

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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Highlights

- Opening workshop of SynergieNord online platform
- High-level delegations in Kidal and Ménaka
- QIPs: rehabilitated *maison des Anciens Combattants* and creation of a farm for youths in Gao
- Trust Fund: new FAMA checkpoint in Timbuktu, solar power street lights in Gao and Mopti regions
- More projects launched in northern regions

Main Figures

Quick Impact Projects (QIPs): 221 projects completed and 54 under implementation over a budget of 11.9 million USD (275 projects in total since 2013)

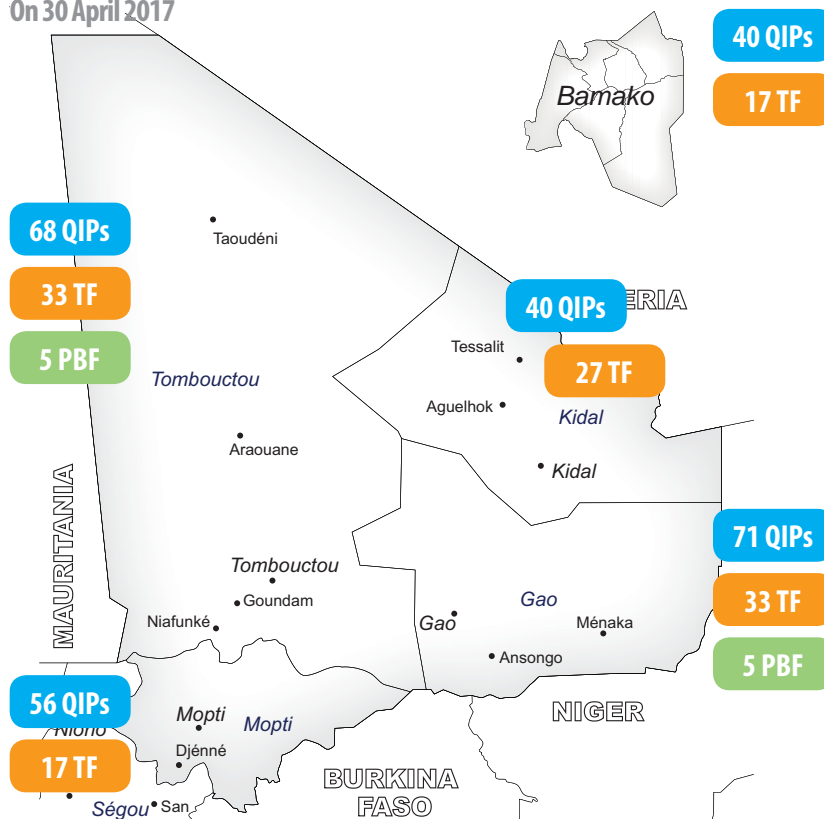
Peacebuilding Fund (PBF): 5 projects started in 2015 over 18 months for a total budget of 12,106,353 USD (3 projects extended)

Trust Fund (TF): 24 projects completed and 58 projects under implementation out of 86 projects approved for a cost of 22,733,835 USD over a budget of 31,330,367 USD (contributions from Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, 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 / Cantonment / Rule of Law and Justice / Return of State Authority / Border Control / Prisoner rehabilitation and reintegration / Arms Control / Security / Health / Electricity / International Accountability / Water & Sanitation / Social Cohesion / Education / Economic Recovery

PBF Peacebuilding Fund

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

Donor Coordination and Partnerships

1. On 5 April, a **European Union delegation visited Ménaka**, led by the EU Special Representative for the Sahel, with the EU Ambassador for Mali, the Governor and the President of the Interim Authority, reasserting EU's commitment to support the new region and the restoration of State Authority. During the visit, the Governor presented priorities for the region, including security, the rehabilitation of Ménaka City water distribution system, road infrastructures, health and education. The Governorate established sector-specific needs by Cercles, which will help the President of the Interim Authority set a priority actions plan and elaborate the Regional Stabilization and Recovery Plan for Ménaka.

2. On 21 April, Stabilization & Recovery Section participated in a **meeting/consultation on interventions in central regions (Ségou/Mopti) within the framework of the Commission de Réhabilitation des Zones Post-Conflict (CRZPC)** with a large representation of donors: Germany, European Union-ECHO, Switzerland, France and *Agence Française de Développement* (AFD), Sweden, Belgium, Luxembourg, Canada, Denmark; and international organizations: UNDP, WFP, UNICEF, FAO, WHO, World Bank, LuxDev, USAID. In order to strengthen the coordination, the meeting aimed at mapping the current PTF interventions,

and defining further operating methods to be followed for the implementation of activities in the central regions of Mali in relation with recent instability. Recovery and development assistance partners conveyed on the necessity to intensify implementation and collaboration in a joint effort with public spheres to tackle socio-economic challenges. Particularly in the area of stabilization and security, and notably through the *Plan de Stabilisation Intégré pour la Sécurisation du Centre* (PSIRC), a framework favorable to better civil-military coordination with the Malian Defense and Security Forces in the region.

