



while it remains engaged under the Immediate Response Facility of the Fund in Nigeria. The Government of Niger has signaled its intention to request eligibility.

The PBF invested significant resources \$31m on cross-border projects recognizing the root causes of crisis and instability are cross-border in nature. By supporting cross-border analysis and joint programmes in the Sahel, the PBF fills a critical financial and strategic gap to ensure UNISS' implementation. The portfolio of cross-border peacebuilding programmes in the Sahel and West Africa addresses regional threats to peace and security: violent extremism, conflicts related to transhumance and the management of natural resources, weak justice and penal chain, absence or weaknesses of inclusive conflict resolution mechanisms. Would resource be made available by partner; the portfolio will continue to grow as part of PBF's new strategy 2020-2024 which emphasizes PBF's added value at the regional level.

In 2020, the PBF is exploring new partnerships with local peacebuilding organizations working in cross-border areas to complement on-going efforts, starting in the Liptako-Gourma region. It is also seeking complementarities with other development actors such as the IFIs, and specifically the World Bank. Over 2017-2019, PBF investments have leveraged \$80m of direct investments and \$442m of indirect investments for peacebuilding interventions in the region (including from African Union, Belgium, Canada, ECOWAS, France, EU, Germany, Ireland, Japan, KOICA, Luxemburg, Norway, Qatar, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, USAID, World Bank)