

- CRZPC: brainstorming session on the 2018 next step for the Nexus approach
- Gao: capacity building workshop on combating illicit traffic of cultural heritage of Mali (Culture)
- Timbuktu: construction and equipment of the premises of the National Guard Company of Gossi (QIP)
- Gao: creation of an event communication agency for the youth (QIP)
- Timbuktu: hand over of two new projects for improving the functioning of the penal chain (TF)
- New contributions to the Trust Fund
- New projects launched in northern regions

## 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.

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.

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.

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## Main Figures

**Quick Impact Projects (QIPs): 239 projects completed and 111 under implementation over a budget of 15.9 million USD** (350 projects in total since 2013)

**Peacebuilding Fund (PBF): 11 projects started in 2015 over 18 months for a total budget of 16.9 million USD** (3 projects extended)

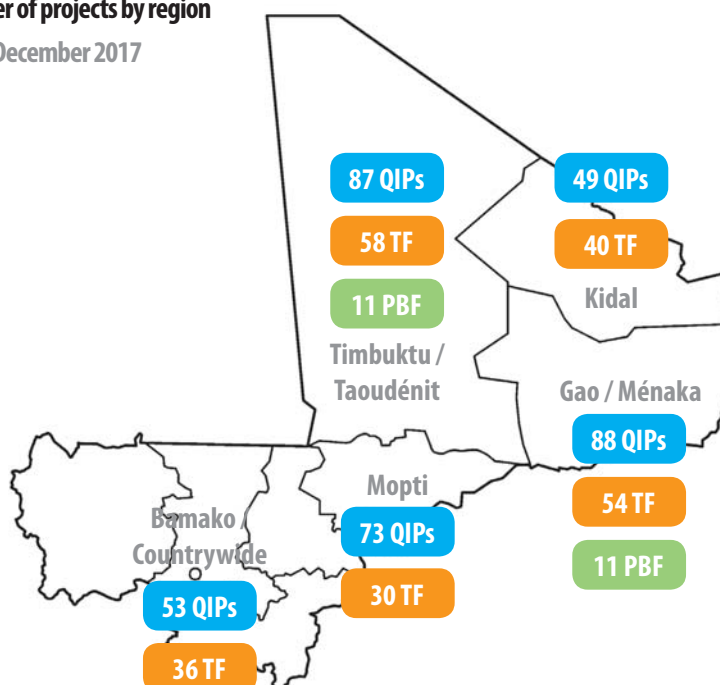
**Trust Fund (TF): 64 projects completed and 63 projects under implementation out of 127 projects approved for a cost of 48,596,537 USD over a budget of 61.8 million USD** (contributions from Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden, 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 / MOC / Cantonment / Rule of Law and Justice / Return of State Authority / SSR / Security / Electricity / Water & Sanitation / Social Cohesion

#### PBF Peacebuilding Fund

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

## Donor Coordination and Partnerships

1. On 6 December, S&R Section attended the **preparation meeting of the next GEC** (*Groupe Exécutif de Coopération*) planned on 13 December. The Troika members discussed the output of the last PM-Troika session that took place on 23 November, which focused mainly on the good governance and fight against corruption.
2. On 7 December, the S&R Section participated to **brainstorming ad hoc meeting on Nexus** along with RCO and WFP. During the meeting, several points were deliberated in order to arrange a next step meeting with RC/HC (Participants: UNDP, WFP, OCHA, MINUSMA S&R, RCO). Also, participants discussed the preparation of the workshop report in Entebbe and a presentation on the strengthening of the link between humanitarian and development by WFP's Nexus advisor at the next CRZPC meeting on the Nexus planned on 14 December.
3. On 13 December, the S&R section attended **monthly meeting of the GEC** (*Groupe Exécutif de Coopération*). The TFP (Technical and Financial Partners) discussed the output of the last PM-Troika session that took place on 3 November, which focused mainly on the governance and anti-corruption measures. The GEC members also approached the PTF's next year programme in connection to the 2018 SCAP (*Stratégie Comune d'Appui Pays*).
4. On 14 December, the co-leadership of CRZPC represented by France and MINUSMA S&R organized the **monthly session of the CRZPC** (*Commission de rehabilitation des zones post-conflit*). Among the several subjects approached during the meeting was the presentation of the situation related to the start of the new school year by UNICEF. As well as WFP (World Food Program) explained the difficulties in the food security sector following the average agriculture campaign 2017-18.
5. On 14 December, the co-leadership of CRZPC (*Commission de rehabilitation des zones post-conflit*) represented by France and MINUSMA S&R organized a **brainstorming session on the 2018 next step for the Nexus approach** developed by CRZPC members. Participants, mainly clusters and Thematic Groups (TG) members of the related sectors mentioned the necessity to engage in a more concert humanitarian and development programmatic definition for 2018.
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## Culture

