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PBF Funding

- Rapid deployment of IRF within months of political transition created the first mover advantage for UN
- Supported development of a coordinated approach and strategy on peacebuilding for UN and with government and MS
- Initiated a focus on early confidence building measures with fast tracking of resettlement of IDPs and release of land
- Supported transition to a full fledged PPP
- PPP costed at $80m with donors contributions at 1/3
- PPP strategic priorities identified through in-depth consultations across regions with government - national and sub-national - CS and MS
- Serves as a convening framework enabling coordination with donor community
- Leveraged PBF ($13.03m) to mobilize funding from MS ($12.4m)
Peacebuilding in Country

1. PB Board provides a platform for government, civil society and donors to dialogue on peacebuilding

2. PB Board to be involved in monitoring of the peacebuilding pillars

3. Higher order peacebuilding outcomes to be tracked through a robust monitoring framework including an annual PB survey

4. UN trusted convener and holding quarterly briefings for MS jointly with MFA and SCRM

5. Flexible funding from PBSO and MS allowed UN to initiate the process of building national capacities and laying the foundations for TJ
Lessons on Peacebuilding

- Transitions offer the “window of opportunity” though there is no blue print to securing peace
  - Coordinated approach by UN and international community
  - Early & continuous high level engagement on defined priorities
- Leadership from the top critical to maintain the momentum of reforms
- Flexible funding was imperative to address capacity deficit on TJ
- Generating evidence critical for early warning
  - Jobs, corruption and crime top priorities; highest confidence in the military; conflict hotspots emerging
- Institutional co-option and policy reversals a challenge during transitions
- “Good enough” inclusive processes critical to build broad based support
- Comprehensive engagement across the spectrum of building blocks of peace imperative to maintain support of minority and majority community
Lessons for UN

• HRC resolution (30/1) the organizing framework for UN coordination

• Strategic coordination between NY, Geneva and UNCT facilitated through a system wide document to advance TJ

• “Good Offices” resulting in consistent messaging by UN

• SR (truth, justice, reparations & non-recurrence) engagement since the political transition served to inform UN’s and government thinking

• Strategic collaboration with civil society & MS critical in country

• Ability to create entry points to provide discreet TA for political sensitive issues imperative