

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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- New partnership approaches: UN-World Bank
- Recent updates and status of implementation of the PSIRC
- Within the Nexus framework, OCHA facilitated the visit of a delegation of partners in Timbuktu
- Technical and Financial Partners gathering for the Annual retreat
- Timbuktu: providing institutional support to the prefectures of AI Ourche and Araouane (QIP)
- Kidal: MINUSMA supporting women initiative projects (QIP)
- Canadian delegation visit to MINUSMA (TF/PBF)
- New projects launched in northern regions

Main Figures

Quick Impact Projects (QIPs): 262 projects completed and 97 under implementation of a budget of 15.9 million USD (359 projects in total since 2013)

Peacebuilding Fund (PBF): 14 projects since 2015 over 18 months for a **total budget of 26 million USD** (3 projects extended)

Trust Fund (TF): 70 projects completed and 62 projects under implementation out of **132 projects** approved for a **cost of 48,596,537 USD** over a **budget of 62.5 million USD** (contributions from Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden, Turkey, the United Kingdom and UN DOCO)

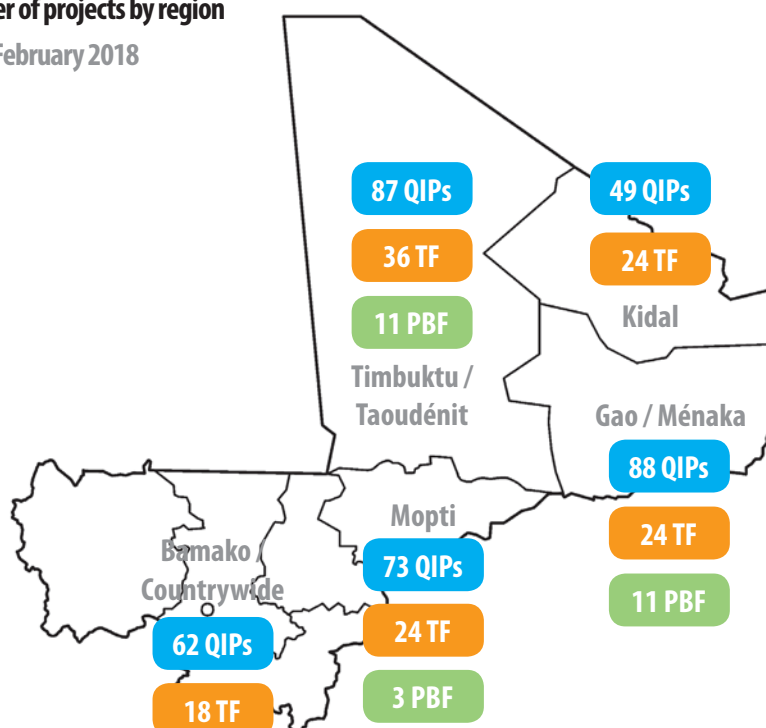


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Implementing partners, National Institutions, Civil Society,
International Donors, Sponsoring MINUSMA components.
All committed to an indivisible Mali!

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 Negotiations / Mediation process / DDR / SSR / MOC / Cantonment / Rule of Law & Justice / Restoration of State Authority / Support to the Malian Security and Defense Forces / Social cohesion

PBF Peacebuilding Fund

Phase I: Education for peace / Socio-economic support / Reintegration of IDPs / Justice on Gender-Based Violence / Cantonment
Phase II: Youth and Women Empowerment for National Reconciliation/ Resilience to Insecurity / Conflict Prevention

