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Strategy 2021 - 2025

A Resilient Peace



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Eighty percent of all humanitarian crises are now conflict-related, the majority lasting over a decade. Political polarisation is on the rise, while trust in institutions and confidence in economic systems is weak. In light of these trends and volatility, it is imperative to strengthen the positive, built-in capacities and resilience of individuals and communities in order to create lasting peace, growth and development.

Vision

A world in which enduring peace is evident in the cohesion and resilience of citizens, the diversity and inclusion of communities, and the responsiveness and trustworthiness of State institutions.

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Strategic Aim 1: Rethinking Peace

The ways we build, assess, and fund peace.

Objective 1 - Re-frame peace processes

Peace processes repeatedly struggle to succeed and yet the same approaches are stubbornly replicated from one conflict to the next. How they are designed, implemented, and monitored needs to be reassessed and adjusted. Interpeace will support the global Principles for Peace initiative and its independent International Commission on Inclusive Peace. The Commission will consult extensively, learn from lessons of the past, and craft standards to shape future peace processes.



Objective 2 - Assess trust, resilience and inclusion

In conflict-affected societies, many efforts in governance, security, and development are unable to assess whether they cumulatively contribute to greater peace and stability. Interpeace's work is anchored in field-based research and measuring resilience. The next step is to establish Trust, Resilience and Inclusion barometers where Interpeace is present. Each barometer's findings will be used to support better and more lasting peacebuilding.

Objective 3 - Changing the way peace is funded

Funding for peacebuilding faces continued strain, yet the world requires more peacebuilding. Interpeace will contribute to global efforts to increase the value of existing public financing for peacebuilding so that it is more efficient and effective. Interpeace will also aim to attract the private sector into peacebuilding, including through innovative blended finance instruments.

Strategic Aim 2: Enhancing Resilience for Peace

We will broaden our reach; seek to strengthen the resilience of communities and the trustworthiness of State institutions; and champion inclusion, justice, and the economic dimensions of peacebuilding.

Objective 1 - Expanding the global scope of our engagement and the breadth of our local networks

Interpeace will nurture and expand its network of change agents in local communities in complex peacebuilding situations. It will also broaden its geographic reach and will explore the integration of peacebuilding in the digital space. It will diversify its local, national and international partners. It will contribute in particular to overcoming barriers that keep young people and women from participating fully in society and peacebuilding.

Objective 2 - Safer communities and more trustworthy security institutions

Lack of trust along with injustice and exclusion are at the origin of most conflict dynamics. The structural origins must be understood and acknowledged if effective peace solutions are to be found. Enhancing the relationship between State security institutions and local communities is vital to the wider social contract and can be successfully pursued using Interpeace's Track 6 methodology (see last page).

Objective 3 - Enhancing inclusion and justice

Interpeace will foster pluralism, diversity, equality and justice, including field and policy work focussed on the relationship between human rights and peacebuilding.

Objective 4 - Integrating economic peacebuilding

For peacebuilding to be relevant and enduring, more attention must be given to social, development and growth dividends as outcomes of peacebuilding. Interpeace will integrate inclusive economic and development solutions into its work, including through new partnerships with local and international economic and development actors.



Strategic Aim 3: Embedding Peace

We will seek to institutionalise peace in State behaviour and in the international system, and put self-sustainability at the core of every peacebuilding strategy.

Objective 1 - Anchoring change in States

For peace to be built, maintained, and nurtured, it must be embedded in the behaviour of State institutions and become a natural part of the way societies are governed. Wherever possible and appropriate, Interpeace will seek direct partnerships with State institutions to secure national ownership and create a legacy of sustainable national capacity for peace.

Objective 2 - A peace-responsive international system

Peacebuilding must be more than a sector on its own. It should be understood as the way security, development, governance, justice and other actions build legitimacy, trust and resilience. A cornerstone of this Strategy will be Interpeace's work on Peace Responsiveness. This is the deliberate and systematic redesign of the activities of international organizations in development, humanitarian and other fields so that they can move beyond 'conflict sensitivity' and make pro-active, practical and lasting contributions to the wider goals of peace and the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 16. Interpeace will continue to increase the number of international partners with whom it works to achieve this fundamental reorientation of their institutional approaches, and will enhance its capacity to accompany partners' work practically in the field.



Objective 3 - Modelling peacebuilding's success and sustainability

Critical to building a culture of peace is a sustainable national peace infrastructure that allows societies and States to resolve conflicts internally using their own skills, institutions, and resources. Therefore, Interpeace will place particular emphasis on modelling responsible business plans, including transition and end-line strategies, by defining benchmarks of success with its partners and the local communities it serves. Interpeace will build this self-sustainability into its country strategies and resource mobilisation requests.

Organizational Objectives 2021 - 2025

We will strengthen One Interpeace; raise our profile, impact and resources through partnerships and outreach; and strengthen systems, standards, accountability and governance.

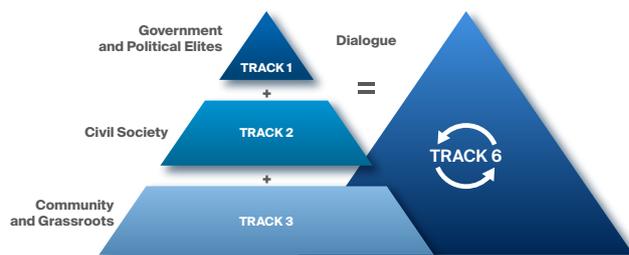
In pursuing Interpeace's strategic aims, all staff in all locations worldwide will seek to be stronger as a "One Interpeace" team: to be inclusive, to embrace and celebrate diversity, to be united, and to be supportive of each other.

Interpeace's national teams and partners are indispensable to ensuring that peacebuilding is locally designed,

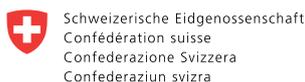
locally relevant, and effective. Interpeace also has crucial international and institutional partnerships, which it will continue to foster and adapt to the new Strategy. Through its local and wider partnerships, Interpeace will continue to aspire to be among the best governed and administered international organizations.

"Track 6" Approach

Interpeace's integrated "Track 6" approach connects local communities, civil society, governments and the international community. High-level policies become rooted in local peacebuilding contexts, and local communities help to shape their circumstances at political level. Interpeace works across all levels of society, connecting the three tracks: 1+2+3=6.



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