



United Nations Peace Fund For Nepal

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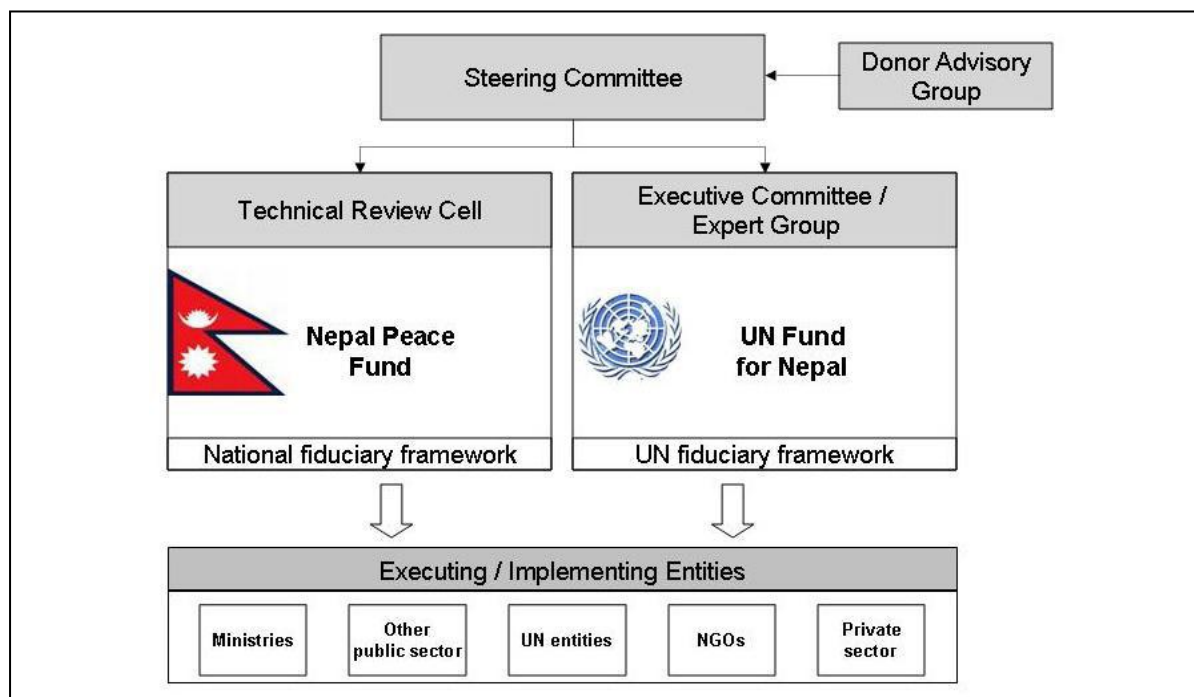
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Key Features of the United Nations Peace Fund for Nepal (UNPFN):

- Delivering focused, time-limited support for urgent peace process and early recovery tasks
- Complementing the Nepal Peace Trust Fund and other existing mechanisms by focusing only on tasks that cannot be funded or implemented through existing Government mechanisms
- Ensuring governance arrangements are complementary and aligned with the Nepal Peace Trust Fund to promote a harmonised and coherent approach
- Providing rapid and flexible responses to requests whilst ensuring a strategic UN approach that is sensitive to the unique needs of Nepal's transitional environment
- Enhancing UN and donor coordination to ensure more coherent international support to Nepal

Governance Structure:



Nepal Peace Trust Fund (NPTF) Board:

Minister for Peace and Reconstruction as Chair, Minister for Finance as Co-Chair, Minister for Physical Planning and Works, Vice-Chair from National Planning Commission, Secretary Ministry of Home Affairs, Secretary Ministry of Finance, Secretary Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction, and including representatives of the five largest political parties in the Constituent Assembly.

UNPFN Executive Committee:

UN Resident Coordinator as Chair, a donor representative (Ambassador of Denmark), and a Government representative from the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction (Director of the Nepal Peace Trust Fund).