Donor Coordination and Partnerships

- 1.** On 2 February, The S&R section attended the General Information meeting held by Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) which was the occasion to draw an update on the security and humanitarian situation. MINUSMA S&R Section presented general overview of Section activities and the **latest updates on its funding mechanisms** (QIP, Trust Fund, and PBF). This was the opportunity for S&R to recall UN Agencies and humanitarian partners to sponsor QIP projects and exhaust the remaining funds before the end of fiscal year 2017-18.
- 2.** On 7 February, the S&R Section attended the **meeting of the Extended Troika** to discuss the groundwork of the next Technical and Financial Partners (TFP) retreat which will take place 15 February. This was the occasion to clarify the agenda of the retreat and to identify key messages of the political dialogue to be refined during the retreat.
- 3.** On 9 February, the S&R Section met with World Bank Group (WBG) expert to discuss and review the project proposal, entitled **“Support capacity building to enhance the Humanitarian, Development and Peace Nexus in Mali”** in the framework of UN-World Bank Partnership Trust Fund collaboration under Humanitarian-Development-Peace Initiative [HDPI]. This proposal aims to support United Nation (UN) and World Bank Group (WBG) operations in the areas affected by conflict in Central and Northern parts of Mali. This meeting permitted discussions on both part of Konna and the youth employment projects under the joint implementation, and further identify the need for stronger UN-WB collaboration for operating in Central and Northern Mali.
- 4.** On 13 February, the S&R Section participated in the meeting organized by the **Interministerial Committee for Monitoring of Implementation of the PSIRC** (*Plan de Sécurisation Intégré des Régions du Centre*) attached to the Ministry of Security of Mali. The Committee presented the recent updates and the status of implementation of the PSIRC as well as an update on the security situation since January 2018. A point on the social situation and the presence of the Administration in the Center of Mali were also discussed among other topics.
- 5.** On, 14 February, the S&R Section represented DSRSG/RC/HC in the meeting organized under the hospice of the World Bank in Mali on **Alliance Sahel Mali**. This Alliance Sahel Mali initiative proposed by France and Germany in 2017, aims to facilitate exchanges between international donors to accelerate development aid in this region plagued by political, economic and security instability. France initiated the formation of the Alliance, which also brings together the World Bank Group, the African Development Bank (ADB) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). The aid will be divided into four main areas: education-training, agriculture, governance-justice and the fight against climate change.
- 6.** On 15 February, the S&R Section participated in the **Annual retreat of Technical and Financial Partners** (TFP) organized under the hospices of TFP Lead: The Netherlands. The main themes on the agenda were: (i) Overview of political, security and development challenges; (ii) Identification of the priority results to be achieved in 2018, and selection of related key messages for the enlarged PM-Troika political dialogue; (iii) Making development aid more efficient and effective: coherence, streamlining and harmonization; (iv) Making interventions in the Central Region more efficient and effective.
- 7.** On 16 February, MINUSMA S&R & France organized the **monthly session of the CRZPC** (*Commission de Réhabilitation des Zones Post Conflit*) together with a large representation of Technical and Financial Partners (TFP) and international organizations. Among the several subjects approached during the meeting was the worrying food security situation presented by the corresponding cluster, as well as the finalization of the CRZPC work plan for 2018.
- 8.** On 27 February, the S&R Section attended the meeting led by the Department of Defense and Veterans (*Ministre de la Défense et des Anciens Combattants*). Discussions focused on the decision of the Army Staff to **ban circulation of motorcycles and pickups** in certain constituencies in the regions of Segou, Mopti and Timbuktu. Following this meeting, the MINUSMA S&R as co-lead of CRZPC (*Commission de réhabilitation des Zones Post Conflits*) is preparing in advocacy note on the subject for the next PM-Troika Extended meeting.
- 9.** To ensure that all actors have a **common understanding of the Nexus approach** before its implementation, a Nexus mission led by OCHA Mali with the participation of Spanish cooperation, International NGOs such as NRC (Norwegian Refugee Council) and CRS (Catholic Relief Services), MINUSMA S&R Section and the WFP-based Nexus expert visited Timbuktu from 26 to 28 February 2018. The various meetings with local authorities, humanitarian and development partners and state technical partners enabled the actors in the field to become familiar with Nexus and improve their understandings of this approach. Also the visit had as objective to identify the places and the sectors in the region of Timbuktu / Taoudeni where the Nexus can be applied / reinforced. Stakeholders will then be able to strengthen advocacy with donors for funding and implementing the NEXUS approach. Other missions of this type may be held in other regions during May 2018.