3. On 28 April, both co-leads of the *Commission de Réhabilitation des Zones Post-Conflict (CRZPC)*, France and MINUSMA, organized jointly with the representatives of the *Ministère de la Solidarité et de l'Action Humanitaire (MSAH)* and *Agence de Développement du Nord Mali (ADNM)* an **opening workshop of the SynergieNord platform in Bamako**. The workshop was supported as well by the *Pool Technique des PTF* which provided technical & logistical inputs. The database tool will at terms reference donors' aid & assistance support



to northern regions of the country. The workshop was attended by a high level delegation of Malian Ministers as well as by ambassadors and heads of delegations and UN agencies. Mrs. Mbaranga Gasarabwe in her mandate of Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator participated in the opening session. This was the occasion to recall on

the approach of the MSAH and ADNM in relation to the reconstruction of the North as envisaged within the Peace agreement. Participants comprised public officers of the Government, NGOs, UN agencies as well as donor representatives and were all briefed in the use and update of the online tool during an interactive training session. ▲

Culture

1. Relive with this video the plastering works of Djingareyber mosque in Timbuktu which took place last February:
https://youtu.be/ww4QZ1K_Xy8 ►

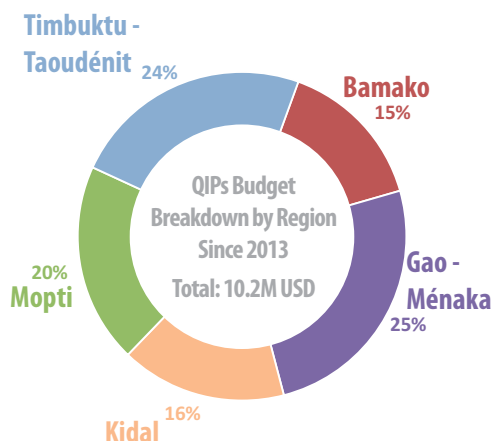


Financed by MINUSMA, Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) are community micro projects. These projects have a maximum cost of 50,000 USD and a maximum 6-months duration, in the areas of services and small public infrastructures rehabilitation, training and awareness-raising activities, employment and revenue

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.

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Projects' highlights

1. In Gao, two Quick Impact Projects were handed over end of April to local authorities and beneficiaries, namely the **rehabilitation of the maison des Anciens Combattants de Gao** (sponsored by UN Force for 42,592.35 USD) and the **creation of a farm for youths in Gadeye neighborhood** (sponsored by MINUSMA Civil Affairs Division for 43,339.50 USD). The first project will improve quality of services and amenities benefitting to 346 veterans, while the second initiative is reinforcing resilience of 45 at-risk youths through the development of 4900m² of vegetable garden, with a new borehole, henhouse and fish farming area, already producing satisfying volumes of crops.

For more information (in French):

<http://bit.ly/2psTsm4>

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Newly approved projects

1. Support to livestock reconstitution in favor of vulnerable women of Tihoussy Association (Kidal Region)

The project aims at contributing to socio-economic recovery of households affected by the crisis, the insecurity and recurrent drought. It foresees the purchase, treatment and distribution of 600 caprine heads to 90 vulnerable women in need of reconstituting their livestock in 9 localities of the region.

Implementing partner: Tihoussy Association

Sponsor in MINUSMA: Political Affairs Division

Budget: 33,429.67 USD

2. Support to the rehabilitation and equipment of the Community Health Center in Etambar (2 projects - Kidal Region)

The objective of these projects is to rehabilitate and equip Etambar's CSCOM and make up the sanitary infrastructure shortfall in Kidal city, particularly in this neighborhood where no health dispensary is functional. This will globally contribute to decrease morbidity and mortality associated with frequent diseases hitting local population.

Implementing partner: IEDA-Relief

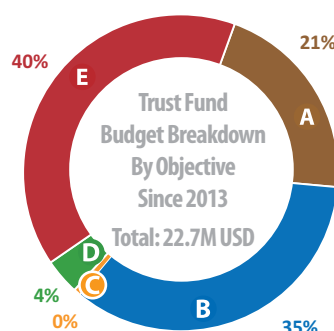
Sponsor in MINUSMA: Civil Affairs Division

Budget: 93,796.30 USD

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.