Technical Expert Groups include:

Representatives drawn from the Nepal Peace Trust Fund Sectoral Cluster Groups, including technical experts from the government, development partners, UN agencies and civil society.

Contributions and Disbursements to-date:

The UNPFN has received close to **USD 45 million** in contributions from the governments of the United Kingdom, Norway, Denmark, Canada and Switzerland, as well as the global UN Peacebuilding Fund (which has over 50 donors).

<i>Donor</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>Total to-date</i>
CANADA	\$1,235,203	\$986,096	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,221,299
DENMARK	\$1,200,000	\$352,000	\$0	\$781,541	\$1,844,848	\$0	\$0	\$4,178,389
NORWAY	\$2,013,061	\$841,810	\$5,308,623	\$0	\$656,197	\$0	\$297,717	\$9,117,408
SWITZERLAND	\$199,975	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$199,975
UNITED KINGDOM	\$1,003,935	\$2,516,632	\$2,778,200	\$3,200,000	\$0	\$1,576,541	\$0	\$11,075,308
UN PBF	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$8,000,000	\$0	\$18,000,000
Total	\$5,652,174	\$4,696,538	\$18,086,823	\$3,981,541	\$2,501,045	\$9,576,541	\$297,717	\$44,792,379

Application and allocation process:

When there are sufficient un-earmarked funds available, the following process is followed to promote transparency, effectiveness and coordination of UN peace building activities:

- Step 1.** A limited number of strategic outcomes are selected for the funding round in consultation with the Government and donors and UNCT members are invited to apply on a competitive basis.
- Step 2.** UN agencies provide the UNPFN Executive Committee Support Office with short concept notes outlining their proposed projects which will contribute to the strategic outcomes for the funding round.
- Step 3.** The UNPFN Executive Committee convenes to review the concept notes and give provision approval for the best concept notes, with agreement on notional allocations.
- Step 4.** Successful applicants prepare expanded project proposals in close consultation with the UNPFN Support Office. The Support Office may draw upon Expert Group members as required to help strengthen these proposals.
- Step 5.** Proposals are formally reviewed by the UNPFN Support Office and Expert / Sectoral Cluster Groups are convened jointly with the NPTF to provide constructive technical assessment based on specified criteria.
- Step 6.** The UNPFN Executive Committee approves the final project proposals and submits the approved project for release of funds from the Administrative Agent, the UNDP Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office.

Significant achievements of UNPFN since 2007:

A. Cantonment and Reintegration

- Registration and verification of all Maoist army personnel, leading to the successful discharge of 4,008 'Verified Minors and Late Recruits' (VMLRs) commencing within three weeks of the discharge agreement.
- Provided reproductive health services in all Maoist Cantonment sites targeting the needs of women.
- Trained 526 Nepal Army de-miners to international standards.
- Cleared all 53 minefields in Nepal to improve public safety and security, as well as returning valuable land to local communities and safely destroyed 52,617 improvised explosive devices and other dangerous items from the Maoist cantonments.
- Assisted the government to draft and implement the 'National Mine Action Strategy for 2009-11' and the drafting of the National Technical Standard Guidelines for demining.
- Provided career counselling and referral services to 2,537 (63%) out of the total 4,008 discharged VMLRs, from which 2,231 have enrolled in rehabilitation support training and education. Of those graduating from vocational, health and micro-enterprise training, 62% are either employed or have established their own businesses. More than half of all VMLRs in the rehabilitation have been provided psycho-social counseling, including family and community interventions.
- Provided rehabilitation support to of 4,281 'children associated with armed forces and armed groups' (CAAFAG) and 'children affected by armed conflict' (CAAC).
- Assisted the government to develop and launch the 'National Plan of Action on Children Affected by Armed Conflict'.