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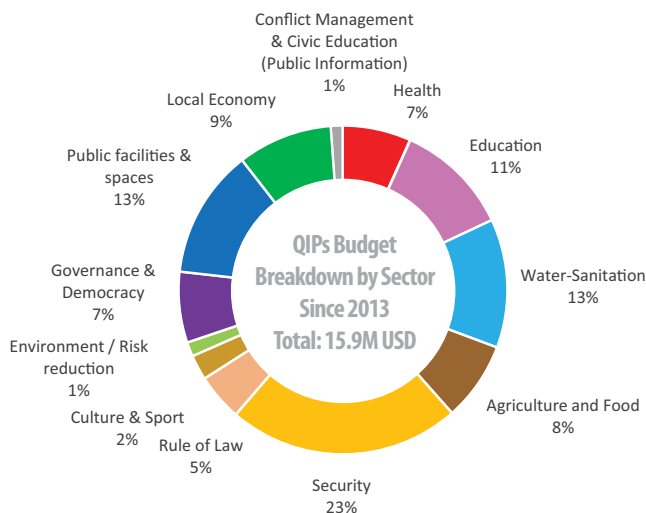
Financed by MINUSMA, Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) are community micro projects. These projects have a maximum cost of 50,000 USD and a maximum 6-months duration, in the areas of services and small public infrastructures rehabilitation, training and awareness-raising activities, employment and revenue

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.

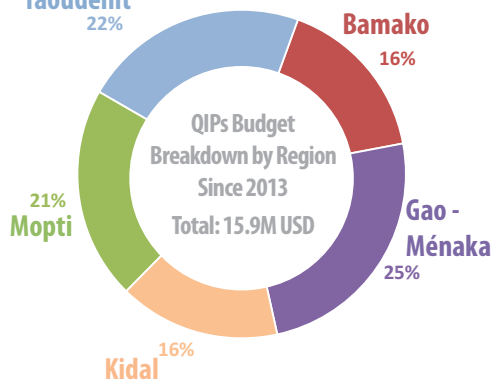
These projects benefit mainly to northern regions and support requests from the Malian Government, international and national NGOs, international agencies and civil society. All projects are executed through local partners and businesses.

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

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Timbuktu -
Taoudénit



Projects' highlights

1. On 13 February, two QIP projects aiming at **providing institutional support to the prefectures of Al Ourche and Araouane** (region of Taoudeni) were handed over during an official ceremony attended by regional/local authorities, as well as by a MINUSMA's delegation led by its Head of Office of Timbuktu. These two Civil Affairs Division (CAD) - sponsored QIPs were funded for a total of 24,430 US Dollars and come in complement of previous projects including the provision of equipment and office furniture to two prefectures. The Prefecture Representative commended MINUSMA for its continued commitment to reinforce these prefectures operationalization and capacity-building.

2. On 20 February, two new QIP projects aiming at **rehabilitation of six classrooms and the administrative offices as well as construction of three latrine blocks, fencing and furniture of school equipment for the Darou Alhadis-Bourem Medersa** were handed over during the official ceremony in presence of regional and local authorities, the beneficiaries, MINUSMA components, and technical partners in Gao. Sponsored by CAD and implemented in collaboration with Association of Young Muslims of Bourem, these QIP projects, financed at the total amount of 89,668 US Dollars are in perfect harmony with its mandate. It allowed offering an ideal framework of training, supervision and security to the students of the Medersa.

3. On 23 February, a new quick impact project (QIP) was handed over during the official ceremony in presence of regional and local authorities, the beneficiaries, MINUSMA components, and technical partners in Mopti. This project amounting to 40,075 US Dollars, is part of the **support that MINUSMA provides to local and regional authorities for the promotion and consolidation of local governance in Mali**. It allowed to rehabilitate the premises of the deliberation room and the conference room of the Regional Council of Mopti and to equip these rehabilitated halls with armchairs, chairs, conference tables, air conditioners cabinets, sound equipment, curtains, carpets and other materials. The Regional Council thanked MINUSMA for this partnership for the benefit of numerous meetings organized by actors involved in the search for peace, reconciliation, security and the development of populations.

