

UN and Partners establish Darfur Community Peace and Stability Fund

Press release

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Today the UN and Partners launched the Darfur Community Peace and Stability Fund. The Fund will support peace building in Darfur and reconciliation through the implementation of community based recovery and development activities in areas where local leaders can guarantee security and commit to a political dialogue.

The UN and Partners recognise that peace can only be sustainable when an inclusive political process and improved security situation go hand in hand with development. The Darfur Community Peace and Stability fund will complement positive developments on the political front during the forthcoming Darfur Peace Negotiations (and beyond) through providing programme support to livelihoods, governance/rule of law, peace support at a local level and the expansion of basic social service delivery.

Whilst needs on the ground dictate, humanitarian activities remain a priority for the UN and partners. Equally, the UN and Partners recognise that recovery activities at the community level for all Darfurians can effectively build momentum for a sustainable peace. This fund will further pave the way for the finalisation of the Darfur Joint Assessment Mission and a major investment plan for recovery and reconstruction in Darfur, pending respect for a cessation of hostilities and a sustainable political settlement.