

# Joint UNDP-DPPA Programme on Building National Capacities for Conflict Prevention

The **Joint UN Development Programme (UNDP) - UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA) Programme on Building National Capacities for Conflict Prevention** is a signature cross-pillar initiative that aims to enhance UN support to national stakeholders on conflict prevention and sustaining peace. Since its inception in 2004, the Programme has engaged in more than 60 countries and provided catalytic support to UN Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams to advance the UN Secretary-General's conflict prevention agenda.

A key achievement of the [Pact for the Future](https://www.un.org/en/summit-of-the-future/pact-for-the-future) (<https://www.un.org/en/summit-of-the-future/pact-for-the-future>), adopted by Member States in September 2024, is its shared commitment to a renewed, nationally owned and led approach to conflict prevention. The Joint Programme is a unique example of how the political and development pillars of the UN successfully work together to support nationally led efforts to prevent conflict and sustain peace. By aligning its support with national systems and priorities, and fostering inclusive, locally owned processes, the Joint Programme serves as a vital instrument for translating the Pact's high-level commitments into concrete action at the country level.

## 2024 Highlights Key areas of engagement\*



### Outcome 1:

National capacities for conflict prevention and infrastructures for peace strengthened



**58%** of PDAs supported national peace architectures



of PDAs supported inclusive regional, cross-border, national or local dialogue efforts



**75%** of PDAs supported national policies and strategies for conflict prevention



of PDAs made a focused effort to enhance the participation of women



of PDAs supported preventive diplomacy, good offices, mediation and dialogue



of PDAs made a focused effort to enhance the participation of youth

\*The figures in this report related to PDA engagement are based on the Joint Programme's Annual Survey of PDAs and/or PDA teams in each programme country. In 2024 a total of 65 responses was received from PDAs/PDA teams (one response per country).

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2024 Annual Report of the Joint UNDP-DPPA Programme on Building

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**Outcome 2:**  
UN capacities for conflict prevention, peacebuilding and conflict sensitive programming strengthened



In 2024, PDAs worked on



**Peace and Development Advisors (PDAs)** are at the forefront of the Programme's efforts to build existing and emerging national and local capacities to address and fundamentally transform the underlying causes of conflict. They provide context-specific, tailored advisory support to national stakeholders to develop and strengthen comprehensive strategies and approaches to prevention, including for building national peace architectures, promoting inclusive dialogue, and developing prevention policies and strategies. PDAs also **support the UN system to effectively adapt and respond to complex political situations and identify areas for preventive action**. Over the years, demand for PDA support has continued to grow, reflecting the increasing need for conflict prevention as well as the realization of the value of embedding capacities for conflict analysis, conflict sensitive programming, and strategic leadership on conflict prevention within UN Country Teams.

## Cadre of Peace and Development Advisors

The Joint Programme's cadre in 2025 consists of 58 personnel, including 23 international Peace and Development Advisors (PDAs), 26 national Peace and Development Officers (PDOs), seven secondees, one UN Volunteer, and one Regional Programme Specialist. These positions serve a total of 42 countries. In 12 countries, Joint Programme support is delivered through PDA teams combining both international and national advisors.



Beyond the deployment of PDAs, the Joint Programme also **facilitates deployment of short-term expertise to respond and engage in crisis settings**, provides coordinated and complementary UNDP and DPPA support, analysis, and engagement in target countries, and builds on the expert knowledge of its stakeholders to share good practices, lessons learned, and engage in a community of practice. Aiming to serve as a platform that brings together various UN tools and approaches, the Joint UNDP-DPPA Programme contributes to **coherent UN engagement by working in partnership with other UN entities**, such as the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO), UN Volunteers (UNV) and UN Women.

## Key documents

- [Joint Programme Annual Report 2024](#)
- [Joint Programme Annual Report 2023](#)

- [Joint Programme Annual Report 2022](#)
- [Joint Programme Annual Report 2021](#)
- [Joint Programme Annual Report 2020](#)
- [Joint Programme Annual Report 2019](#)
- [Joint Programme Annual Report 2018](#)
- [Joint Programme Annual Report 2017](#)
- [Joint Programme Annual Report 2016](#)
- [Joint Programme Annual Report 2015](#)

## Resources

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[Project document: 2024-2028 Joint UNDP-DPPA Programme on Building National Capacities for Conflict Prevention](#)

[Press release: UNDP-DPPA Programme and EU sign new agreement on building national capacity for conflict prevention](#) ([//dppa.un.org/en/undp-dppa-programme-and-eu-sign-new-agreement-building-national-capacity-conflict-prevention](https://dppa.un.org/en/undp-dppa-programme-and-eu-sign-new-agreement-building-national-capacity-conflict-prevention))

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