



# United Nations Peace Fund For Nepal

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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 and Management Structure**

#### **UNPFN Executive Committee:**

UN Resident Coordinator as Chair, a donor representative (Ambassador of Denmark), and two Government representatives from the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction (Director of the Nepal Peace Trust Fund and Member Secretary, High Level Steering Committee, NAP UNSCRs 1325&1820).

#### **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.

#### **UNPFN Support Office:**

Located in the UN RCHC Office. Quality assurance role with regards to the overall coordination and management of the portfolio of UNPFN projects, and with regards to reporting and evaluation.

### **UNPFN : Key Practices**

- Piloting the use of a competitive funding round approach to determine fund allocations;
- Use of a small, executive type Joint Steering Committee (JSC) (UNPFN Executive Committee) for the management of the Fund;
- Adoption of innovative methods to mainstream gender, inclusion and conflict sensitivity into UNPFN management and projects;
- Enhancing UN coherence and coordination on peacebuilding, including relevant capacity-building and speaking with one voice at crucial times in the peace process; and
- Adopting government (Nepal Peace Trust Fund) mechanisms for many operational components (such as review of projects by technical sectoral clusters and conducting of joint field missions).

## Donor contributions to-date:

The UNPFN has received over **US\$ 46 million** in contributions from the governments of the United Kingdom, Norway, Denmark, Canada and Switzerland, as well as from 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>2014</i>	<i>Total to-date</i>
CANADA	\$1,2m	\$1,0m	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,22m
DENMARK	\$1,2m	\$0,3m	\$0	\$0,8m	\$1,8m	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,18m
NORWAY	\$2,0m	\$0,8m	\$5,3m	\$0	\$0,7m	\$0	\$0,3m	\$0	\$9,12m
SWITZERLAND	\$0,2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0,2m
UNITED KINGDOM	\$1,0m	\$2,5m	\$2,8m	\$3,2m	\$0	\$1,6m	\$0	\$0	\$11,08m
UN PBF	\$0	\$0	\$10m	\$0	\$0	\$8m	\$0	\$1,6m	\$19,6m
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,65m</b>	<b>\$4,7m</b>	<b>\$18,1m</b>	<b>\$4,0m</b>	<b>\$2,5m</b>	<b>\$9,58m</b>	<b>\$0,3m</b>	<b>\$1,6m</b>	<b>\$46,4m</b>

## 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, then UN Country Team 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 achieving the strategic outcomes selected for the funding round.
- Step 3.** The UNPFN Executive Committee convenes to review the concept notes and give provisional 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 / Sectoral Cluster 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 UNPFN Administrative Agent (the UNDP Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office).

## Significant UNPFN funded achievements since 2007:

### **A. Cantonment and Reintegration**

- Provided reproductive health services in all Maoist army 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 army 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.
- 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 career counselling and referral services to 2,477 (62%) out of the total 4,008 discharged VMLRs, from which 2,234 enrolled in rehabilitation support training and education:
  - 71.5% of those graduating from vocational, health and micro-enterprise training are either employed or have established their own businesses.
  - 72% of respondents in a post-rehabilitation and client satisfaction survey were 'satisfied' with the programme option they chose.
  - More than half of all VMLRs in the rehabilitation have been provided psycho-social counseling, including family and community interventions.
  - Over 1,500 packages of cross-cutting services were also provided, including nutritional support to pregnant women and lactating mothers, child care grants and maternity/ paternity allowances.
- Provided rehabilitation support to 4,281 'children associated with armed forces and armed groups' (CAAFAG) and 'children affected by armed conflict' (CAAC).
- Assisted the government to develop the inter-ministerial 'National Plan of Action on Children Affected by Armed Conflict' and to finalise the related implementation guideline. Successfully advocated for the guideline to broaden its scope to include Verified Minors among beneficiaries.

