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PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

PBF SUDAN

OCTOBER 2024

MAP: PBF PORTFOLIO OCTOBER 2024

● Completed ● Pipeline ● Active

● DAFRUR PROGRAMME

States: West, Central, South, East, & North Darfur

Localities: Jebel Moon, Nertiti, Um Dukhun, Gereida, Sheiria, Yassin, Assalaya, Tawila

(5 projects)

\$20,000,000

UNDP, UNICEF, UNHCR, FAO, IOM, UNHABITAT

2 Jan 2020 – 30 Jun 2022



● RIGHT TO ADEQUATE HOUSING

State: West Darfur (re-programmed to Red Sea)

Localities: El Geneina, Beida, Kreinik (Port Sudan)

\$4,000,000

UN-Habitat, UNHCR

28 Apr 2022 – 28 Jun 2025



● STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES FOR PEACE AND SOCIAL COHESION

States: Red Sea, Kassala

Localities: Kassala, New Halfa, Aroma, Port Sudan, Sawakin

\$5,000,000

UNDP, UNICEF

18 Nov 2022 – 18 Nov 2025



● PBF SECRETARIAT

National

\$3,820,000

UNDP

4 May 2020 – 22 Apr 2025

● SUPPORT TO THE SUDANESE PEACE PROCESS/WOMEN PEACE AND SECURITY

States: National (re-programmed to North Darfur and Gedaref)

\$4,980,000

UNDP, UNHCR

5 Jan 2021 – 5 Oct 2025



● YOUTH CITIZEN OBSERVER NETWORK

National

\$1,500,000

THE CARTER CENTER (CSO)

2 Mar 2022 – 30 Sep 2024



● YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FOR PEACE AND EFFECTIVE POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

State: Red Sea

Localities: Port Sudan, Haya, Tokar, Sinkat, Sawakin

\$1,500,000

SOS Sahel (CSO)

21 Jun 2023 – 27 Apr 2025



● POLITICAL AND PEACEBUILDING ROLE OF WOMEN

States: Khartoum, Gedaref, South Kordofan, West Kordofan

\$899,287

SEARCH FOR COMMON GROUND (CSO)

17 Feb 2021 – 17 Feb 2023



● GENDER RESPONSIVE NATURAL RESOURCE GOVERNANCE

State: Blue Nile

Localities: Al Kurmuk, Baw, Geissan

\$3,982,124

UNEP, UN-Women, UNDP

30 Jul 2021 – 28 Apr 2025

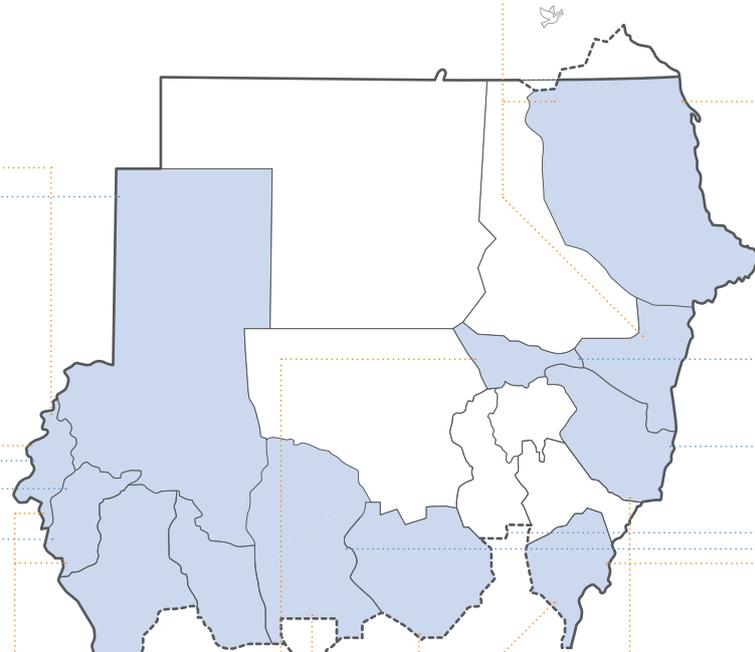


● SUPPORT TO LOCAL PEACEBUILDERS IN SUDAN: SMALL GRANTS FACILITY

States: TBC

\$4,000,000

CSO: TBC



● MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHO-SOCIAL SUPPORT

State: West Darfur (re-programmed to White Nile)

Localities: Geneina (Kosti)

