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Interpeace is an international peacebuilding organization that helps divided and conflicted societies build sustainable peace.

Interpeace focuses on reinforcing local capacities to overcome deep social divisions and to address conflict in non-violent ways.

Interpeace works with local peacebuilding teams, made up of nationals from the country concerned, to facilitate dialogue with all sectors of society (governments, opposition groups, civil society, private sector representatives, diasporas, etc). These dialogue processes enable populations directly affected by conflict to rebuild trust, to define priorities for social, economic and political rehabilitation, to find consensus-based solutions to conflict, and to assist with their implementation.

Interpeace was created in 2000 as the successor to the UN pilot programme called the War-torn Societies Project (1994-1998). We continue to work in partnership with the United Nations through our Joint Programme Unit for UN/Interpeace Initiatives, which provides us with the flexibility necessary to implement programmes as UN or independent NGO initiatives, depending on the political situation in the countries concerned.