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Letter from AfP's President & CEO, Liz Hume



The world is experiencing a 30-year high in violent conflict. Even [democracies](#), including the U.S., are experiencing increasing instability and violence. Violent conflict is deadly, causes widespread destruction, remains the primary driver of violent extremism, and forces the displacement of people from their homes. Today, more than 80 million people and an estimated [235 million people](#) need humanitarian assistance and protection, about 1-in-33 people globally, the highest figure in decades. To make matters worse, COVID-19 is "[stabilization in reverse](#)," climate change is [compounding conflict and fragility](#), genocide and mass atrocities are [dramatically increasing](#), and technology is [expanding extremists' reach](#).

But we don't have to accept that violent conflict is inevitable. The peacebuilding field has grown considerably in the past few years and built significant peacebuilding champions with lawmakers, policymakers, and bi and multilateral donors. The [Global Fragility Act \(GFA\)](#), passed by Congress as part of the 2020 Consolidated Appropriations Act and signed into law on December 20, 2019, represents a historic victory for the peacebuilding field, which long advocated for the GFA as a game-changing way forward to prevent and reduce violent conflict and build sustainable peace.

However, more work must be done to ensure successful implementation of the GFA and change policies and strategies that promote peacebuilding and conflict prevention, including ensuring integration of conflict prevention throughout development and humanitarian assistance, especially in COVID-19 and climate change programming. Locally-led peacebuilding must also become more than rhetoric, and there must be practical and operational reforms. We must also work to create standards of practice to align peacebuilding around a common purpose and develop an evidence base to ensure better policies and practices.

AfP is grateful for its 150+ strong membership of peacebuilding organizations. This network proves when peacebuilding organizations work together, big and bold ideas are achievable. We are confident that even though the world is experiencing a violent global conflict problem, working collaboratively, we will prevent and reduce violent conflict and build sustainable peace globally. Join us!

Liz Hume,
Acting President & CEO

Vision & Mission

#1 Global Peacebuilding Influencer and Change Agent

In a 2019 [study](#) based on 140+ interviews with global peacebuilding leaders and a high-level meeting convened by the Porticus Foundation, AfP was named as the “[number one influencer and change agent](#)” among peacebuilding institutions worldwide.

Vision & Mission

Our **VISION** is a world where each person feels secure, dignified, and included; a world where people build peace and manage conflict without violence.

Our **MISSION** is to champion greater peacebuilding influence, impact, and innovation to avert wars, end violence, and save lives.

Who We Are

The Alliance for Peacebuilding is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, nonpartisan network of over 150+ organizations working in 181 countries to end conflict, reduce violence, and build sustainable peace. We build coalitions in critical areas of strategy and policy, develop an adaptive and rigorous evaluative culture, and build powerful partnerships and networks to elevate the entire peacebuilding field. AfP tackles issues too large for any one organization to address alone.