\$1,500,000

UNFPA, IOM, WHO

6 Jan 2022 – 4 Apr 2025



● YOUTH EMPOWERMENT IN CIVIC SPACES

States: West & Central Darfur (re-programmed to North Darfur)

Localities: El Geneina, Kreinik, Zalingei (El Fasher, Dar es Salaam)

\$1,500,000

UNHCR, UNDP

10 Jan 2022 – 9 Apr 2024



● SUSTAINABLE RETURNS THROUGH DURABLE SOLUTIONS

State: Central Darfur

Locality: Golo

\$3,000,000

UNDP, UNICEF

7 Dec 2018 – 31 Jan 2020



● IDP & REFUGEE PROFILING

States: North, West, Central Darfur (re-programmed to River Nile)

Localities: All (Atbara and Ad Damar)

\$2,000,129.01

IOM, UNHCR

6 Jan 2022 – 6 Jan 2025



● EMPOWERING WOMEN-LED CIVIL SOCIETY LEADERS AS PEACEBUILDERS

States: South Kordofan, West Kordofan, Blue Nile, Khartoum

Localities: Dilling, Habila, Al Quoz, Dalami, Greater Lagawa, Gisan Baw, El-Rosiris, Khartoum

\$1,998,931

Search for Common Ground (CSO)

27 Feb 2023 – 22 Feb 2025



● STRENGTHENING THE CLIMATE CHANGE, FRAGILITY AND PEACEBUILDING NEXUS

States: Gedaref

Localities: Galabat Ash-Shargiah, Mafaza

\$5,000,000

IOM, FAO

18 Nov 2022 – 18 Nov 2025



THEMATIC AREAS



Durable Solutions



Peace Agreement Implementation



Rule of Law



Women's Empowerment

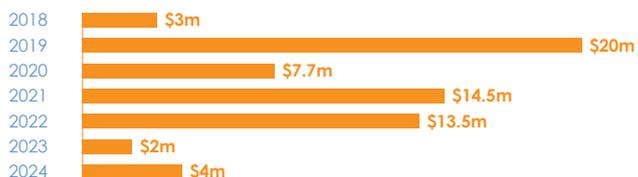


Local Peacebuilding



Youth Empowerment

PBF ANNUAL APPROVALS



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PORTFOLIO

Active



\$33.8m



10 projects

Completed



\$26.9m



9 projects

Total



\$64.7m



19 projects

PBF RECIPIENTS



OVERVIEW OF THE PORTFOLIO

Since 2018, the PBF has approved over **\$64 million** in funding to Sudan to support key peacebuilding priorities including durable solutions, rule of law, local peacebuilding, and women's and youth empowerment. The PBF has **ten** active projects in Sudan, **one** in the pipeline, and **nine** completed.

ACTIVE PBF-FUNDED PROJECTS

Support to the Sudanese Peace Process/Women, Peace and Security in Sudan

USD 4.98 million

UNDP, UNHCR

The PBF-funded project to support the Sudanese Peace Process, which began implementation at the start of 2021, supported three main objectives:

1. to support Sudan's National Peace Architecture, including the establishment of the National Peace Commission and development of a National Strategy for Peace;
2. to provide immediate support to ongoing peace processes, including pre-implementation activities and communications, advocacy and outreach campaigns;
3. to support effective coordination and reporting, including the establishment of a Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism for the Juba Peace Agreement, as well as a Crisis Risk Dashboard to inform early-warning mechanisms.

The project strategically reorientated after the military takeover of October 2021. Following the outbreak of national conflict in April 2023, the project responded to the urgent need for women's meaningful participation in political and peace processes by re-programming to advance the national implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Sudan through technical support to civil society organisations, government institutions and the UN Country Team.

Supporting Sustainable Peace in Blue Nile State through Gender-Responsive Natural Resource Governance, Inclusive Conflict Resolution Mechanisms and Climate-Resilient Livelihoods

USD 4 million

UNEP, UN Women, UNDP

This project aims to support the peace process in Blue Nile state by enhancing climate resilient livelihoods options for women, youth, and other marginalized groups, improving the local governance of natural resources by ensuring the full and equal representation of women, and strengthening local conflict resolution mechanisms that underpin the development prospects of all groups. The project promotes the empowerment of women change agents, capitalizing on their important roles as natural resource managers and the increased economic and care burdens women face in conflict and post-conflict contexts.

