



PHILANTHROPISTS FOR PEACE

INTERNATIONAL CRISIS GROUP



A girl walks the streets of Maiduguri, the capital city of Nigeria's Borno State, and epicenter of the fight against the jihadist group Boko Haram. CRISIS GROUP/JORGE GUTIERREZ LUCENA



Our Sahel Analyst Hannah Armstrong (right) talks with a civil society leader from Arlit during Niger's Iferouane festival, 22 February 2019. CRISIS GROUP/
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Conflicts continue to exact a terrible human toll, killing tens of thousands of people each year, driving millions from their homes and threatening famine and outbreaks of once-eradicated diseases. As of the end of 2019, an unprecedented 79,500,000 people around the world have been forced from their homes as a result of conflict and violence.

At the same time, the philanthropic response to this crisis has been modest, with **less than 1 per cent** of donors giving to peace and security causes, in keeping with historical trends. Many philanthropists are disheartened by problems related to global conflict, reasoning that they are too large to be tackled at the individual level. Many, in short, feel powerless to aid the cause of peace.

Yet philanthropy **can be instrumental in helping** prevent or resolve armed conflict. Whether you give to help understand a fresh emergency on the ground, to support our dialogue and advocacy work or to sustain the field-based research undergirding our reports and policy recommendations, your gifts and grants **save lives**. Perhaps charity by itself cannot bring peace, but without it, many peace efforts would not succeed.

Philanthropy is a powerful tool for making leaps toward a safer, more peaceful and prosperous world. At Crisis Group, our loyal donors are a cornerstone of our work. Their investment allows our staff to open new channels of communication, explore innovative solutions or run intensive media and advocacy campaigns to help end the suffering wrought by war.

In thanks and appreciation of our generous supporters, we offer special recognition through our new initiative – **Philanthropists for Peace** – and its three societies.



Peacebuilding Society

LIFETIME GIVING OF \$100,000 OR MORE TO CRISIS GROUP

Crisis Group is profoundly grateful to our generous donors for their transformative support for our work in preventing, mitigating and ending deadly conflict. This society honours and recognises nine levels of individual cumulative lifetime giving, beginning with a total of \$100,000 up to \$25,000,000.

Individuals, corporations and foundations are inducted into the Peacebuilding Society based on the total of their grants, gifts or pledges through June 30 of the previous year. Qualifying gifts include confirmed commitments of cash, securities, real estate, deferred gifts, sponsorship or signed grant contracts and may include soft credits and employer-matched gifts.



Resolution Society

ANNUAL SUPPORT OVER FIVE YEARS AND MORE

In celebration of the committed donors whose annual support has significant and lasting impact on Crisis Group, this society recognises those giving consecutive gifts or grants of any amount for five, ten, fifteen, twenty and 25 years. The last category specially honours those who have supported us since our founding in 1995. This society is named after those who have shown the resolve to keep supporting our work ending deadly conflict.



Society of 1,000 Cranes

BEQUESTS AND OTHER PLANNED GIFTS

Origami paper cranes (or *senbazuru*) are a Japanese symbol of hope and peace. A legend in Japan says anyone who unfolds one thousand paper cranes will be granted a wish. At temples throughout the country, people leave *senbazuru* behind as a prayer for peace. The cranes are left exposed to the elements, slowly becoming tattered and dissolving as symbolically, the wish is released. This society recognises the philanthropy and foresight of those who have chosen to make a gift in their will or established planned gifts for Crisis Group. They are ensuring their own legacy will be one of lasting peace – our shared wish for future generations.

For more information on your induction, please contact

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