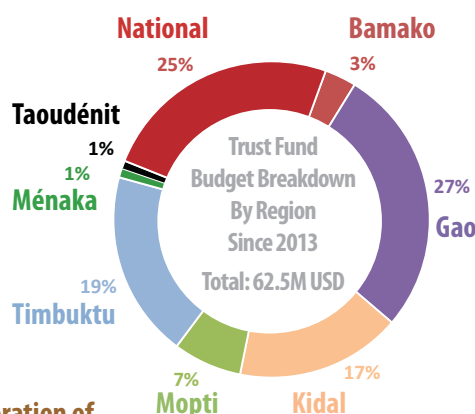
4. On 15 February, MINUSMA launched at Intidbane district of Kidal the activities of a quick impact project (QIP), namely "**Traditional Leather Tents Support Project for the Women of Chatte Tassick**", sponsored by the Stabilization and Recovery Section. This project is part of the dividends of peace and security and is part of the stabilization program for peace building in Mali. It will benefit 60 women of the circle of Kidal, regrouped within the association "Chatte Tassick". Amounting to 32,500 US Dollars, the implementation of the project is planned to last three months and the monitoring will be provided by the *Association Femmes Action du Mali* (ASFAM). It is worth noting that this is the third quick impact project of the same type, carried out by MINUSMA in the region of Kidal. The two previous projects with a cost of 80,524 US Dollars were set up in 2016 and in 2017 for the benefit of 3,000 vulnerable families in the Kidal region. ▼

For more information (in French): <http://bit.ly/2HaG9ly>

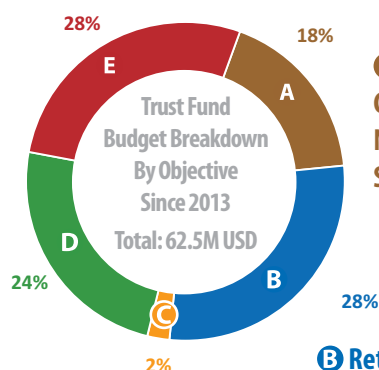


The UN Trust Fund in support of Peace and Security in Mali was created at the request of the Security Council (SC resolution 2085 (2012)). Member States can contribute earmarked and/or non-earmarked funds to the Fund, which aims to provide vital support to the Malian Defence and Security Forces (MDSF), 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 62.5 million US Dollars, of which some 80 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)

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Projects' highlights

1. On 6 February, as part of the implementation of the project aiming at the prevention of community tensions and the prevention of flooding in the town of Tenenkou through the realization of the protective dike and the construction of gutters, financed through the Trust Fund for the amount of 331,558 US Dollars through the contribution of Denmark and sponsored by Civil Affairs Division (CAD), S&R Mopti Office participated in the **preparatory pre-launch meeting** of the above mentioned project. The meeting aimed to bring together all the actors involved in the implementation of this project for a consolidation of the points of view and priority actions to be taken before the launch of the project.

Newly approved projects

1. On 1 February, the S&R Section organized a **Trust Fund Project Review Committee** to review and approve a project for Community Security and Counter-Trafficking Support in the Gourma area – Phase II (for 360,000 US Dollars, funded through the contribution of the United Kingdom, sponsored by SSR/DDR and implemented by the WILD Foundation INGO).

2. On the occasion of the **visit of Ms. Galadza**, the General Director of the Peace and Stabilization Operations Program of the Canadian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PBF and TF Secretariats organized several meetings on 5th February with the DSRSG/RC/HC, the Police Commissioner, the Deputy Force Commander, Director of SSR-DDR Section and representatives from Gender and Women Protection units. The delegation presented the Elsie Initiative which promotes innovative approaches to overcome the barriers to women's meaningful participation in peace operations.