1. From 13 to 14 December, the S&R Office in Gao took part in the **capacity building workshop on combating illicit traffic of cultural heritage of Mali**, held at the Gao Youth House, under the chairmanship of the Chief of Staff of the Governorate, representing the Governor of the region. The workshop regrouping a large number of participants (local authorities, representatives of international organizations) dressed an overview of the situation with regard to the illicit trafficking of cultural property in the northern regions and in Mali in general, as well as an overview of the mechanisms of struggle and possible awareness-raising campaigns.

2. On 16 and 17 December, the S&R Section through its Culture and PBF Unit contributed to the **organization of the first exhibition-sale of handicrafts produced by Gao women**. This project supporting Gao women sponsored by the Embassy of Norway in Mali followed after the visit of the city by various Ambassadors, including that of Norway, and representatives of MINUSMA in October 2017. MINUSMA provided logistical support to facilitate the transport of products for this exhibition-sale which took place at the Hotel La Casa Blanca in Bamako. ▶





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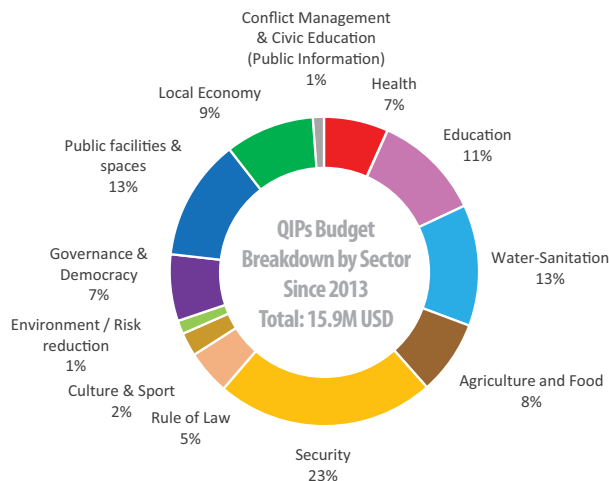
Financed by MINUSMA, Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) are community micro projects. These projects have a maximum cost of 50,000 USD and a maximum 6-months duration, in the areas of services and small public infrastructures rehabilitation, training and awareness-raising activities, employment and revenue

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.

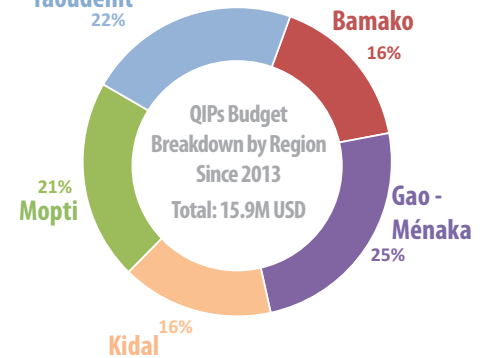
These projects benefit mainly to northern regions and support requests from the Malian Government, international and national NGOs, international agencies and civil society. All projects are executed through local partners and businesses.