B. Elections, Governance and Mediation

- Supported the Election Commission of Nepal to prepare and administer the 2008 Constituent Assembly elections, which contributed to a relatively smooth electoral process and were recognised to be in line with international standards.
- Established an Electoral Observation Resource Centre which accredited 14,847 domestic and 783 international observers, ensuring more coordinated and verifiable electoral observation and reinforcing public perceptions that the electoral process was fair and transparent.
- Strengthened collaborative leadership and dialogue skills of 235 national-level leaders from government, political parties and civil society and trained 62 trainers/facilitators to apply skills to specific issues.
- Multi-stakeholders dialogue processes started in two districts around locally identified agendas to promote collaborative action.

C. Recovery/Quick Impact

- Created 37,108 paid workdays for more than 12,500 youth beneficiaries from conflict affected areas by providing targeted skills training and self-employment support.

E. Rights and Reconciliation

- Collected, analysed and mapped data on vulnerability, public security, election awareness, land issues, IDPs and basic services to support food security and peace building projects.
- Trained women journalists working in difficult situations on personal safety and reporting skills human rights, conflict and gender and gender-based violence issues.
- Developed a Transitional Justice Reference Archive of over 30,000 documents addressing several thousand alleged international humanitarian law and human rights violations, which has been handed over to national authorities.
- Assessed and documented the impact of sexual violence as a tool of conflict through provision of reproductive health services for 36,471 women and girls in 14 conflict-affected districts, from which 3,551 received psychosocial counselling. A total of 821 conflict-related sexual violence cases have been documented.
- Assisted the government to develop, launch and implement the National Action Plan (NAP) on UNSCRs 1325 and 1820.
- Supported the development of operational guidelines on the economic empowerment of conflict affected women as part of the NAP on UNSCRs 1325 and 1820.
- Assisted the Constituent Assembly to draft bills for the establishment of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Commission on Inquiry of Disappearances in line with international requirements and best practice.

Approved UNPFN Projects (in USD):

COMPLETED PROJECTS

Cantonment and Reintegration

Mine Action (UNOPS) – UNPFN/A-1

Supporting the disposal of improvised explosive devices and explosive ordinance through the capacity building of the Nepal Army (incl. 7 extensions). Budget: \$5.1 million.

Verification of the Maoist Army (UNDP) – UNPFN/A-2

Verification of the Maoist Army combatants in the cantonment sites. Budget: \$1.2 million.

Support to the Discharge of Adult Maoist Army Personnel from Cantonment Sites (UNDP) – UNPFN/A-3

Planning the discharge and assistance to rehabilitation of late recruits. Combined Budget: \$ 499,614.

*** Discharge Assistance to Children Formerly Associated with the Maoist Army (UNICEF) – UNPFN/A-4 (PBF/NPL/B-1)**

Supporting the planning for the discharge and needs of children and adolescents in the Maoist Army affected by the conflict. Budget: \$622,969.

*** Reproductive health Services to Female Maoist Army Personnel (UNFPA) – UNPFN/A-5 (PBF/NPL/B-2)**

Mobile reproductive health units to Maoist Army cantonments focusing on the needs of female combatants. Budget: \$225,000.

Discharge and Reintegration Assistance to the Maoist army (UNDP) –UNPFN/A-6

Planning the discharge and assistance to rehabilitation of late recruits. Combined Budget: \$3.4 million.

*** Conflict related child rights violations (UNICEF, OHCHR) – UNPFN/A-8 (PBF/NPL/E-2)**

Monitoring, reporting and responding to conflict related child rights violations. Budget: \$2.3 million.

Elections, Governance and Mediation

Electoral Observation Resource Centre (UNDP) – UNPFN/B-1

Establishing an Electoral Observation Resource Centre and coordinating election observers. Budget: \$144,000.

Assistance to the Electoral Commission (UNDP) – UNPFN/B-2

Providing specialised electoral assistance to the Election Commission of Nepal. Budget: \$157,000.

Recovery and Quick Impact

*** Jobs for Peace (ILO, FAO) – UNPFN/C-1 (PBF/NPL/D-1)**

Providing employment opportunities for 12,500 conflict-affected youth. Budget: \$2.7 million.

