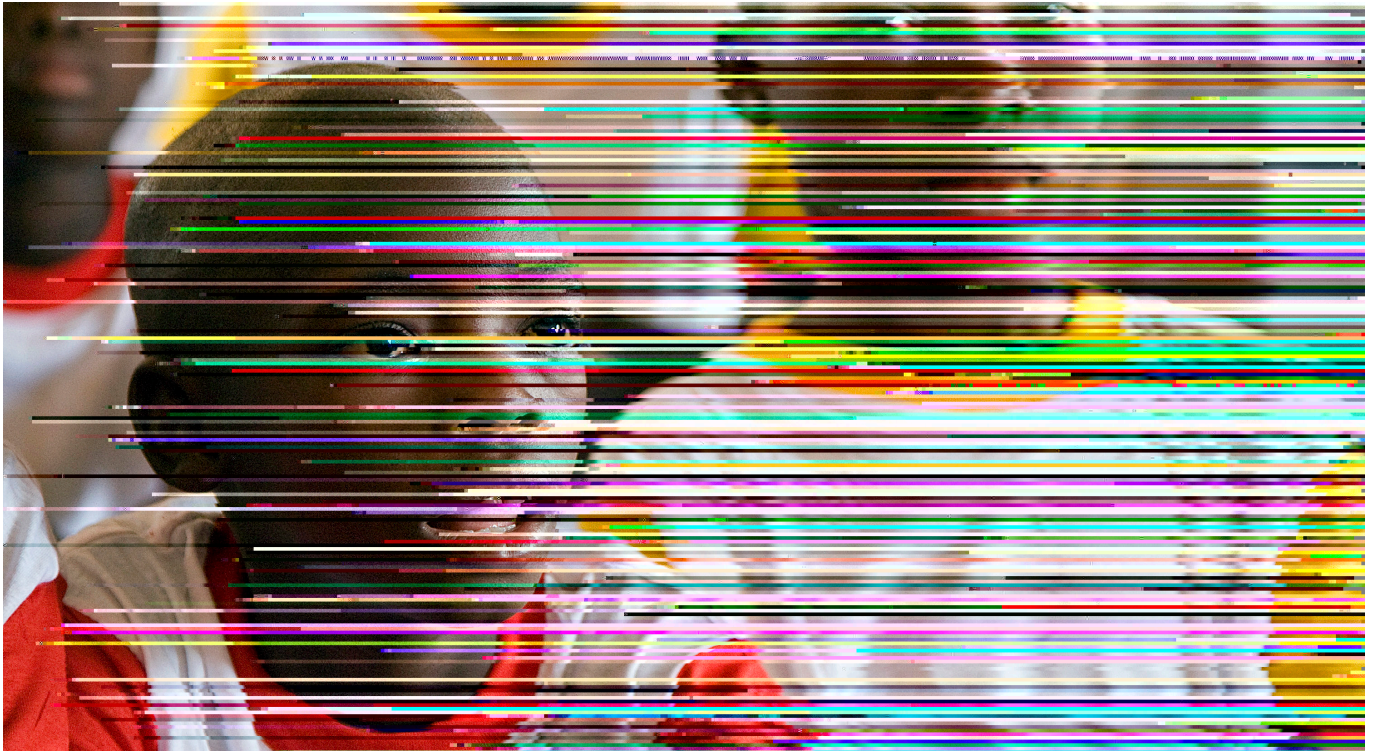


THE PBF IN BURKINA FASO



"Manegda" Primary School Students. UN Photo/Eskinder Debebe

Peacebuilding Challenges

Burkina Faso is facing important security challenges due to internal and external threats. As a direct consequence of instability in neighboring Mali and Niger, the country has faced several terrorist attacks. The sudden change of regime left deep political divides, leaving Burkina Faso very vulnerable. In the Northern regions, new, militant Islamic factions are emerging as a result of the marginalization as well as geographic and socio-economic isolation of the population.

Following the election of President Roch Kabore and his new Government in November 2015, the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) was approached by the new

Government, the United Nations Office for West Africa (UNOWAS) and the UN Department of Political Affairs (DPA) to support urgent peacebuilding interventions, including security sector reform (SSR), National Reconciliation, am

President in outlining and carrying out reforms. An inclusive National Forum on Security was organized last October,

PBF INVESTMENTS IN BURKINA FASO:

TOTAL ALLOCATION:

MILLION
invested since 2017

CURRENT PORTFOLIO:

FOCUSING ON:



PARTNER:

which, following extensive consultations in the regions with a wide range of stakeholders, produced a roadmap for the 2018 reforms.

The PBF response mechanism plays an important role in mitigating instability. Because Burkina Faso is increasingly a target of terrorist attacks, the SSR process needs to be accelerated, while tackling key political and capacity issues. Seeing the urgency of these programs and the limited capacity of the UN system following the recent political transition, the SSR and the reconciliation projects have been prioritized through ad hoc missions of UN experts in Ouagadougou under a tight agenda.

Innovative Approach

UN System-wide cohesion has been one of the main guiding principles for designing the PBF projects, which were developed in close collaboration with DPA/UNOWAS, UNDP, the Office of Rule of Law and Security Institution (OROLSI) and the UN System in Ouagadougou.

The PBF is also looking at innovative approaches to address regional instability which can threaten national security in Burkina Faso. To address this, the 0310n0u0a307

*Billboard promoting peace in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.
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About the PBF

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