For more information: <http://bit.ly/2xGwedz>

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Timbuktu -  
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## Projects' highlights

**1.** On 6 December, a quick-impact project (QIP) was handed over in the rural commune of Anchawadj (45 km northeast of Gao City) during an official ceremonies in the presence of regional/local authorities, project partners and beneficiaries as well as MINUSMA components. The project consists in the **installation of a 2 Ha farming perimeter for the youth of Djebok**. This quick impact project has made it possible to build the distribution water tower, as well as the inner perimeter catch basins and the irrigation system. Scheduled for six months, the project is funded for an amount of 49,516 US Dollars. Implemented by the Association "Algafiet", this project aims to create employment opportunities for the youth who are likely to be enrolled in armed groups. For more information (in French): <http://bit.ly/2n2Rum3>

**2.** On 18 December, a quick impact project (QIP) handed over the **construction and the equipment of the National Guard Company's buildings of Gossi** (Timbuktu's region) during an official ceremony which attended by the regional authorities, the heads of the Malian security forces and components of MINUSMA. This quick impact project is sponsored by UNPOL for a total amount of more than 40,517 US Dollars. The three-month project mainly involved the construction of a four rooms premises, an arms store, of sanitary facilities and the supply of office equipment. The Sub-Prefect of Gossi thanked MINUSMA for its continued commitment to reinforce Malian security forces' operational capacities. For more information (in French): <http://bit.ly/2E2zhN5>

**3.** On 23 December, on the occasion of an official ceremony attended by several regional and local authorities, the representatives of the Governor and the Mayor of Gao, the beneficiaries and the components of MINUSMA; the Mission handed over a quick impact project (QIP) which consists of the **creation of an event agency for the youth of the Gao region**. Financed by MINUSMA for the amount of 48,707 US Dollars, the project was realized through the Association for Culture, Nature and Education (ACNE) and aims at empowering and creating jobs for the youth of Gao. During the delivery of the event communication material to ACNE in the new headquarters, the President of the Association expressed the feelings of satisfaction and gratitude to the support of MINUSMA which has a positive impact on the youth of the City of Gao. For more information (in French): <http://bit.ly/2DvWsOM>

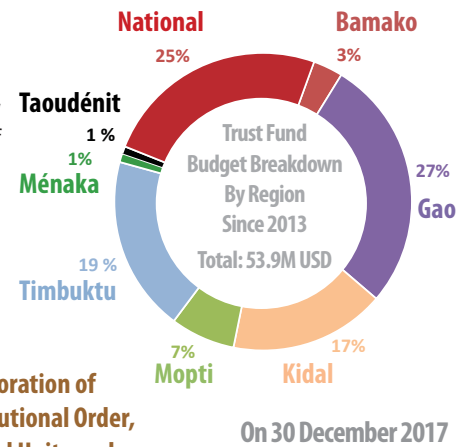
**4.** On 26 December, MINUSMA inaugurated a new quick impact project entitled "**Rehabilitation of the premises of the Youth Blind Institute of Gao**." This project amounting to 48,282 US Dollars is sponsored by the Human Rights and Protection Division of MINUSMA and implemented with the Young Blind People's Institute of Gao (*Institut des Jeunes Aveugles de Gao-IJA*). The IJA hosts about fifty learners, most of whom come from circles in Gao and other northern regions. Thanks to the rehabilitation of the school, blind and partially sighted students will be able to benefit from learning conditions all offering an environment more adapted to their needs. The representative of the head of the MINUSMA office in Gao stressed that "MINUSMA ensures that education is fully integrated to prevent all forms of discrimination of persons with

▶ *disabilities, who have the right to receive education as any citizen of that country."* For more information (in French): <http://bit.ly/2n4Pzg7>

