





humanitarian assistance, and deploy peacekeepers as crisis has struck, it begs the question if not more resources should also be invested on early, preventive measures.

This does not only make sense from an economic standpoint. More importantly, the human cost and the development losses associated with escalation of violence or relapse of conflicts are immense. One challenge of conflict prevention is the difficulty to demonstrate results. We can do better in terms of conveying the success stories, where peace was maintained and an escalation of violence was averted.

As a major contributor to the Peacebuilding Fund, Sweden continues to value the PBF for its catalytic, flexible and rapid financing. The PBF furthermore plays an important role by incentivizing the UN system to work together. I am particularly pleased to note the fund's focus on gender equality. Early investments in inclusive peacebuilding processes that empower women lay a stronger foundation for reconciliation, which contribute to reducing the risk of

relapse.

However, the PBF is one small instrument and cannot replace the need for additional support to peacebuilding.

In addition, more resources do not constitute the only solution to enhance the effectiveness of peacebuilding. As today's meeting has highlighted, we need to address challenges around the fragmentation in the international aid architecture. This requires increased coordination and coherence between international actors, to enhance sustainability of the response. Furthermore, to spur domestic resource mobilization in countries emerging from conflict, there is a need for coherence across different policy areas, such as international development, trade and investments.

To conclude, I call upon all actors in the international system to go beyond rhetoric and start acting in a more coherent and integrated manner. The recovery to Ebola is an example of a challenge that needs a holistic solution, and a situation which will test our ability to think and act across the stovepipes. Recovering from Ebola cannot

and should not be treated primarily as a health crisis; rather it is imperative to recognize the importance of integrating peacebuilding into our response.