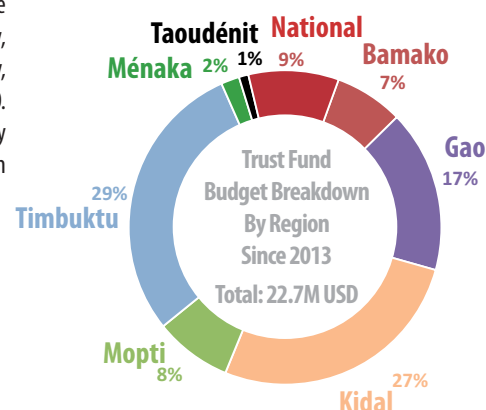
It is supported by voluntary contributions from the following donors: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom and UN DOCO. The Fund's budget currently amounts to approximately 31.3 million USD, of which some 72.6 per cent 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



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D Equipment and Logistical Support to Malian Defence and Security Forces (MDSF)

C Capacity building of Malian Security Forces (MSF)

Projects' highlights

1. On 6 April, in presence of the Representative of the Norwegian Embassy, S&R attended the **opening ceremony of the training of the Interim Authorities in Bamako**. The Minister for Territorial Administration and Decentralization and the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Political Affairs both praised the joint efforts of the Government of Mali, MINUSMA and UN Country Team supporting the installation and training of the Interim Authorities, which represent an important step in the implementation of the Peace Agreement. This 4-day training was foreseen under the Trust Fund project in support of the Interim Authorities, funded by the Norwegian contribution for the amount of 376,023 USD.

4. End of April, **36 solar power street lights were installed in Youwarou** (Mopti Region) in the frame of a Trust Fund project funded through the contribution of Denmark for 201,169 USD (which also foresees the installation of 36 street lights in Tenenkou at a later stage). Local populations already gave positive feedback about direct benefits of the initiative, such as improving security and allowing socio-economic activities at night. The implementing partner, NIS Foundation, had installed 72 solar power street lights a few weeks ago in Bourem and Bamba (Gao Region) with equally positive reception by local residents, in the frame of another Trust Fund project (funded through the Danish contribution for 200,000 USD). Handover ceremonies for these projects will take place in the upcoming weeks.

2. On 11 April, MINUSMA's military component in Timbuktu region handed over to the Malian Armed Forces (FAMA) the **second checkpoint** reinforced by the UN Mission. Positioned north-west of Timbuktu entrance, this checkpoint is part of a project foreseeing the reinforcement of 6 checkpoints in total. Norway contributed 206,624 USD for its financing, through the Trust Fund. For more information (in French): <http://bit.ly/2oTy9SA> ▼



5. On 19 April, MINUSMA Justice & Corrections Section (JCS), in collaboration with the *Union des radiodiffusions et télévisions libres* (URTEL) of Mali, **sensitized 20 media reporters and radio hosts on their role in the access of population to information and justice**. This workshop is part of a project aiming at strengthening the penal chain in Gao, funded through the Dutch contribution to the Trust Fund in Support of Peace and Security in Mali. For more information (in French): <http://bit.ly/2oK8P6d>

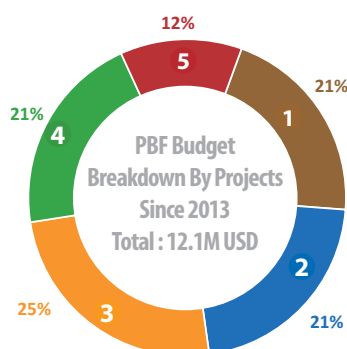
3. On 13 April, the DSRSG/RC/HC led a **high-level delegation to Kidal in the presence of the Ambassadors of Canada and Netherlands and representatives of France, Germany and the UN Country Team**. The delegation visited two projects funded through the Trust Fund under the Danish contribution, the provision of 95 solar power street lights and the rehabilitation and equipment of 7 schools in Kidal region, and one project funded under the Dutch contribution for the rehabilitation of Intikoi dam. Additionally, funding for the 2nd phase of the construction of Etambar dam was announced, to be funded through the contribution of Canada. The visit was an opportunity for MINUSMA and the UNCT to reassert its commitment to support Kidal region. The delegation also met with the President of Interim Authority and congratulated on their establishment in the region. While meeting with representatives of the civil society, the DSRSG/RC/HC underlined its important role in the reinforcement of social cohesion, stabilization and recovery of the region. For more information (in French): <http://bit.ly/2psU1Gq>

6. On 25 April, **a borehole was officially handed over to local communities of Teherdje**, Timbuktu region, in the presence of the President of Timbuktu Interim Authority, of the Governor, as well as of UNHCR and WFP representatives, in the frame of a Trust Fund project funded through the contribution of Denmark for 83,028 USD. MINUSMA equally took this opportunity to hand over 20 solar power kits for the school and Community Health Center (CSCOM) of the locality, also funded by Denmark. For more information (in French): <http://bit.ly/2psLyCW>

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 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 in its first phase 12.4 million USD, of which 12.1 have been attributed to 5 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 USD 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.

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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.