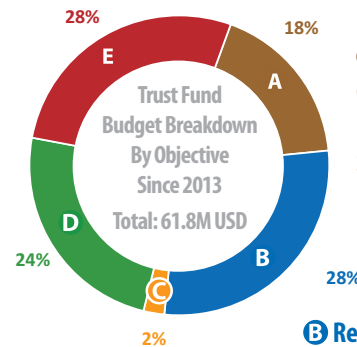


The UN Trust Fund in support of Peace and Security in Mali was created at the request of the Security Council (SC resolution 2085 (2012)). Member States can contribute earmarked and/or non-earmarked funds to the Fund, which aims to provide vital support to the Malian Defence and Security Forces (MDSF), 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, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden, Turkey, the United Kingdom and UN DOCO. The Fund's budget currently amounts to approximately 61.8 million US Dollars, of which some 78 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**

**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)**

**New contributions**

**1. The Netherlands is increasing its participation to Trust Fund in Support of Peace and Security in Mali, with a contribution of about 1.17 million US Dollars.** This support materialized during a ceremony held on 13 December at MINUSMA Headquarters. As part of the support of the Netherlands Government for Peace and Security in Mali, the new Dutch contribution will be dedicated to the International Commission of Inquiry, a key mechanism provided for in the Peace and Security Agreement. Reconciliation in Mali, resulting from the Algiers process. It is important to remember that the Netherlands is already engaged with MINUSMA in its contribution to the United Nations Military Force and the United Nations Police. This contribution is intended to protect the Malian people and support the stability and security of Mali as well. For more information (in French): <http://bit.ly/2F4EN0v>

**2. Norway is increasing its participation in the Trust Fund in Support of Peace and Security in Mali with a contribution of approximately 960,000 US Dollars.** This support materialized during a ceremony held on 14 December at MINUSMA Headquarters. As part of the support of the Norwegian Government for Peace and Security in Mali, this new contribution will support the implementation of the Peace Agreement (with special attention to the inclusion of women), restoration the authority of the State and the tangible realization of peace dividends for the people of northern and central Mali. For more information (in French): <http://bit.ly/2DqccCq>

**Projects' highlights**

**1.** On 12 December, the Regional Office of MINUSMA in Timbuktu, through its Justice and Correction Section (J&C) and the United Nations Police (UNPOL), **handed over two projects for improving the functioning of the penal chain of the region of Timbuktu** on the occasion of official ceremony in the presence of the judicial and penitentiary authorities, representatives of the Embassy of the Netherlands and components of MINUSMA. Funded for more than 397,551 US Dollars by the Trust Fund in Support of Peace and Security in Mali, these projects concern the safeguarding and restoration of the archives of the High Court of Timbuktu and strengthening the operational capacities of the components of the penal chain. "These projects will help to improve the penal chain of the region, strengthen the rule of law, the return of state authorities under the Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation, for the durable resolution of the conflict" said Baye Konaté, the Chief of Staff of the Governor of Timbuktu. For more information (in French): <http://bit.ly/2DApobv>

**Newly approved projects**

**1.** The **Trust Fund Project Review Committee** approved new projects according to the schedule and activities below: On 28 December: Operationalization of the Office of the Independent Observer (sponsored by Mediation Section for 1,172,928 US Dollars and to be funded through several proposed contributions namely, (i) the 2017 earmarked contribution for the Independent Observer of Germany, (ii) Canada and (iii) the earmarked contribution for the Independent Observer of Luxembourg) On 06 December, two new projects, namely (i) Reinforcement of the Penal Chain in Timbuktu, phase III; (for 209,689 US Dollars to be funded through the 2015 earmarked contribution of the Netherlands to the Trust Fund and sponsored by Justice & Corrections Section jointly with Tribunal de Grande Instance de Tombouctou) and (ii) Fuel support project for the Malian Security Forces in Mopti for increased security patrols, phase II (for 47,326 US Dollars to be funded through the 2017 earmarked contribution of the Italy to the Trust Fund and sponsored by UNPOL). All above mentioned projects will directly support for the implementation of the peace agreement, the return of state authority, security and the reduction of community tensions.



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 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2014 which was approved by Secretary-General of the United Nations on 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2014.

In this context, the intervention of the PBF programme in Mali represents in its first phase 16.9 million US Dollars, of which 12.1 have been attributed to 11 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 US Dollars 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.