On 6th February 2018, the Canadian delegation met with the Division of Mission Support (DMS) to discuss the operational functioning of the Mission and have an overview on the integration of Gender to Mission's activities especially for the Force and UNPOL. The Canadian delegation also participated to a roundtable with female IPOs and FPU, representatives of Gender and Women Protection Units and in presence of the Police Commissioner to further exchange on the working conditions of women serving in UNPOL and on the challenges and potential obstacles they may face.

▶ A meeting with INTERPEACE/IMRAP was also organized to present and exchange with beneficiaries of the PBF-funded project "Women, Peace and Security: Participation of Women to the RSS and reinforced trust between the population and the Malian Defence and Security Forces (MDSF)."

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 applied 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 a cumulative budget of approximately 26 million USD, of which 12.1 million are allocated as part of the first programming phase of the fund, and 8.6 million for the second phase and 4.47 million for initiatives for the promotion of gender and youth (GYPI), as well as cross-border projects (Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger) and support to the Interim Authorities of Taoudéni and Ménaka. Thus, fourteen projects financed by the Peacebuilding Fund are implemented by UN agencies and civil society organizations, in partnership with MINUSMA. A Steering Committee Support Office oversees the entire program and brings together the Government of Mali, civil society, Technical and Financial Partners and the United Nations.

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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.



6 From victims to peace actors

UN Women, UNFPA, MINUSMA

The project aims to support the participation of women in the implementation of the Peace Agreement as members of the governance mechanisms, beneficiaries of peace dividends and reconciliation actors at the community level.



7 Youth Alafia: Youth Actions for Inclusive Peacebuilding and Countering Violent Extremism (*)

ACORD, NYC

This project contributes to improving the participation of young men and women in the construction of peace in Mali, by offering them opportunities for training and information on the content of the Peace Agreement and improving their economic conditions in order to reduce the risk of joining extremist groups.



8 Women, Defense and Security

INTERPEACE, IMRAP

This project aims to ensure greater participation of women in the field of security and peaceful conflict management, by strengthening trust between women, and between women and the Defense and Security Forces in the regions of Timbuktu and Gao particularly.



9 Support to the Taoudeni and Ménaka Interim Authorities

UNDP, MINUSMA

This project strengthens the capacities of the interim authorities and agents of the Territorial Communities and supports the provision of basic social services for the benefit of communities in the regions of Taoudéni and Ménaka.



10 Promotion of community safety and social cohesion in the Liptako-Gourma region (Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso)

UNDP, IOM

The project aims to improve community safety and social cohesion in the area at the intersection of Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso, and to mitigate the vectors of conflict that are the marginalization of some young people, the lack of trust between them. populations and FSDs, and conflicts between herders and farmers.



11 Young actors for peace and national reconciliation

UNESCO, IOM, UNICEF

This project aims to accelerate the implementation of the peace agreement, through the operationalization of the new mechanism of the Regional Teams of Support to National Reconciliation, as well as through the involvement and empowerment of young people and women in the field in the implementation of the G5 Sahel Youth Strategy and the fight against violent extremism.



12 Peers for Peace Building social cohesion in Mopti and Segou

WFP, UNHCR, FAO

This project aims to restore traditional conflict management mechanisms and unlock economic and social capital in the regions of Mopti and Segou for the construction of greater social cohesion and the mitigation of inter and intra-community conflicts.



13 Strengthening security resilience and preventing inter-community conflict

UN Women, UNDP

This project reinforces the role of women, youth and community and religious leaders as levers for inclusive peace. These actors will take the lead for the development of endogenous peace initiatives.



14 Engaging Youth to Build Peaceful Communities in Mali

MERCY CORPS

The overall objective of this project is to promote the implementation of the peace agreement through an inclusive community approach to conflict prevention, mitigation and management and the reduction of youth violence.