Role of the S&R Section

The Stabilization & Recovery Section (S&R) supports 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 September 2017

- 81 Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) in Bamako
- 50 Trust Fund (TF) projects in Bamako
- 11 Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) in Bamako
- 47 QIPs in Gao/Ménaka
- 39 TF in Gao/Ménaka
- 11 PBF in Gao/Ménaka
- 88 QIPs in Timbuktu/Taoudénit
- 46 TF in Timbuktu/Taoudénit
- 11 PBF in Timbuktu/Taoudénit
- 46 QIPs in Kidal
- 39 TF in Kidal
- 11 PBF in Kidal
- 68 QIPs in Mopti
- 46 TF in Mopti
- 11 PBF in Mopti
- 51 QIPs in Countrywide
- 23 TF in Countrywide
- 27 TF in Countrywide

Thanks to all partners: Implementing partners, National Institutions, Civil Society, International Donors, Sponsoring MINUSMA Components. All committed to an indivisible Mali!

Sectors

- Quick Impact Projects (QIPs): 214 projects completed and 121 under implementation over a budget of 15.9 million USD (335 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): 51 projects completed and 60 projects under implementation out of 111 projects approved for a cost of 45,101,404 USD over a budget of 53.9 million USD (contributions from Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom and UN DOCO)


Highlights

- CRZPC concertation on current achievements within Nexus portfolio
- Awareness-raising sessions on MINUSMA mandate and its actions
- Kati: access to safe potable water for the population (QIP)
- Bamako: QIP project to preserve the dignity of detainees with disabilities (QIP)
- New contributions to the Trust Fund
- New projects launched in northern regions
Donor Coordination and Partnerships

1. On 14 September, MINUSMA participated in a meeting/consultation on interventions in the Timbuktu/Taoudénit regions within the framework of the CRZPC (Commission de Réhabilitation des Zones Post Conflit) with a large representation of PTF (Partenaires Techniques et Financiers) and international organizations. In a tentative to strengthen the coordination, the meeting aimed at mapping of the current PTF interventions, and further operating method to be followed for the implementation of activities in relation with re-current instability and insecurity in this region.

It was agreed that the Government and the different actors involved in the aid, recovery and development assistance need to intensify implementation and collaboration in a joint effort to tackle socio-economic challenges. In particular, sectoral clusters and thematic groups like WASH, Health/Nutrition, Education and Food Security have advocated for the importance of continuing programme activities and improve access to social services for the population. All stakeholders expressed as well security and humanitarian access concerns.

2. The S&R section contributed to the GEC (Groupe Exécutif de Coordination des PTF) that took place on 20 September. The main insights of the GEC were:
   - The PM-Troika meeting chaired by the PM and attended by members of the enlarged Troika (including MINUSMA), which took place on 20 July at the Primature. Three main points were discussed: (i) the implementation of the Peace Agreement; (ii) the updating of the electoral calendar; and (iii) the continued efforts of GoM to improve governance.
   - Diagnosis of the Pool Technique: The final adjusted report was forwarded by the consultants, and PTFs are now working on specific guidelines for the operationalization of the recommendations.

3. On 28 September, the co-leadership of the CRZPC (Commission de Réhabilitation des Zones Post Conflit) represented by France and MINUSMA S&R organized a specific meeting on the current achievements within Nexus portfolio. Through the four sectors concerned by basic social services ie. Education, WASH, Health/ Nutrition and Food Security; the GT/Cluster started to join efforts toward defining sectoral analyses based on bridges between Humanitarian and Development interventions. This preparatory meeting will serve to introduce an update on the Nexus process to the GEC (Groupe Exécutif de Coordination des PTF) on 11 October. A step-point of the entire nexus process will be presented afterwards on the November-session GEC.

4. On 7 September, the MINUSMA organized the first meeting of the Transition Plan Team, following the discussion held on 16 August under the chairmanship of SRSG (Special Representative of the Secretary-general and Head of MINUSMA) on the subject of the elaboration of a Transition Plan for MINUSMA as stipulated in Resolution 2364 (2017), gathering all components and sections of the MINUSMA. After recalling on the substance of the Transition Plan, participants discussed the modalities of implementation in conjunction with the UNDAF+.

        On 28 September, the MINUSMA organized the second Transition Plan Team meeting. The meeting revealed the importance of foreseeing the tools and methodology to carry out the transition. The short-term approach should make it possible to define who-does-what-where, and identify the possible axes of transition by the end of the year 2017.

5. The co-leadership for the CRZPC (France & MINUSMA) pursues efforts on the Synergie Nord database in order to make it more user friendly and ergonomic its interface and structure. During the last CRZPC monthly meeting on 28 September, a new version of the Synergie Nord database was presented to PTF (Partenaires Techniques et Financiers) based on the diagnosis performed in last August.

