



Liberia has made remarkable peace gains over the past 15 years. The election of President George Weah in December 2017 marked an important milestone with the peaceful transition between two democratically elected governments.

PEACEBUILDING FUND INVESTMENTS OVERVIEW

In support of Liberia's peacebuilding priorities and to help avoid a significant gap in support following UNMIL withdrawal, the PBF approved nearly \$33 million for Liberia in the period 2017-2021, including towards:

Women's empowerment: the PBF has supported the strengthening of gender taskforces in the military and police and operation of women peace huts as local dispute resolution venues. The PBF has enabled women filmmakers to depict the role of women in the Liberia peace process. The PBF support has also contributed to the release of the Second National Action Plan on Women Peace and Security and to the development of the Government's first Innovative Financing Strategy for gender equality. PBF also supported women's local leadership and the Women Situation Room mechanism in Montserrado and Bong Counties.

Youth political engagement and socio-economic empowerment: the PBF supported a large-scale effort to involve youth in the 2017 elections and post-elections through dialogue and early warning initiatives, contributing to a peaceful environment during the contested election. The PBF has also supported psycho-social assistance and socio-economic empowerment of ex-combatant and marginalized youth in Monrovia and in targeted rural areas resulting in improved life skills and greater youth involvement in preventing and resolving conflicts. The PBF also worked with the police to ensure stronger protection measures when dealing with at-risk youth in the outskirts of Monrovia and with health specialists to improve psycho-social support for at-risk communities. Over 500 vulnerable youth were placed in vocational training programs, in addition to being provided with life skills and other support.

Rule of law, transitional justice and human rights: the PBF has supported the implementation of Liberia's community policing policy, improving access to justice for the most vulnerable, and the national human rights monitoring capacity after UNMIL's closure. PBF has also supported legislative reform processes and frameworks protecting human rights as well as platforms to discuss the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) recommendations, including over 40 local reconciliation dialogues in 7 counties, the 2019 National Economic Dialogue, the 2020 VESTMENTI avulneraial, tection measures ex-c