Pilot on Land Registration Recovery (FAO) – UNPFN/C-2

Researching how to best recover land records lost in the conflict and participatory land use planning. Budget: \$50,000.

Rights and Reconciliation

Surveillance and Programme Targeting for Post-Conflict Reconciliation (WFP/OCHA) – UNPFN/E-1

Surveillance, analysis and mapping to strengthen the targeting of post-conflict reconciliation programs. Budget: \$888,000.

*** Peace through Justice: Transitional Justice (OHCHR) – UNPFN/E-2 (PBF/NPL/B-3)**

Supporting the establishment of transitional justice institutions. Budget: \$2 million.

Training for Tarai women journalists (UNESCO) – UNPFN/E-3

Training female journalists in the Terai. Budget: \$20,000.

*** Reparations to Conflict-Affected Persons (IOM, OHCHR) – UNPFN/E-4 (PBF/NPL/E-1)**

Supporting the Government develop a reparations policy that promotes fairness and efficiency the delivery of reparations to conflict-affected persons. Budget: \$1 million.

*** Health services to Conflict Affected Women (UNFPA, UNICEF) – UNPFN/E-5 (PBF/NPL/B-4)**

Providing comprehensive services to female victims of sexual violence. Budget: \$2.1 million.

PEACE: Towards Implementation of UNSCRs 1325 and 1820 (UNIFEM, OHCHR) – UNPFN/E-6

Supporting the Government of Nepal's High Level Steering Committee on UNSCR 1325 and 1820 dealing with women in conflict. Budget: \$525,000.

** Funded by the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund (PBF)*

Approved UNPFN Projects (in USD):

ONGOING PROJECTS

Cantonment and Reintegration

Support to Rehabilitation of Verified Minors and Late Recruits (UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, ILO) – UNPFN/A-7
Providing rehabilitation services to the discharged verified minors and late recruits from the Maoist Army. Budget: \$11.9 million.

*** Integration and Rehabilitation of Children Affected by Armed Conflict (UNICEF) – UNPFN/A-9 (PBF/NPL/D-2)**
Supporting the rehabilitation and reintegration of children affected by conflict and strengthening child protection systems. Budget: \$1.5m

Elections, Governance and Mediation

Collaborative Leadership and Dialogue (UNDP) – UNPFN/B-3

Strengthening capacities of political, civic, government, youth and women at all levels for constructive negotiation, facilitation of dialogue, consensus building and trust building. Budget: \$299,800.

Planning Effective Delivery of Education for Fostering Peace in a Future Federal State (UNESCO) – UNPFN/B-4

Advancing constructive dialogue and planning on questions related to federalism and thereby contributing to progress in constitution making. Budget: \$378,000

*** Catalytic Support on Land Issues (IOM, UNDP, UN-Habitat) – UNPFN/B-5 (PBF/NPL/A-1)**

Supporting the development and implementation of a land policy and the peaceful resolution of land and property conflicts. Budget: \$1.2m

Security

*** Strengthening Rule of Law and Human Rights (UNDP, UN Women) – UNPFN/C-1 (PBF/NPL/A-2)**

Building confidence in the judiciary and criminal justice system in Nepal. Budget: \$2.2m

*** Increasing the Safety of Journalists (UNESCO) – UNPFN/C-2 (PBF/NPL/A-3)**

Improving the security situation of journalists and media professionals. Budget: \$566,526

Rights and Reconciliation

Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction in the Implementation of Psycho-social Counselling and Support Services to Conflict Affected Persons (IOM) – UNPFN/E-7

Enhancing MoPR's mechanisms and capacities to efficiently provide psychosocial counseling and support services to conflict affected persons, mainly women, children and vulnerable communities. Budget: \$500,198

*** Building Peace in Nepal: Ensuring a Participatory and Secure Transition (UNDP, UN Women) – UNPFN/E-8 (PBF/NPL/D-3)** Fostering collaboration among leaders and community representatives to resolve disputes, develop shared agendas, and improve public security at the community level. Budget: \$2.5m

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