

# Financing for Peacebuilding:

## Advancing Opportunities for Local Civil Society

### Visioning Paper

**RATIONALE:** Local peacebuilders and their networks play a critical role in meaningfully building and sustaining peace.

**VISION:** Through enabling inclusive national ownership over peacebuilding, local actors will ultimately ensure that work to sustain peace is continuous and legitimate.

**CHALLENGE:** There is a dire gap in resourcing local peacebuilding work. The UN and peacebuilding donors have rightly been focused on bolstering resources for the UN Peacebuilding Fund, an important and useful tool with catalytic value; however, these funds go primarily to UN entities and large INGOs. Therefore, it is important that donors explore better ways of directly supporting local peacebuilders.


**THE PROJECT:** This project consists of the series of consultations, interviews and analyses and seeks to: 1) convey to donors the challenges local peacebuilders face in directly accessing funding; 2) better understand the obstacles faced by donors in making resources accessible directly to local peacebuilders, including identifying the information and the decision-makers needed to do so; and 3) jointly create more effective funding solutions.




#### END GOAL

**Identify innovative ways of responding to funding constraints expressed both by peacebuilders and donors and build ownership and capacity to implement responses.**

#### PATHWAYS

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- create a **safe learning space for the donor community** (e.g., major global funds' managers, donor countries and international financial institutions) to explore making resources accessible for locally-led peacebuilding;
  - facilitate **engagement directly with local peacebuilders and the extensive body of work** on their challenges in accessing resources;
  - develop **possible models of funding local peacebuilders** that would be feasible for donors and fund managers, including identifying and potentially adapting existing models from other spheres, such as humanitarian and climate action; and
  - identify **obstacles and solutions to implementing these models**, including better understanding where levers of change exist in government systems and creating more cohesion and coordination with related efforts.

#### AUDIENCE



Designing financing approaches that directly support local peacebuilders requires both an operational understanding of managing assistance and political will, as well engagement of UN entities and Member States. That is why the project will engage:

- multi-stakeholder funds' managers;
- representatives from donor countries (with knowledge of legal and procurement requirements).