

Peacebuilding Impact Hub

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A Practice-Oriented Collaborative Effort To Support Innovative And Evidence-Based Peacebuilding

What is the Peacebuilding Impact Hub?

The Peacebuilding Impact Hub aims to **foster a deeper understanding of the effects and impact of peacebuilding interventions and practice** to enhance the ability of peacebuilders to make timely and evidence-informed decisions **for effective and adaptive action** across all stages, **from conflict prevention to recovery and sustaining peace and development**. The Hub strives to be a one-stop resource for the United Nations system and the broader peacebuilding community, contributing to a more peaceful, stable, and sustainable world.

Why create a Hub?

Despite promising developments in policy and practice, peacebuilding has not been without its criticisms in the face of resurgence of violent conflict in recent years. Central to the question of how to build and maintain peace has been a shift toward context-specific approaches. However, **it remains critical to gather more empirical evidence on the role of peacebuilding** in increasingly complex and uncertain environments.

Data and evidence are needed **to learn from both successes and failures to enhance peacebuilding action**, especially when considering emerging methodologies and innovative adaptive interventions for which communities of learning and practice are lacking. This includes disaggregated data on how peacebuilding actions are affecting different groups and communities.

Who is the Hub for?

The Hub, spearheaded by the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office, serves to enhance the UN's peacebuilding efforts and practice, fostering a deeper understanding of the implementation and impact of peacebuilding interventions within the UN system. The Hub is a UN-based, practice-oriented initiative, but it **extends its reach beyond the UN by providing an evidence-based platform for a broad array of peacebuilders**. The Hub's intended audience encompasses policymakers, researchers, practitioners, and local communities who are invested in peacebuilding, both within and outside the UN. Thus, it strikes a balance between addressing internal UN needs for cohesive peacebuilding strategies, while also opening vital resources and insights to the wider global peacebuilding community.

What are the objectives of the Hub?

The Hub will empower peacebuilders to make a positive impact by strengthening evidence-based operational, political, and strategic insights and supporting the design and implementation of impactful peacebuilding efforts, aligning with humanitarian, human rights and development actions, and contributing to sustainable peace. It will contribute to four main outcomes:



Improved **availability and utilization of disaggregated data and coordinated analysis** across sectors for adaptive peacebuilding strategies and interventions across the triple nexus



Enhanced **global dialogue and partnerships** on policies and interventions informed by evidence and analysis.



Better informed policies and interventions supported by Member States, communities, civil society, the UN system, and other actors.



Greater investment in, and support for, prevention and peacebuilding, as called for in the Secretary-General's Our Common Agenda.

What will the Hub do?

The approach is centered around five key areas of action:



The Hub's key deliverables focus on inclusive expert and communities of practice engagement, knowledge generation, dissemination, and capacity building. The Hub will leverage its detailed analysis, case studies, and discussions of peacebuilding practices for the following key deliverables:

- Producing an annual global peacebuilding overview report.
- Serving as a major convener and engaging regularly with communities of practice around thematic issues.
- Supporting and empowering practitioners through dedicated capacity sharing efforts and training.

When is the Hub starting and how can it be supported?

The Hub will do a soft launch and begin operations in November 2023. The Hub has garnered significant interest and is poised to make a profound impact. However, to ensure its success and sustainability, we are seeking crucial support in the form of funding for its operational needs.