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PBF Investments in

TOTAL APPROVED  \$34.3 M

Focusing on

-  Economic recovery & youth empowerment
-  Social and economic reintegration
-  Transitional justice
-  Innovative financing

PEACEBUILDING CHALLENGES

In July 2016, the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) signed a final peace agreement, bringing a formal end to the 53-year-old Colombian conflict. The agreement addresses many of the conflict's root causes, including limited access to land and a wide development gap between urban and rural areas. In 2017 the UN Security Council established the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, mandated to verify the implementation of the 2016 Peace Agreement.

Colombia is signed up for peace, but faces challenges to reintegrate and rehabilitate former combatants, taking forward transitional justice, and addressing the root causes of conflict through the corresponding provisions of the peace agreement.

PEACEBUILDING FUND IN ACTION

The PBF has been active in Colombia since January 2014, supporting communications for peace through the 'Respira Paz' campaign. The initiative has been implemented through an inclusive and engaging approach, including mobile cinema, radio serial dramas and social mobilization for peace.

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PBF support in Colombia focuses on the following areas:

- 1 comprehensive stabilization interventions in territories affected by the armed conflict, aimed at promoting economic recovery and reducing the risk of a resurgence of violence, particularly as related to historically vulnerable populations, with an emphasis on addressing the needs of youth.
- 2 reintegration interventions aimed at breaking the link between politics and violence by supporting the former guerrilla group's transformation into a democratic political actor, and the design and implementation of social/economic reintegration programs, particularly in underserved urban and ethnic communities.
- 3 action to accelerate the establishment and operation of the Comprehensive System for Truth, Justice, Reparations and Non-Recurrence, and providing durable solutions for victims of forced displacement.
- 4 through the inception of public-private partnerships in areas targeted by the peace agreement.

■ PEACEBUILDING FUND IMPACT

The 'Respira Paz' campaign reached more than 32,000 people and help increase awareness of the peace process. Through the Collective Reparations project, more than 15,600 people, including 7,850 women, have directly benefitted. Thanks to the impact and good management of the project, the Ministry of Labor pledged more than \$2.1 million, to be invested in the

■ WORKING ACROSS PILLARS

PBF support responds to national priorities identified by the Government of Colombia and is implemented by nine UN agencies and 15 Civil Society Organizations, in close coordination with the priorities of the UN Verification Mission. Since 2017, the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) has convened two meetings to discuss the peace process in Colombia with the participation of government and civil society representatives.

■ CATALYTIC EFFECT

Together with Sweden, the PBF was the first contributor with the Government to the UN Multi-Donor Trust Fund in Colombia, which has now mobilized more than \$151 million for the implementation of the peace agreement. PBF's support to the demining organization HUMANICEMOS is being scaled up for the second phase of support in 2020. The Fund's activities in Colombia supported the trust fund under the leadership of the national authorities.

■ ABOUT THE PEACEBUILDING FUND

The UN Secretary-General's Peacebuilding Fund is the organization's financial instrument of first resort to sustain peace in countries or situations at risk or affected by violent conflict. The Fund may invest with UN entities, governments, regional organizations, multilateral banks, national multi-donor trust funds or civil society organizations.