Results include:

- Community Environmental Action Planning (CEAP) committees formed across the three localities (Baw, Geissan and Kurmuk), each composed of 24 members out of which at least 50% are women, representing all stakeholders and livelihood groups in the communities
- 32 disputes resolved by six peacebuilding committees trained to anticipate and manage emerging conflicts before escalation into violence
- 750 female-headed households improved food security after receiving certified seeds and small ruminants
- 14 women accessed loans from cooperatives to start food processing businesses, increasing their influence in community decision-making

Refugee and IDP Profiling Towards Sustainable Peace and Durable Solutions in Darfur

USD 2 million

UNHCR, IOM

This project contributed to existing peacebuilding efforts in West, North, and Central Darfur through the production, dissemination, and use of profiling and perception studies of displaced populations, nomads, and non-displaced communities in areas of return and current settlement. In response to the outbreak of national conflict in 2023, the project re-programmed to River Nile to facilitate peaceful coexistence between IDPs and host communities through community support projects.



©PBF Sudan/2022 Women's empowerment celebration in South Kordofan associated with the 'Strengthening the Political and Peacebuilding Role of Women in Sudan's Transition' project implemented by Search for Common Ground





Building the MHPSS-Gender-Peacebuilding nexus: fostering wellbeing, non-violent, gender equitable masculinity and social restoration with young people in West Darfur, Sudan (Youth Promotion Initiative)

USD 1.5 million

UNFPA, IOM, WHO

This project addresses ongoing drivers of conflict and insecurity in West Darfur through an innovative programmatic approach focused on addressing preconceived notions of masculinity and normalization of conflict. Through an evidence-based programme, this project aims to understand and address the impact of militarized masculinity on young men and women whilst exploring how social perceptions of conflict have been normalized over time contributing to preconceived notions of “the other”. This approach entails trauma healing as well as improving interaction opportunities among youth – bringing together usually isolated key actors such as clinicians, gender experts, social psychologists and conflict resolution experts.

In response to the outbreak of conflict in 2023, the project re-programmed to Kosti, White Nile State, to reduce inter-communal violence and foster peaceful interactions between IDPs and host communities.

Results include:

- Life skills manual developed to promote non-violent, gender equitable notions of masculinity among adolescent boys and young men in West Darfur
- **180** adolescent boys and young men from different tribes (50% Arab, 50% non-Arab) supported to cope with trauma and stressors through attending 12 peer-led Living Peace Clubs based on life skills manual



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Peacebuilding and Human Rights in Support of Durable Solutions for IDPs and Affected Communities

USD 4 million

UN Habitat, UNHCR

This project addressed key issues impeding the realisation of human rights in West Darfur, including the right to adequate housing, which in turn contributes to the perpetuation of intercommunal violence and further inhibits the achievement of durable solutions. The project aimed to create viable options for the voluntary and sustainable return, local integration, and/or relocation of IDPs, as well as mitigate inter-communal tensions related to their displacement, through enhancing the ability of disputing communities to peacefully coexist in areas of return and local integration, comprehensively mapping potential sites for sustainable relocation, empowering male and female youth through small grants and training on self-help housing, and contributing to the realisation of housing, land, and property rights at local and national levels.

In response to the outbreak of national conflict in 2023, the project re-programmed to Port Sudan, Red Sea State, to ease the pressure on resources, services and infrastructure driven by conflict-related displacement, and build social cohesion between IDPs and host communities through neighbourhood profiling, community-based action planning, and community support projects.

Results include:

- **104** youth (34% female) trained in production of stabilised soil blocks (SSB) as a low cost, environmentally friendly construction technique
- **24** staff planners, engineers and surveyors from the State Ministry of Urban Planning trained on survey and mapping tools in order to manage land administration and improve the security of land tenure
- Urban Observatory Centre established as a technical hub to ensure knowledge sharing for sustainability
- Old city cadastral maps containing information on land ownership and usage in Geneina, West Darfur, were digitized and are now still accessible despite the conflict's destruction of physical assets
- *Tabareek* village in West Darfur identified as a potential site for the return and relocation of displaced persons, with plans to make 6000 plots of land available for returnees and IDPs endorsed by the state planning committee



©Eldoma Dawod/UNHCR/2022 'Participation of Women in Peace & Security' workshop held under the 'Darfuri Youth Empowerment in Civic Spaces to Advance Peacebuilding' project implemented by UNHCR and UNDP



©PBF Sudan/2022 Participants of Living Peace Clubs, which support adolescent boys and young men cope with trauma and stressors, perform theatre pieces exploring toxic masculinity and militarized notions of manhood under UNFPA, IOM and WHO's mental health and psycho-social support project

Strengthening the Security – Climate Nexus in Gedaref, Sudan

USD 5 million
IOM, FAO

This project contributes to enhancing peace and stability through disaster risk reduction and resilience-building strategies in Gedaref State by strengthening local understanding of drivers of fragility and conflict through a community-based inclusive process and analysis of local hazards and vulnerabilities as related to disasters. The project works in parallel on two levels: the first focuses on strengthening local conflict resolution mechanisms and local resource management capacities to mitigate risks of conflict, while focusing on a) the implementation of renewable/alternative energy solutions and improved access to resources and b) implementation of disaster risk reduction capacities to support the rehabilitation and restoration of the environment to improve resilience.