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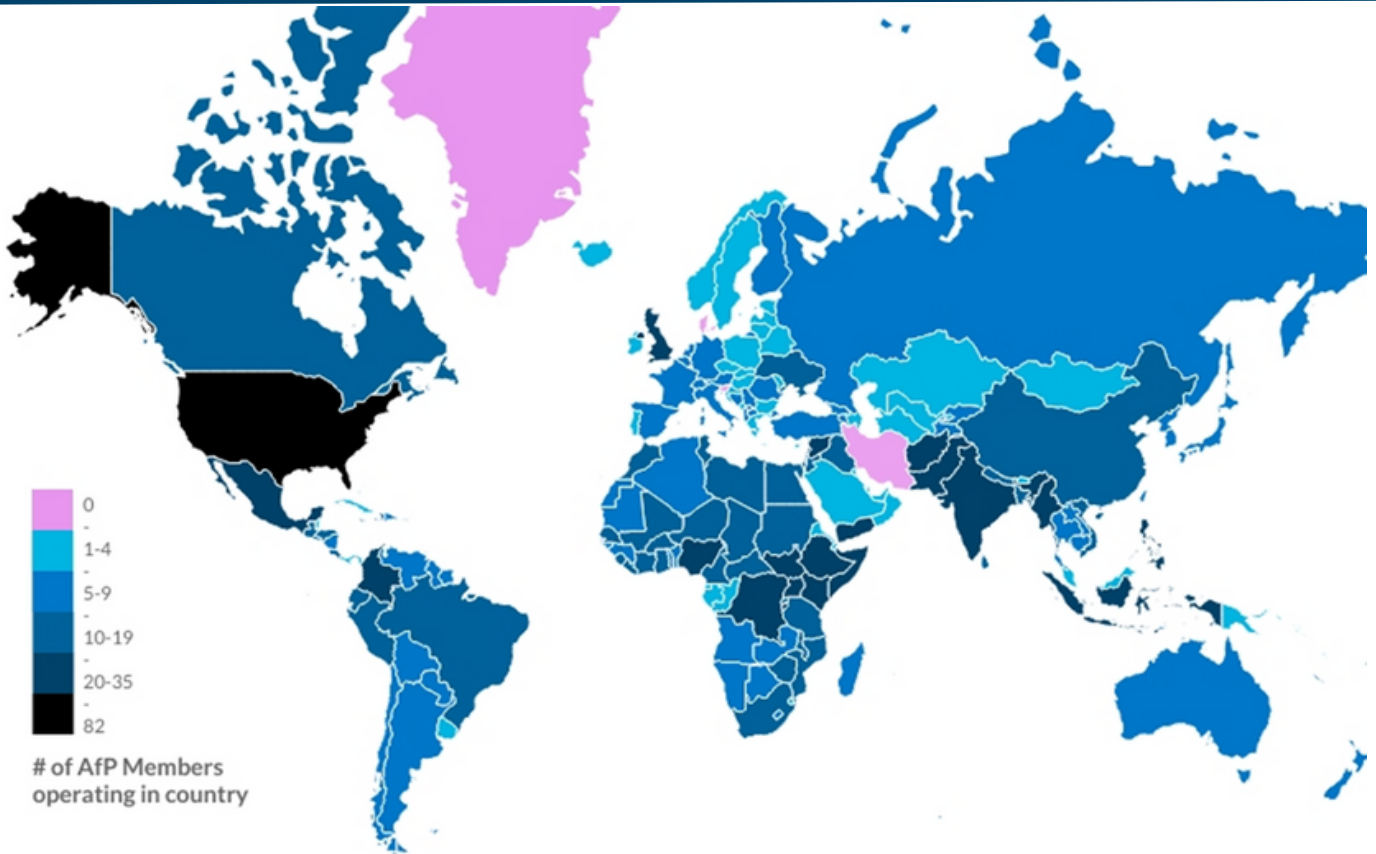
"AfP's growth and reach as a global network has been nothing short of breathtaking. Every day, in nearly every nation on earth, AfP members brave danger and discord to end wars, bridge divides, and save lives. Thanks to the unwavering commitment and creativity of its small but mighty team, AfP has achieved game-changing policy outcomes through the unique power of its nonpartisan, global peacebuilders' network."

-Uzra Zeya, Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights and former AfP CEO & President



Membership

AfP’s nonpartisan network is currently 150+ organizations strong representing over 30,000 peacebuilders in 181 countries working to end violent conflict and build peace. AfP members work across 32 different areas of expertise globally, reflecting the diversity and dynamism of the peacebuilding field. The top three areas of expertise reflected among member organizations are peacebuilding, education, and conflict prevention/management and resolution.



