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## SWITZERLAND AND THE UNITED NATIONS PEACEBUILDING FUND (UN PBF)

### FACTS AND FIGURES

#### Mission

The United Nations Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) was established in 2006 by the Secretary General at the request of the UN General Assembly and Security Council to sustain peace in countries or situations at risk or affected by violent conflict. It is a global fund that aims to support Peacebuilding operations that directly contribute to post-conflict stabilisation and strengthen national capacity to promote peace.

#### Type of organisation

Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) financed through voluntary contributions.

#### Institution

- **Fund Manager:** Brian Williams
- **Headquarters:** New York
- **Donor countries :** 50+, Top 5: DE, SE, NO, NL, UK
- **Established in:** 2006
- **Management structure:**
  - The Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) is responsible for the overall management of the PBF, approving its use of funds and ensuring the monitoring of its activities.
  - The PBF has its own Advisory Group, which advises on and monitors the timeliness and adequacy of fund allocations and reviews performance and financial reports. For 2020-22, Swiss diplomat Stéphane Rey is a member of the Advisory Group.
  - The twelve top donors countries are invited to join a strategic dialogue on an annual basis since 2019 (Switzerland organised the last Strategic Dialogue in Glion in 2021).
  - The Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) provides overall policy guidance on the use of the PBF.
  - The PBF reports on a yearly basis to the UN General Assembly that guides its operations.

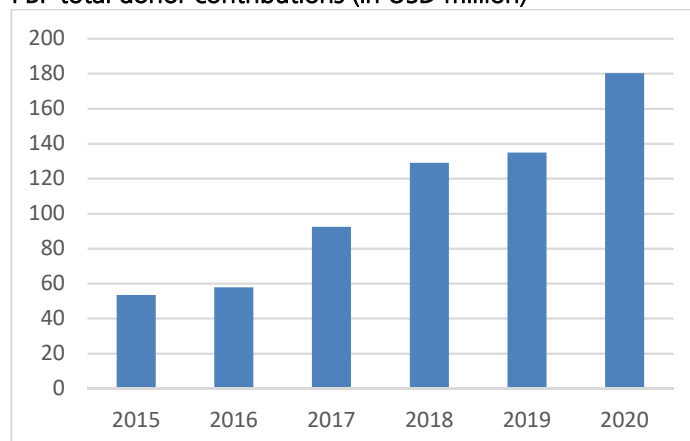
#### Switzerland

- **Annual financial contribution (2021):** USD 8 mio. (7<sup>th</sup> largest contributor)
- **Financial commitment for 2020-24:** USD 22 mio.

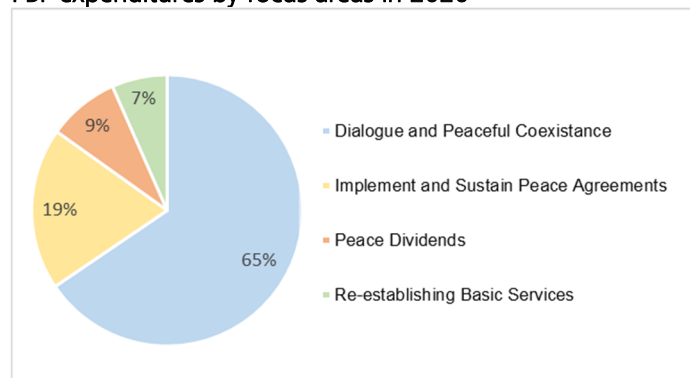
#### Websites:

<https://www.un.org/peacebuilding/fund>  
<https://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/PB000>

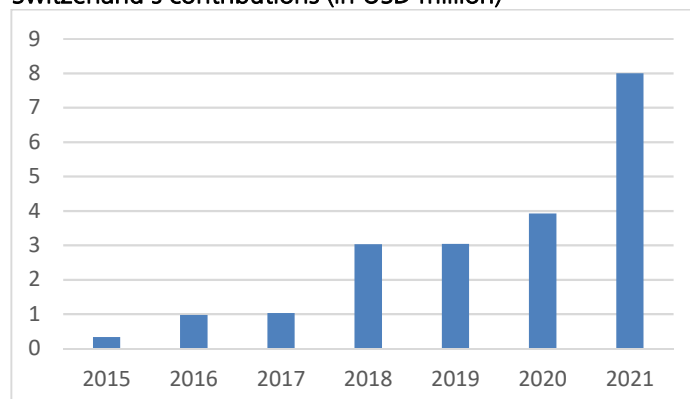
PBF total donor contributions (in USD million)



