partners are committed to enhance coordination and support to this Plan.

Culture

1. Artsy, a website dedicated to arts discovery, features MINUSMA cultural mandate. An overview (in English) of the threats against Malian cultural heritage, MINUSMA staff training program on its preservation, and also initiatives put in place by the Mission to protect it. For more information: http://bit.ly/2pYb45t

2. On 21 May, on the occasion of World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, MINUSMA work in culture field was highlighted thanks to its United Nations Volunteers. For more information: http://bit.ly/2s1c76n
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.

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Projects’ highlights


2. On 10 May, the newly rehabilitated latrines of Bâ Aminata Diallo High School in Bamako were inaugurated, in the presence of Mr. Davidse, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-general (DSRSG) in charge of Political Affairs. Sponsored by the MINUSMA Women Protection Office, this project is entirely funded by the Mission for 48,490.55 USD and consists in the construction of 6 blocks of 5 latrines each. The new sanitary installations will replace old ones, out-of-use for years, and will allow the 1500 young schoolgirls of the institution to have improved hygiene conditions fitting with the good completion of their academic cursus. For more information (in French): http://bit.ly/2rdZXDW

3. On 29 May, MINUSMA Public Information Office (PIO) proceeded to the official handover of 4 projects aiming at reinforcing operational capacity of ORTM and 24 community radios affiliated to URTEL in Timbuktu region. Funded for a total amount of 168,000 USD, these QIPs consist in the provision of technical equipment to these media outlets of the 5 cercles of the region, whose production equipment had been destroyed or looted during the crisis. For more information (in French): http://bit.ly/2rfI0qc
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 77 per cent has been attributed to projects.

Projects’ highlights

1. On 4 May, MINUSMA Justice & Corrections Section (JCS) proceeded to the handover of 105 law books to the Tribunal de Première Instance de Tombouctou. This donation is part of a broader acquisition of 1,854 books divided in 18 law libraries, provided to jurisdictions magistrates in northern regions and in Bamako district, upon request and in support of the Ministry of justice. A project amounting for nearly 150,000 USD funded through the contribution of Germany to the Trust Fund. For more information (in French): http://bit.ly/2s9mPEJ

2. On 11 May, the launching ceremony of the construction works of the multifunctional center for women in Rharous took place, in the presence of Timbuktu Governor, Rharous Mayor, beneficiaries and an important crowd of local residents. Aiming at reinforcing production means and diversifying income-generating activities for women and youths of Gourma-Rharous, the project is funded for 204,646 USD under the contribution of Denmark to the Trust Fund. Women beneficiaries warmly thanked MINUSMA for this support and Timbuktu Governor commended the women coordination in Rharous for initiating such endeavors towards entrepreneurship.

3. On 18 May, the project consisting in the installation of 45 solar power street lights in Timbuktu has been officially handed over by UNPOL, MINUSMA sponsoring component, and AMADE NGO, implementing partner. Funded for 205,983 USD over Danish contribution to the Trust Fund, the project also includes the installation of 30 other solar power street lights in Gourma-Rharous, benefitting directly to the population of both cities which account for more than 50,000 residents in total.

4. On 30 May, MINUSMA Civil Affairs Division officially handed over the rehabilitation and equipment project of 3 schools in Kidal and Anefis communes. Funded for more than 200,000 USD through the contribution of Denmark to the Trust Fund for Peace and Security in Mali, this project will help children of these localities access to education. For more information (in French): http://bit.ly/2sAKfmT
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.

On 30 February 2017

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.