

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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- CRZPC and OCHA: strengthening future collaboration
- New initiative: first Nexus Task Force meeting
- MINUSMA discusses its support to preserve Malian cultural heritage (Culture)
- A quick impact project to promote river navigation and help to open up Gao (QIP)
- MINUSMA – EU Delegation joint meeting to discuss new cooperation ways (TF)
- New projects launched in northern regions

Main Figures

Quick Impact Projects (QIPs): 248 projects completed and 102 under implementation of 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 15,081,353 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 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)

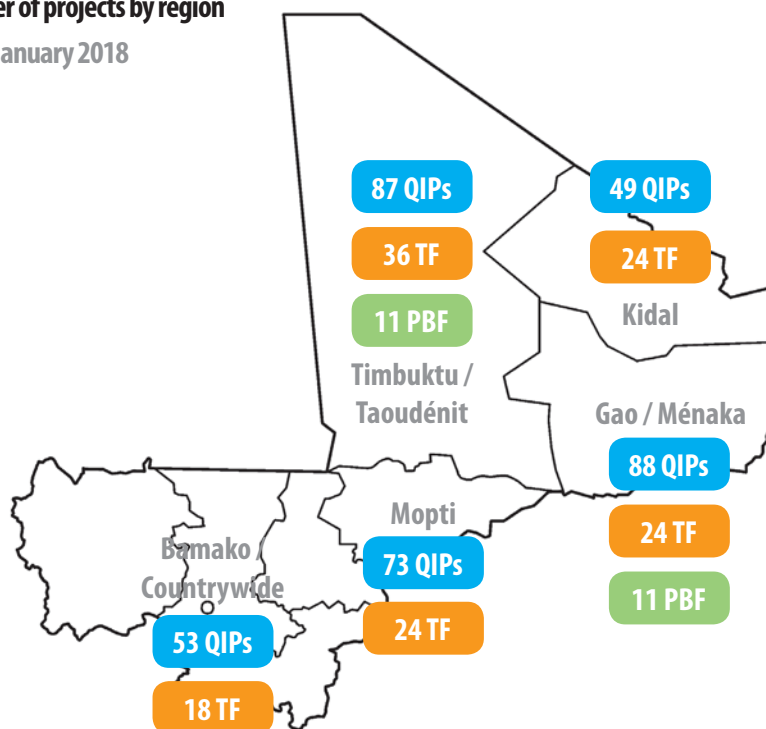


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Implementing partners, National Institutions, Civil Society,
International Donors, Sponsoring MINUSMA components.
All committed to an indivisible Mali!*

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. 16 January, the co-leadership of the CRZPC represented by France and the S&R Section of MINUSMA, met with the senior leadership of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) to **foresee further collaboration** in terms of coordination of humanitarian and development assistance in the Northern regions of Mali. The idea of using the GIAC (*Groupe Inter Agence de Coordination*) to relay the CRZPC efforts at regional level was mentioned as well.
2. 18 January, the S&R section contributed to the **initiation of the first Nexus Task Force meeting** gathering UN Agencies, FONGIM representatives and Technical and Financial Partners (TFP). Within this narrow framework of key partners, the work will consist of contributing to the development of a roadmap for the Nexus in Mali taking into account the different stages of the process.
3. On 24 January, the S&R section attended **monthly meeting of the GEC** (*Groupe Exécutif de Coopération*). Under the leadership of Netherland in 2018, the Technical and Financial Partners (TFP) discussed the 2018 GEC work plan as well as the preparation of the yearly PTF retreat planned on 15 February.
4. On 25 January, the co-leadership of CRZPC represented by France and MINUSMA S&R organized the **monthly session of the CRZPC** (*Commission de réhabilitation des zones post-conflit*). Among the several subjects approached during the meeting to be noted the presentation of the alarming situation related to the food security by the corresponding cluster. As well as CRZPC work plan for 2018 were reviewed before its validation during the next month session of February.
5. On 31 January, the S&R section represented the CRZPC (*Commission de Réhabilitation des Zones Post Conflit*) in the meeting organized by Canada on **Conflict Sensitive Project Management** (CSPM). The meeting gathered diverse actors such as International Alert, the Suisse and French Cooperation, to reflect on CSPM approach within international actors and public entities particularly in the regions. Main discussions focused on the integration of capacity building sessions through Training of Trainers for local partners (State and local authorities) on conflict sensitivity.
6. On 31 January, within the frame of the CRZPC (*Commission de Réhabilitation des Zones Post Conflit*), the S&R Section met with the humanitarian and development adviser of the Ministry of Solidarity and Humanitarian Assistance (MSAH) in order to **discuss the progress as well as the next strategies to reinforce the link between humanitarian and development programmes**.