AfP's Members

- Alliance for Middle East Peace (ALLMEP)
- American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)
- American University, International Peace & Conflict Resolution Program (IPCR)
- Arcadia University, International Peace and Conflict Resolution Program
- Aware Girls
- Brandeis University, Graduate Programs in Coexistence and Conflict
- Bridgeway Group / The
- Build Up
- The Carter Center
- Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
- CDA Collaborative Learning Projects
- Charity & Security Network
- Chemonics International
- Civilian Peace Service Canada (CPSC)
- Conciliation Resources
- Conservation International (CI)
- Creative Associates International
- Crisis Management Initiative/Martti Ahtisaari Centre (CMI)
- Cure Violence
- Eastern Mennonite University (EMU), Center for Justice & Peacebuilding
- Environmental Law Institute (ELI)
- Equal Access International
- FHI 360
- Friends Committee On National Legislation (FCNL)
- George Mason University, Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution
- GHR Foundation
- Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC)
- Global Peace Building Foundation (GPBF)
- Global Peace Foundation
- Harvard Law School, Program on Negotiation (PON)
- Initiatives of Change USA
- Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)
- Institute For Integrated Transitions (IFIT)
- Institute For Multi-Track Diplomacy (IMTD)
- Institute For State Effectiveness
- Institute of World Affairs (IWA)
- InterAction
- International Alert
- International Association of Practitioners of Process Oriented Psychology (IAPOP)
- International Center for Religion & Diplomacy (ICRD)
- International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN)
- International Storytelling Center
- Interpeace
- Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)
- Karuna Center For Peacebuilding
- Management Systems International, Inc. (MSI)
- Mediators Beyond Borders International (MBBI)
- Mercy Corps
- Meta-Culture
- Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute Foundation, Inc.
- Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute
- Movilizadorio
- NAFSA: Association Of International Educators
- National Association for Community Mediation (NAFCM)
- New York University, School of Professional Studies, Peace Research and Education Program
- Nonviolent Peaceforce
- One Earth Future Foundation, Inc.
- Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding
- PartnersGlobal
- Pax Christi International
- PCDNetwork
- Peace Action Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR)
- Peace Appeal Foundation
- Peace Catalyst International
- Peace Direct
- Peace Network for Social Harmony
- Peace News Network
- Proceso de Comunidades Negras
- Purdue Peace Project (PPP)
- Quaker United Nations Office, New York (QUNO)
- Rotary Peace Fellowship
- Rural Education and Agriculture Organization

- Saferworld
- Salam Institute For Peace and Justice
- San Diego University, Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies
- Search for Common Ground (SFCG)
- The Shift Network
- SIL International
- SIT Graduate Institute, World Learning
- Syracuse University, Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration (PARCC)
- Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding
- The Contact Project
- Toda Peace Institute

- University of Massachusetts-Boston, Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance
- University of Notre Dame (UND), Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies
- University of Denver, Conflict Resolution Institute
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Partnership for Sustainability and Peacebuilding
- War Prevention Initiative
- Women In International Security (WIIS)
- World Faith
- World Vision
- Young-adult Empowerment Initiative

26 members joined the Alliance in 2019:

- Amani Institute
- Avila University The Buchanan Initiative for Peace and Nonviolence (BIPN)
- Center for Conservation Peacebuilding (Cpeace)
- Church of the Brethren Office of Peacebuilding and Policy
- Colors of Connection
- Conducive Space for Peace
- Counterpart International
- DAI
- Environmental Peacebuilding Association (Enpax)
- Envision Zimbabwe Women's Trust
- Generations For Peace
- Hands Across the Hills
- IREX
- Kennesaw State University, School of Conflict Management Peacebuilding and Development
- Love for Life
- Mennonite Central Committee
- NewGen Peacebuilders
- Nuru International
- Open Art Space
- Peace Network for Social Harmony
- Rondine Cittadella della Pace
- UC Irvine, Center for Citizen Peacebuilding
- United Nations Association Of The National Capital Area (UNA-NCA)
- Urban Rural Action
- Women of Color Advancing Peace, Security and Conflict Transformation
- Youth for Homeland

13 members joined the Alliance in 2020:

- Beyond Conflict
- Center for Policy Analysis (Horn of Africa)
- Citizens for Global Solutions
- Dexis Consulting Group
- George Washington University, Gender Equality Initiative in International Affairs (GEIA)
- Georgetown University, Institute for the Study of Diplomacy (ISD)
- Ideas Beyond Borders
- Muslim Community Network
- Parallel Networks
- RAHO Somalia
- ShelterBox USA
- STAND Now
- The Educators' Institute for Human Rights

