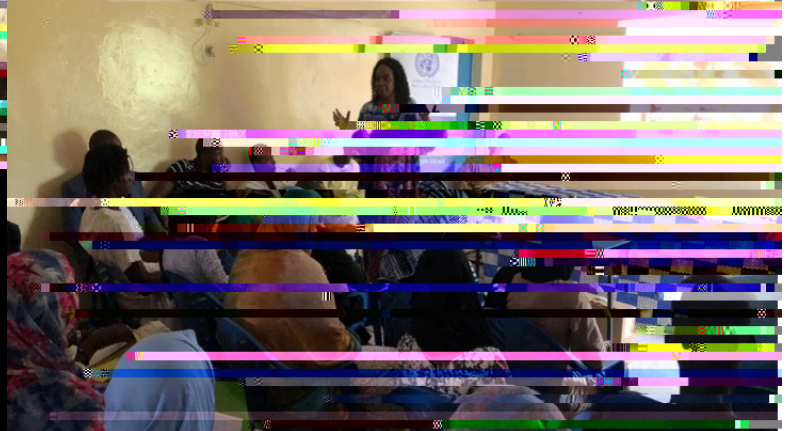


# The Secretary-General's Peacebuilding Fund

## - Project Fiche 2

October 2023



Start Date:



TOTAL:

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Mauritania held local and regional elections in 2023 and is set for the presidential elections in 2024. Historically, elections in Mauritania have intensified tensions, particularly around social cohesion and questions related to the participation of vulnerable groups in political processes. In particular, the absence of dialogue frameworks to prevent conflicts affects stabilizing social cohesion and establishing trust between communities and the state. Limited political engagement of youth and women and the prevalent use of hate speech have been identified as obstacles to inclusive and meaningful participation for the 2023 and 2024 elections.

The main goal of the project is to create conditions for enhanced social cohesion and citizen participation, especially in the context of local, regional, and presidential elections. It specifically aims to:

Promote the establishment of inclusive dialogue and consultation frameworks for conflict prevention,

Foster social cohesion and strengthen trust between communities and the State,

Prevent hate speech on social media and other media,

Encourage the participation of women and youth in the wilayas of Trarza, Gorgol, and Brakna.

Parliamentary elections were held in Mauritania on 13 and 27 May 2023, alongside regional and local elections. The elections were the first parliamentary elections held after the first peaceful transition of power in the country as a result of the 2019 Presidential elections. Despite women faring well in the parliament, only 2 women were elected as Mayors. Meanwhile, although the

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