Culture

1. On 24 January, the S&R Section's Culture Unit had a meeting with representatives of the Malian National Commission for UNESCO and the *Direction Nationale du Patrimoine Culturel* (DNPC) at the UNESCO Office in Bamako. The objective of this meeting was to establish a sound working plan for 2018 and to **explore the different ways MINUSMA could support the Commission's work**.

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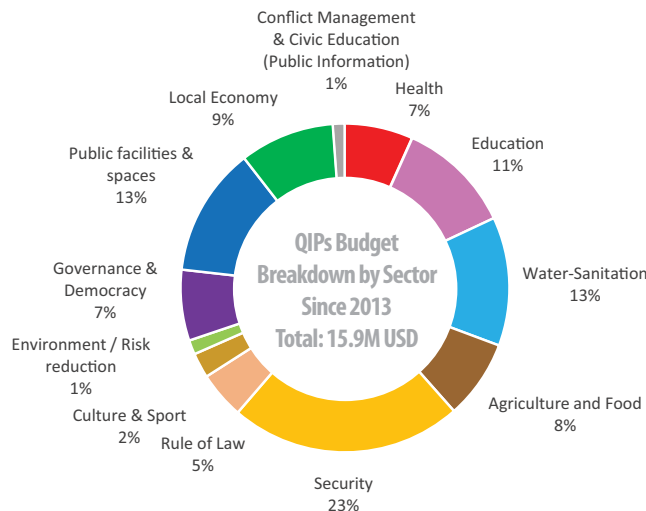
Financed by MINUSMA, Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) are community micro projects. These projects have a maximum cost of 50,000 USD and a maximum 6-months duration, in the areas of services and small public infrastructures rehabilitation, training and awareness-raising activities, employment and revenue

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.

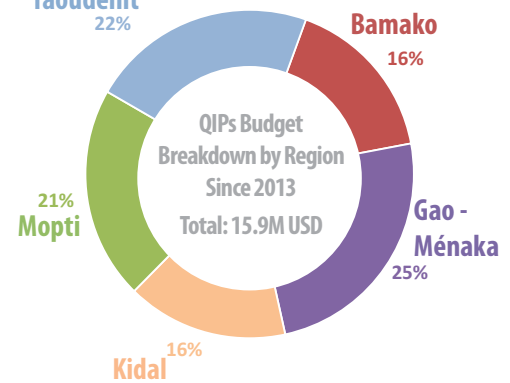
These projects benefit mainly to northern regions and support requests from the Malian Government, international and national NGOs, international agencies and civil society. All projects are executed through local partners and businesses.

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

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Timbuktu -
Taoudénit



Projects' highlights

1. On January 16, a quick impact project (QIP) was handed over during an official ceremonies in the presence of regional and local authorities, project partners and beneficiaries as well as MINUSMA components. This new quick-impact project **consist of the rehabilitation and equipment of the premises of the Malian Company of Navigation (COMANAV)**. The quick-impact project was initiated by COMANAV and the Gao City Council and sponsored by MINUSMA's Civil-Military Coordination (CIMIC) section. The rehabilitation and equipping of the premises of COMANAV, which amounted to a total cost of 43,974 US Dollars allowed the restoration of the main building and annexes, the rehabilitation of the fence, the construction of 2 latrines, the equipment of the offices in computer equipment and furniture, and the provision of a generator. This work, which increases the efficiency of the Company and the improvement of the working environment, has been hailed by the highest authorities of the Gao region as well as the beneficiaries. ▶

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

2. On 23 January, in Wabaria (Gao region) 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. Implemented in collaboration with UNHCR and NGO *Terre Sans Frontières*, this QIP project, amounting a total of 49,291 US Dollars, is in perfect harmony with MINUSMA's mandate. It allowed the **construction of 3 new classrooms with a block of latrines and aims to improve children's access to education by providing school infrastructure** and to strengthen the national system of child protection by improving the conditions of education of the children in Mali.