Strengthening Capacities for Peace and Social Cohesion in Kassala and Red Sea States, Sudan

USD 5 million
UNDP, UNICEF

This project has been developed to respond to critical peace gaps in Kassala and Red Sea States by enhancing local capacities for conflict resolution, trust and confidence building, whilst addressing root and underlying causes of conflict and ensuring meaningful participation of vulnerable groups, especially women and youth in peacebuilding processes. Using an integrated conflict-sensitive and gender-responsive approach, the project aims to de-escalate tensions and prevent and reduce violent clashes by strengthening capacities for community-based conflict prevention and resolution structures; enhancing dialogue, trust and confidence; and improving access to basic services and livelihood opportunities.

Results include:

- **203** Youth Peace Ambassadors (50% female) delivered peacebuilding training sessions to 903 youths (44% female) from diverse backgrounds
- **20** Community-Based Reconciliation Mechanisms established and reactivated, comprising 131 members (34% female) trained in conflict resolution, mediation, and incident monitoring
- **2,542** participants (46% female) engaged in 22 dialogue and town hall meetings to discuss social cohesion and the role of women, acceptance, and the link of unemployment to conflict



- **3,112** people participated in 20 cross-tribal sporting activities where government authorities, native administration and community members conveyed messages of peace and social cohesion
- **21** Village Saving and Lending Associations established comprising 426 members (92% female) contributing to their savings weekly with plans to initiate income-generating projects
- **265** youth (40% female) obtained temporary employment through cash-for-work programs contributing to the construction of youth and women centers

Empowering Women-led Civil Society Leaders as Peacebuilders (Gender Promotion Initiative)

USD 2 million

Search for Common Ground

Despite their exclusion from decision-making spaces and leadership roles, women-led and women-serving organisations (WLWSOs) have continued to advance peace in their communities. This project is strengthening a foundation of diverse women leaders and WLWSOs for truly inclusive, locally-led peacebuilding by providing flexible tailored training through Peace Academies. This is paired with psychosocial support and networking opportunities to address the myriad of barriers limiting women's leadership and participation in peace and security efforts in particular, as well as in economic and social decision-making spaces more broadly. The project targets male champions to facilitate women's entry into these spaces – acting as allies rather than spoilers to women's empowerment.

Results include:

- **24** diverse women from WLWSOs trained in Track II Mediation skills, including women from Tagadum, a body of civil democratic forces aiming to stop the war, as well as civil society leaders from South Kordofan, Blue Nile and Khartoum
- **82** women from IDP and host communities received livelihood support in South Kordofan, improving their economic status and supporting them to contribute to peacebuilding in their communities
- **55** Sudanese social media influencers joined campaign to promote peace and prevent the spread of hate speech and misinformation/disinformation in online spaces, which reached **653,520** people

Empowerment of youth for peace and effective political participation, Red Sea State, Sudan (Youth Promotion Initiative)

USD 1.5 million

SOS Sahel

This project aims to empower and prepare a diverse mass of young men and women in Red Sea State to effectively build social cohesion and participate in future democratic transformation at local and state level, through a 'transformative' and youth-driven approach. The project works with the existing diverse youth-led and tribe-based structures at state and locality level to establish inclusive youth-led civic structures that transform youth diversities and energies into positive drivers for social peace as a prerequisite for promoting youth political participation. The project delivers support through integrated 3-tier approach:

1. Capacity building and educating of the diverse youth groups / structures in various peace and civic education;
2. Networking and partnership building for inclusive platforms for joint work;
3. Empowering youth and their structures through direct support to youth initiatives.

Preliminary results:

- **107** community leaders, Sheikhs, sultans and local government authorities (39% female) trained on gender equality, gender discriminatory norms, and GBV, in order to raise their awareness to become proactive duty-bearers
- **30** youth (60% female) trained in electoral processes with plans to cascade their trainings to their communities

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