Outreach campaign

1. On 13 and 15 September, IMAF (Global Institute for Women’s Empowerment), in collaboration with the Kati Town Council and Bamako District 1 Municipal Council, organized an awareness-raising and outreach campaign on the peace process and the ongoing reconciliation in Mali on the theme ‘Role and actions of MINUSMA’. For more information (in French): [http://bit.ly/21JY8 #IMAFMINUSMA #EnsemblePourLaPaix](http://bit.ly/21JY8 #IMAFMINUSMA #EnsemblePourLaPaix)

2. On 8 September, the MINUSMA Regional Office in Kidal held an awareness-raising session on its mandate and the activities of its civilian, police and military components to members of civil society in Kidal. The components have explained their roles and activities within the Mission. Participants focused on funding mechanisms, such as Quick Impact Projects (QIP) and the Trust Fund, and wished to see more projects facilitating access to basic social services. For more information (in French): [http://bit.ly/2hZhC1P](http://bit.ly/2hZhC1P)
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.

Projects’ highlights

1. On September 7, MINUSMA officially handed over a quick impact project to the benefit of the Kati Circle populations. Realized in just two months, this QIPs sponsored by the MINUSMA CIMIC (Civil Military Cooperation) for a total budget of 48,781 USD, enabled the installation of 4 boreholes equipped with human-powered pumps in four villages in the KATI circle: Somabougou, Magnabougou, Tièsbougou, Tièkorobougou. This project will facilitate access to potable water for the population of these villages and will contribute to the reduction of waterborne diseases. For more information (in French): http://bit.ly/2wHuagH

2. On 19 September, a quick impact project was handed over at Bamako’s Central Prison during official ceremonies chaired by the Minister of Justice, in the presence of the Minister of Human Rights of the reform of the State, beneficiaries and MINUSMA. The project consists in improving the conditions of detention of persons with disabilities at Bamako Central Prison for 23,568 USD through the training of prison officers on the rights of persons with disabilities in the context of detention; the construction of access ramps and the provision of access and mobility equipment (crutches, toilets and wheelchairs). For more information (in French): http://bit.ly/2pSoJUb

3. On September 19 and 20, two QIPs projects were handed over in Bamako during the official ceremonies chaired by the Malian Minister of National Education and in the presence of municipal and local authorities, district chiefs, beneficiaries and components of the MINUSMA. The first project involves the rehabilitation and provision of school benches of Samé elementary school for 47,369 USD and aims to strengthen the national system of child protection by improving the conditions of education of the children. For a total budget of 37,513 USD, the second project includes the provision of computer equipment and office furniture for the National Directorate for the Promotion of the Child and the Family. This project will strengthen the technical and operational capacities of a national technical service in charge of children and the family, which determines its positive impact on the protection of the child and the family at the national level. For more information (in French): http://bit.ly/2y4vkGS

4. On 27 September, a large delegation from MINUSMA visited the Cercle de Bourem (95 km northwest of Gao) for a follow-up visit to its various QIP projects, including rehabilitation of classrooms, the fence, the block of 3 latrines and the equipment of the Medersa Darou-Allahid de Bourem. This QIP project aims to provide an ideal framework for training, supervision and security for the students of Medersa. For more information (in French): http://bit.ly/2q4KjW
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, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom and UN DOCO. The Fund’s budget currently amounts to approximately 53.9 million USD, of which some 80 per cent has been attributed to projects.

### Newly approved projects

1. On 22 August, the Trust Fund Project Review Committee approved 3 projects sponsored by MINUSMA UNPOL and funded through the contribution of the Netherlands to the Trust Fund, namely: (i) Reinforcement of the capacities of the Malian Security Forces in Timbuktu (for 179,707 USD); (ii) Reinforcement of the capacities of the Malian Security Forces in Mopti (for 91,893 USD); and (iii) Reinforcement of the capacities of the Malian Security Forces in Gao (for 119,406 USD).

2. On 26 September, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland provided a new contribution to the Trust Fund amounting to approximately 1 Million USD, earmarked for supporting projects aimed at reducing inter- and intra-community tensions in Mopti and at supporting projects in the border regions of the north of Mali. An initial contribution made by the United Kingdom in 2013 amounting to US $ 2.7 million had enabled an awareness-raising campaign on the peace agreement, the construction of pre-cantonment sites and support to the UNDP program for the return of authority and rule of law to the north of Mali. For more information (in French): [http://bit.ly/2ySJSyq](http://bit.ly/2ySJSyq)

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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. 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 28 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.