The United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) and the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) together launched the South Sudan Reconciliation, Stabilization, and Resilience Trust Fund (RSRTF) in December 2018.

The RSRTF creates conditions of peace and stability conducive to viable resilience endeavours by promoting integrated programming, drawing on comparative advantages across the humanitarian, development and peace ‘Nexus.’

Designed to reduce violent conflict in hotspot and marginalised areas of the country, the RSRTF Area Based Programmes (ABP) allow partners to deliver comprehensive programmes that reduce social acceptance of community conflict and violence and simultaneously nurture a conducive environment where peace can be sustained. Often building on existing efforts to bridge political divides and reconcile community divisions, the RSRTF approach ensures hard won political agreements and community reconciliation initiatives are reinforced through tangible actions that shift incentives and raise the cost of resorting to violence.

While many development actors and initiatives have focused their programming in the more stable areas of South Sudan, the Fund targets some of the most fragile and marginalised areas of the country where complex security or political dynamics have curtailed actions where they are most critically needed. By fostering stable political and security environments, the RSRTF contributes to reduce the risks and vulnerabilities that fuel humanitarian needs and instead stimulates conditions for development and recovery.

The RSRTF is a highly flexible tool, intended to be adapted to the dynamics of local contexts. The Fund’s ABPs are built around three essential elements:

**Reconciliation**
Rebuilding trust and confidence, strengthening social cohesion, and promoting peaceful coexistence through gender and age sensitive communal conflict management, prevention, mitigation, and reconciliation.

**Stabilization**
Restoring security, reinforcing the rule of law and equitable access to justice, improving relations between communities and local and national government representatives.

**Resilience**
Investing in sustainable livelihoods and joint commercial opportunities between reconciled communities to increase community interdependency, productively engaging at-risk youth and realizing ‘peace dividends.’
The Fund is well-positioned to reach marginalized areas as it works through a broad network of locally-trusted NGOs. It also draws on UNMISS’ political engagement and peacekeeping capacities in support of its ABPs. The Fund plays a unique role in bridging sub-national and national peacebuilding processes, linking bottom-up approaches to efforts at the national level that support the development of accountable and inclusive governance.

Three principles underpin the Fund’s work:

**Increasing local focus:** Reinforcing locally-led analysis, planning, and decision-making, promoting stronger local focus in the way resources are programmed while drawing on existing capacities, experience, and lessons learned to formulate evidence-based and sustainable action. The Fund ensures that implementing partners have a history of strong local partnerships and are well-respected and trusted by local communities in areas of operation.

**Bridging silos:** Ensuring that thorough conflict and gender analyses inform design of multisectoral responses, bridging humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding silos to maximise results through a ‘whole-of-system’ approach.

**Promoting partnership:** Strengthening coherence, complementarity, cooperation and coordination across international, national and local actors capitalizing on and improving the way the capabilities, knowledge, and expertise are brought together through collective action to deliver shared outcomes achieved through complementary reconciliation, stabilization and resilience actions.

Through its Area Reference Group approach, RSRTF ABPs are closely coordinated with UNCT and non-governmental partners and continue to explore opportunities for leveraging impact with initiatives of the South Sudanese Ministry of Peacebuilding, United Nations Peacebuilding Fund, the World Bank, the United Kingdom Peacebuilding Opportunities Fund, and the United States Office of Democracy and Governance, amongst others.
# Annex 1 – Programme portfolio

To date, the Fund has allocated $ USD 25 million to six area based and thematic programmes through competitive tendering processes.

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<th>AREA/THEME</th>
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<td>Koch County; Unity</td>
<td>Restoring Peaceful Coexistence for Better Livelihoods in Koch</td>
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<td>Mitigating cattle-related violence in the Border Areas of Tonj, Gogrial, and Wau</td>
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<td>Community Violence Reduction (CVR) in central-southern Jonglei and the Greater Pibor Administrative Area (GPAA)</td>
<td>World Food Programme, UNMISS RoLAS, Civil Affairs Division (CAD), UN Police (UNPOL), Political Affairs Division (PAD), World Health Organization, Nonviolent Peaceforce, Vétérinaires Sans Frontières - Germany</td>
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Annex 2. Summary illustration of RSRTF actions under current programming

### Reconciliation
- Build on local peace and reconciliation initiatives (Marial Bai Agreement, Pieri Agreement)
- Strengthen the inclusiveness of conflict mitigation and prevention mechanisms
- Enhance inter- and intra-community dialogues, community peace and reconciliation forums/exchanges
- Leverage political influence and engagement to resolve conflicts / reduce tensions
- Strengthen existing community social structures to mitigate harmful cultural norms that may fuel violence
- Trace abductees and support family reunification
- Social reintegration of ex-combatants and women associated with armed groups
- Mental health and psychosocial support to survivors of violence
- Support to survivors (GBV) - women and girl friendly spaces
- Use of media and radio to promote peace and healing, and promote peace education in schools

### Stabilization
- Increase access to effective informal and formal justice mechanisms and increase service delivery
- Strengthen capacity of the justice chain on investigation, prosecution, case management, human rights standards, gender, and anti-corruption principles
- Enhance community-oriented policing and strengthen local Police Community Relations Committees (PCRC)
- Build local civic capacities for unarmed community security and protection
- Improve capacity and access to housing, land, and property (HLP) dispute resolution mechanisms
- Facilitate political dialogues and support to the national peace process
- Promote political and civic empowerment to participate in political, peace and security processes
- Create conditions for responsive, accountable, transparent, and people centred governance and service delivery
- Promote space for social mobilisation and free expression, media diversity and pluralism

### Resilience
- Communities exercise nonviolent power and agency through collective identification and prioritisation of projects that can help mitigate violence
- Creation, restoration, and management of community assets through labour intensive CFW type opportunities
- Establishment of mutually beneficial resources that enhance cohesion and interdependency between communities
- Support development of alternative livelihoods (agricultural inputs, training, employment, community savings schemes)
- Climate change adaptation and environmental protection programming
- Secondary Education and Functional Adult Literacy