15 members joined the Alliance in 2021:

- ACLED
- Adapt Peacebuilding
- Alliance for International Youth Development (AIYD)
- Baker Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies at Juniata College
- Center for Nonviolent Solutions
- Crossing Party Lines
- Digital Peace Now
- DT Global
- Everyday Peace Indicators
- Fund for Peace
- Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention (SUNY Binghamton)
- Konektid
- Melbourne Peacebuilding Initiative
- National Association for Community Mediation (NAFCM)
- Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers
- The Navanti Group
- Palladium
- Police2Peace
- Proximity International
- Renew Democracy Initiative
- The Stimson Center
- Transform Trauma Solutions

Partnerships and Convenings

AfP forges strong partnerships within and outside the peacebuilding field ensuring our members are part of the most important conversations impacting global violent conflict and building peace. **AfP expands the professional network for the field and creates coalitions that drive innovation and solutions by:**

1. Holding the largest U.S. annual peacebuilding gathering—[PeaceCon. In 2020, “Pandemics, Peace, and Justice: Shaping What Comes Next”](#) brought together over 2,000 attendees from 110 countries including peacebuilders, policymakers, practitioners, and experts.
2. Convening policy to action networking and learning events, including [Preventing and Reducing Conflict and Instability in the United States: Shaping What Comes Next](#).
3. Conducting on and off the record high-level strategy sessions with policymakers, lawmakers, donors, members, and experts globally to address the peacebuilding fields’ most pressing issues.
4. Amplifying our member’s work through AfP’s government and donor relationships and robust communications platforms, including social media and podcast, [Peace: We Build It!](#).

Working Groups and Communities of Practice

AfP's Working Groups & Communities of Practice seek to tackle peacebuilding's most pressing problems and identify promising opportunities through engagement with AfP members and key experts.

The [Preventing/Countering Violent Extremism Working Group](#) works with government officials, field practitioners, and researchers to explore peacebuilding-informed approaches to countering violent extremism, share lessons learned, analyze U.S. policy, and provide recommendations to more effectively prevent and counter violent extremism.



The [Conflict Prevention Integration Working Group](#) seeks to integrate peacebuilding into all development and humanitarian sectors by understanding the challenges, successes, and strategies for mainstreaming conflict prevention.

The [Locally-Led Working Group](#) seeks to amplify cutting-edge research and programs by locally-led peacebuilding organizations, and ensure policy wins.



The [Working Group on U.S. Peace, Justice, and Democracy](#), co-led by AfP and Urban Rural Action, works to address conflict dynamics, prevent and reduce violence and extremism, and build sustainable peace in the U.S.

The Mali Working Group worked to promote effective support for Mali among NGOs, the U.S. government, Mali civil society, and the private sector (ended in 2020).



The [Digital Peacebuilding Community of Practice](#) is an open community of practice to advance “digital peacebuilding”, defined as the analysis of and response to online conflict dynamics and the harnessing of digital tools to amplify peacebuilding outcomes.



The [Global Fragility Act \(GFA\) Coalition](#) is dedicated to the passage and successful implementation of the [Global Fragility Act](#), a game-changing 2019 law to prevent and reduce violent conflict and increase the effectiveness of U.S. foreign assistance.

The [U.S. Youth, Peace, and Security \(YPS\) Coalition](#) is working with Representative Grace Meng (D-NY) to support the reintroduction of [H.R. 4838, the Youth, Peace, and Security Act of 2021](#).



In 2020 AfP introduced the Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) practice area. In collaboration with Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security (WCAPS) this practice works to promote inclusion of and equity within the peacebuilding field, as outlined through the [DEI statement](#).

Throughout 2019 and 2020, AfP partnered and collaborated on numerous publications, events, and expert discussions to advance the field. Strategic partners include the [Trust Network](#), [+Peace](#), and the [U.S. Institute of Peace](#).