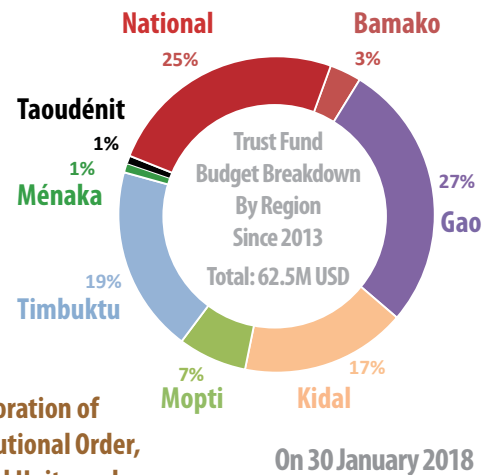
For more information (in French): <http://bit.ly/2H5rfmH>

3. On 29 January, in Timbuktu a 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. Sponsored by the S&R Culture Unit, the project was implemented in collaboration with the Regional Directorate of the Cultural Mission. Financed at the amount of 27,709 US Dollars, this quick impact project allowed the **rehabilitation of the ablution Building of the Djingareyber Mosque** and is in perfect accordance with MINUSMA's mandate aiming to preserve Malian cultural heritage.

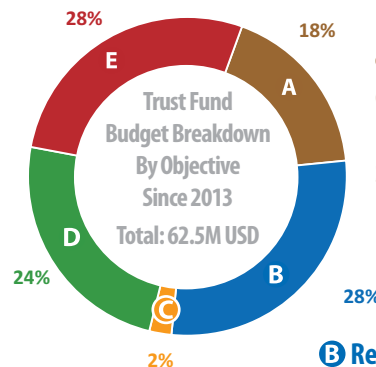


The UN Trust Fund in support of Peace and Security in Mali was created at the request of the Security Council (SC resolution 2085 (2012)). Member States can contribute earmarked and/or non-earmarked funds to the Fund, which aims to provide vital support to the Malian Defence and Security Forces (MDSF),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

Projects' highlights

1. On 10 January, the S&R Trust Fund Unit organized a **joint meeting for a visiting EU Delegation** with the DMS, SSR/DDR and the Force. The EU's financial instrument for Stability and Peace was revised in December 2017, and can now also be used for support to the military. A number of project ideas for Mali, initiated by EUTM, were discussed for future cooperation.

2. On 11 January, the S&R Trust Fund (TF) and Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Units visited IEDA Relief to meet with the regional team leaders who have been recruited to **lead the external evaluation teams**. A briefing was provided on the aim and scope of the peace dividend projects, and the questions from the team leaders demonstrated their knowledge of the regions and their understanding of the task ahead. The briefing helped making the task more concrete for the team leaders, having been briefed on concrete outcomes of the projects. The evaluation mission team leader engaged to share weekly updates on progress. IEDA has also now prepared an overall log frame and shared their final methodology which was reviewed by the TF Secretariat and M&E Unit and fine-tuned accordingly.

Newly approved projects

1. On 11 January, 4 new projects have been approved by the **Trust Fund Project Review Committee** including the construction of the drainage system in Gao (for 274,410 US Dollars to be funded through the contribution of Denmark, and sponsored by S&R Gao / AADIS-Mali); the securisation and rehabilitation of Timbuktu Governorate (for 222,488 US Dollars to be funded through the contribution of Norway, and sponsored by S&R Timbuktu / Timbuktu Governorate); the technical assistance to the Interim Authorities/Regional Councils and deconcentrated and decentralized state services (for 329,789 US Dollars to be funded through the contribution of Norway, and sponsored by Civil Affairs Division (CAD)) and the promotion of citizen engagement and the participation of women in the local development of women councilors (for 343,288 US Dollars to be funded through the contribution of Sweden, and sponsored by CAD/Gender). These projects will directly support the implementation of the Peace Agreement, by enabling some of its key components to operate.

2. On 19 January, the revised version of the project proposal namely, "**Construction and equipment of a Police Commissariat in the neighborhood Chateau in Gao**" was recommended for approval by members of the Trust Fund Project Review Committee. The project amounts to 181,320 US Dollars to be funded through the contribution of Italy and sponsored by UNPOL.

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.