PBF expenditures by focus areas in 2020



Switzerland's contributions (in USD million)



The UN Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) was established in 2006 by the Secretary General and has since become an essential part of the UN peacebuilding architecture. While PBF's initial focus was on post-conflict contexts, its approach has evolved over time to include fragile, transition and conflict-affected countries, where the fund supports projects to prevent conflict and consolidate peace, across the humanitarian, development and peace nexus. In 2020, the PBF supported 104 projects in 39 countries. In 2020, the PBF launched a new Strategic Plan for 2020-2024 which sets the ambitious goal of investing USD 1.5 billion in peacebuilding efforts over the five-year plan period, in approximately forty countries.

### Focus Areas & Priority Windows

Under the current Strategic Plan, the PBF supports projects in four Priority Areas:

- Implement and sustain peace agreements, through supporting inclusive political processes at all levels, reinforcing the rule of law, and assisting in security sector reform;
- Dialogue and peaceful coexistence, through supporting the inclusion of marginalised groups, durable solutions for displaced and host populations, and building the capacity of communities to cope with shocks;
- Peace dividends by generating vocational and employment opportunities in higher risk areas, and encouraging/incentivizing economic inclusion of youth and women;
- Re-establish basic services by strengthening government capacity at national and local levels and expanding their ability to deliver basic services.

In addition to these Priority Areas, the funds has set three Priority Windows where it wants to implement most of its activities:

- Cross-border regions and regional approaches to better respond to fragility drivers that are often transnational (e.g. violent extremism, transhumance);
- Working in transition contexts, supporting countries undergoing complex transitions out of conflict, where international presence shifts from peacekeeping to UN Country Team;
- Fostering inclusion through youth and women empowerment, contributing to the UN's commitment to leave no one behind, and recognising the critical role of youth and women in peacebuilding.

### PBF as an enabler of the UNDS Reform

The PBF is not only a critical instrument at the heart of the UN's peacebuilding efforts, but also a driver of the UN development system reform (UNDS Reform). The PBF helps overcome the lack of coherence between the UN agencies and among other actors involved in peacebuilding, which has repeatedly been identified as an impediment to sustaining peace. The fund fosters coherence among UN agencies and strives to increase the efficiency of the system when all UN-agencies are pulling in the same direction.

The PBF's priorities and activities are in line with the Swiss strategic objective of promoting peace, rule of law and inclusion, as outlined in Switzerland's Foreign Policy Strategy 2020-23 and its International Cooperation Strategy 2021-24. A sustained contribution to the PBF will provide a major push towards this objective:

- The PBF has a strong geographical convergence with Switzerland, with roughly two thirds of its budget being used in Swiss priority countries (mostly in Africa).
- The PBF contributes to reform processes that are strategic and top priorities for Switzerland, contributing to building a stronger and effective multilateral system.
- By supporting and steering the PBF, both at the global and national level, Switzerland complements and reinforces its peacebuilding toolbox (diplomacy, bilateral cooperation, etc.)
- The PBF also strengthens Switzerland's profile during its Security Council (SC) campaign "A plus for peace", and it will inform its engagement in the SC in 2023 and 2024.
- The co-funding put into place between the SDC and the PHRD is a great opportunity to reinforce the collaboration between various entities of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (whole of government approach, nexus).

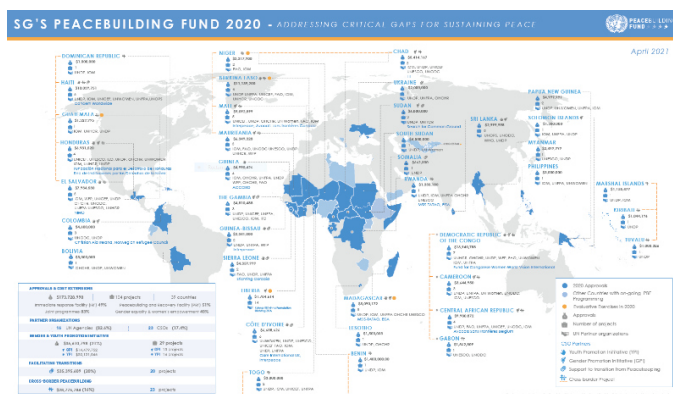
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