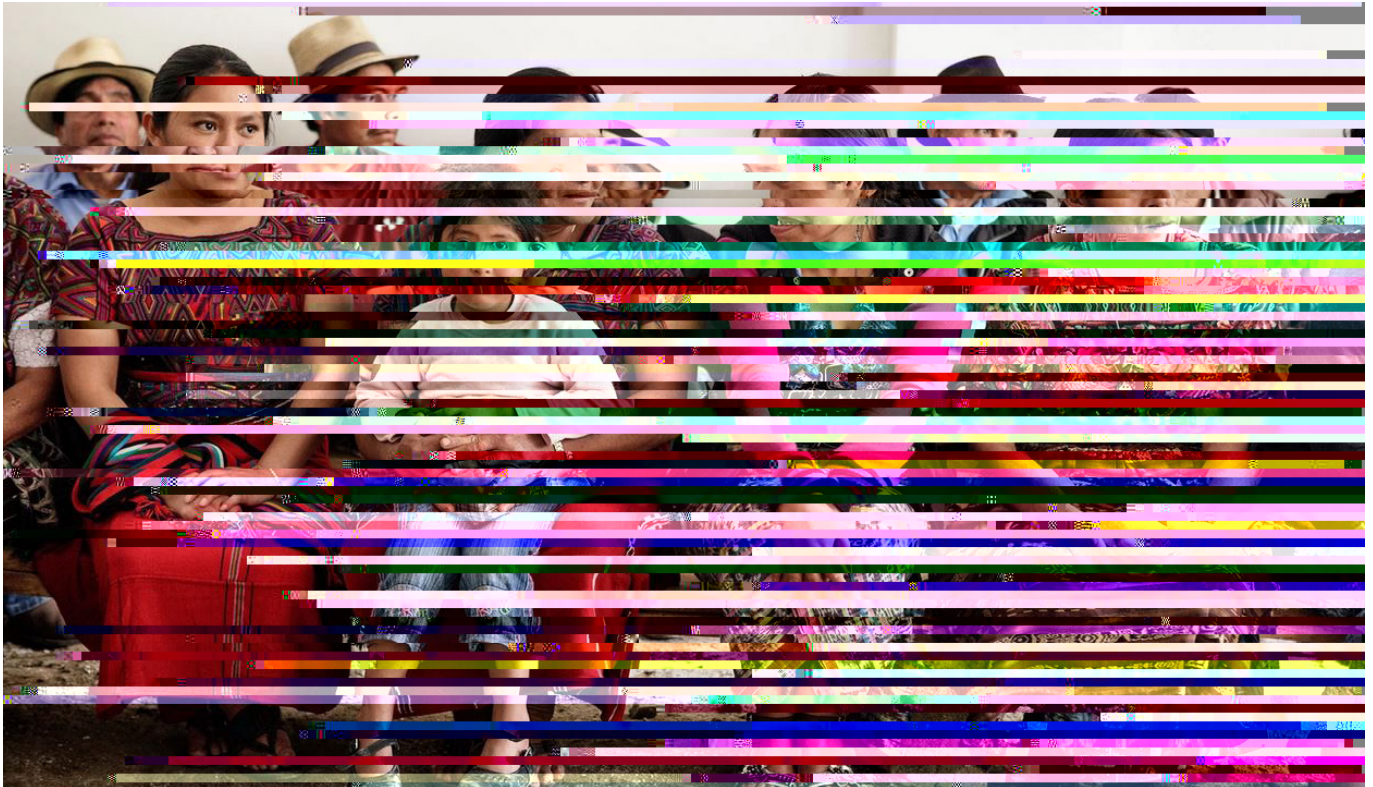


THE PBF IN GUATEMALA



Peacebuilding Challenges

conflict. However, weak state institutions and I a

murder rate in the world. In 2015, Guatemala suffered a severe political and institutional crisis that shook the

of corruption scandals unveiled by the UN-backed International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG) and the Public Prosecutor's Office brought to light long-established corruption networks entrenched in state institutions.

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PBF Intervention

to access the Peacebuilding Fund in 2011 to build the peace agreement, particularly in the area of rule of law.

PBF INVESTMENTS IN GUATEMALA:



and Rule of Law

The presence of CICIG reflected the United Nations' and the PBF financed activities of the UN Country Team (UNCT) as a way to buttress CICIG's work through capacity-building of national institutions.

Current PBF support to Guatemala aims at addressing key peacebuilding needs and gaps concerning rule investigations capacities, as well as social conflict and the need for increased dialogue.

In light of recent events involving high-impact corruption with the UNCT in Guatemala to explore how it can help Office as well as for the strengthening of civil society's monitoring and auditing of policy reform processes.

PBF also recently allocated USD 2 million through its Gender Promotion Initiative to expand support to women survivors of conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence who seek justice and transformative reparations. Women's leadership and national networks will also be role for structural change.

In late 2017 PBF's approved its first regional project in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador, focusing on three key areas that require immediate responses:

of the administration of justice, and the exchange of information between the countries on lessons-learned.

PBF Impact and Catalytic Effect

In Guatemala, PBF supported the "Grandmothers of Sepur Zarco" to hold perpetrators of sexual slavery to justice years after the country's long civil war. This work resulted in the first ever conviction of conflict-related sexual violence in 2016, which UN Women and partners justice. UN Women sees the Sepur Zarco sentence as

and in other countries. The Guatemala Peacebuilding Priority Plan (PPP) came to an end in December 2015, of the Plan took place in October and November 2015.

significantly contributed to the strengthening of justice them.

Looking ahead

2017 tested the capacity of justice institutions and the CICIG to combat impunity and corruption. Responding to these new challenges, the Fund will, in 2018, focus on consolidating and expanding institutional strengthening

high-impact and femicide cases.

2018 will also be a time of change that presents an opportunity to deepen democracy and peace. There is a made. A relapse would further weaken the Guatemalan and put the country's stability at risk.

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2017-2019 Business Plan. The PBF works across pillars and supports integrated UN responses to fill critical gaps; respond quickly and with flexibility to political risk-tolerant fashion.