### **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 488 national and local-level leaders from government, political parties and civil society. At the national level, 41% were women and 27% were from marginalised communities:
  - 62 trainers/ facilitators were also trained and able to apply skills to specific issues.
  - Opened Dialogue Support Facilities in Janakpur and Nepalgunj to provide platforms for engagement with local processes.
  - Multi-stakeholders dialogue processes started in two districts around locally identified agendas.
- Supported the establishment of an 'Education and Federalism Support Desk' at the Ministry of Education.
- Completed a study on the evolution of key Nepali stakeholders' positions on land issues and documented related terminologies.
- Supported the activation of District Level Land Use Implementation Committees and Village Level Land Use Implementation Committees in three districts.

### **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.

### **D. Security**

- Established five 'pilot' Socio-Legal Aid Centres to support women and vulnerable groups to have access to higher quality legal aid services.
- Supported the revival of a faltering process to establish a national mechanism to protect journalists at the National Human Rights Commission. The mandate of the mechanism was successfully expanded to go beyond protecting journalists to also include human rights defenders and other actors working in the field of freedom of expression.

## ***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 on human rights, conflict and gender and gender-based violence issues.
- Developed a Transitional Justice Reference Archive of around 30,000 documents addressing several thousand alleged international humanitarian law and human rights violations, which has been handed over to national authorities.
- Assessed the impact of sexual violence through provision of reproductive health services for 36,471 women and girls in 14 conflict-affected districts, from which 3,551 received psychosocial counselling. Documented 821 conflict-related sexual violence cases.
- Assisted the government to develop, launch and implement the National Action Plan (NAP) on UN Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820.
- Supported the development of operational guidelines on the economic empowerment of conflict affected women.
- 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.
- Integrated special needs of women and girls into the field implementation manual, M&E guidelines and tools, registration MIS database and outreach strategy for the implementation of psycho-social support and services to conflict affected persons.
- Promoted 'violence free elections' through for example multi-party dialogues and facilitation of the formation of constituency coordination mechanisms for responding to violence at the district level; youth activities and workshops; and fielding journalists to sensitive districts with the aim of promoting free elections through media scrutiny.
- Completed a desk review on gender and sexual violence data and information in six districts.

## **Approved UNPFN Projects (in USD):**

### **ONGOING PROJECTS**

#### **Cantonment and Reintegration**

##### **\* Integration and Rehabilitation of Children Affected by Armed Conflict (UNICEF) – 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**

##### **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) – PBF/NPL/A-2**

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) – PBF/NPL/A-1**

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

##### **\* Increasing the Safety of Journalists and Reinforcing the Rule of Law for Prosecuting Violence against Them (UNESCO) – PBF/NPL/A-3**

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

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

#### **Rights and Reconciliation**

##### **\* Building Peace in Nepal: Ensuring a Participatory and Secure Transition (UNDP, UN Women) – 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.

##### **\* Localising Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Central Terai (UN Women, UNDP) – PBF/IRF-108**

Enhanced gender responsive planning and budgeting at the local level for better implementation and monitoring of the National Action on UNSCRs 1325 and 1820. Budget: \$0.6m.

##### **\* Empowering Women for Women: Access to Land for Sustainable Peace (IOM, UNDP, UN-Habitat) – PBF/IRF-107**

Male and female policy-makers design gender responsive land reform process and policies. Budget: \$1.0m.

##### **Building the Foundation for Access to Justice and Reparations for Conflict Related Sexual Violence (IOM, UNFPA) - UNPFN/E8**

Conflict and gender-sensitive services addressing the physical and psychosocial needs of conflict victims, particularly victims of sexual violence are available. Budget: \$0.4m

#### **Functioning Secretariat**

##### **\* Support for Coordination, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation of the UNPFN (UNDP/ RCO) – PBF/NPL/H-1**

Effective and gender-sensitive management, coordination, monitoring, reporting and evaluation of the UNPFN and projects funded by it. Budget: \$0.7m.

## 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 ordnance 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.

##### **Support to the 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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

##### **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.

#### **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 *Tarai*. 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 UNSCRs 1325 and 1820 dealing with women in conflict. Budget: \$525,000.

##### **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 counselling and support services to conflict affected persons, mainly women, children and vulnerable communities. Budget: \$500,198.

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