PeaceCon 2019 - 2020



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PeaceCon 2020

As the COVID-19 pandemic spread globally, AfP quickly pivoted [PeaceCon 2020, in partnership with the United States Institute of Peace](#), to a virtual convening. ***Pandemics, Peace, and Justice: Shaping What Comes Next*** was the [largest U.S. peacebuilding conference yet](#). Over three days, PeaceCon reached over 19 million online users and more than 2,000 attendees participated in 50 panels and workshops. Over 110 nationalities and 600 organizations were represented.

"I am inspired by the extraordinary community brought together at PeaceCon, especially during a year of fear, division, and despair. What I have heard at PeaceCon is hope, creativity, and the desire to build bridges and stand strong for justice."

-Melanie Greenberg, Humanity United

Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) kicked off the conference saying

"We must trust those with expertise in peacebuilding and conflict resolution, and only then can we regain credibility and help to lead alongside our global partners."

-Senator Chris Coons

Darren Walker, President of the Ford Foundation, closed out day one of PeaceCon 2020 with a [fireside chat](#), emphasizing the need for greater economic equality, robust philanthropic giving, and enhanced DEI across global, regional, and local NGOs.

Pandemics:

The [high-level plenary session](#) brought together leaders from major peacebuilding and development organizations to address the relationship between COVID-19, conflict, and fragility. They stated the pandemic is more than just a health crisis and it is contributing to democratic backsliding, violent extremism, violence against women, and exacerbated structural inequalities.

Liz Hume, AfP's Acting President and CEO, stated,

"The social and economic consequences of the pandemic are landing hardest on women because of existing gender inequalities ... But despite this, women are showing exemplary strength as they combat COVID-19 within their communities. Women peacebuilders are educating local communities about containing and preventing the spread of COVID-19 and make up a significant portion of frontline health workers."

-Liz Hume, AfP

The [Women, Peace, and Security \(WPS\)](#) agenda featured heavily as leading women peacebuilders including ICAN's Founder & CEO Sanam Naraghi-Anderlini and Ambassador

Highlights from PeaceCon 2020



Senator Chris Coons delivers his opening remarks



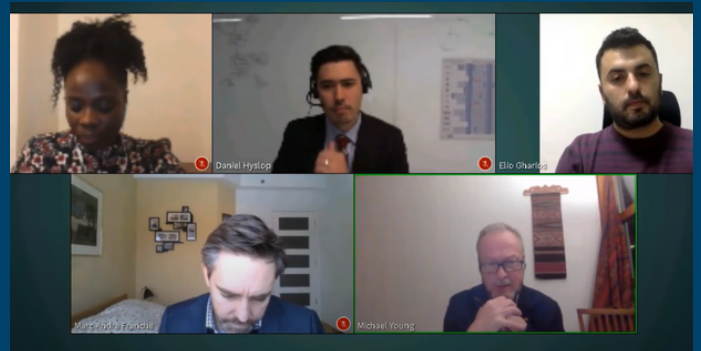
We Told You So...Why Listening to the Local Experience of Women Peacebuilders Matters for Global Peace and Security



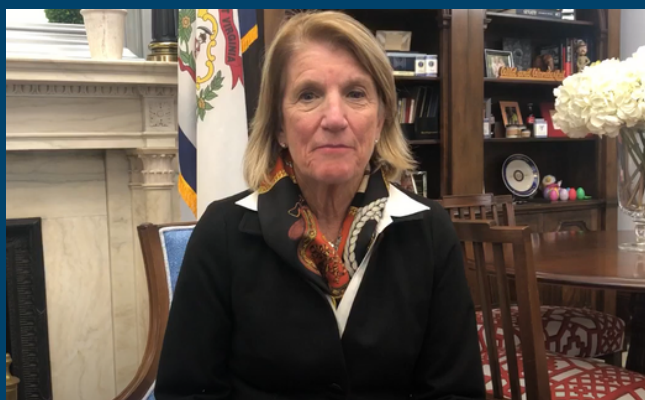
Championing Youth, Peace & Security: A Conversation Between U.S. Representative Grace Meng, U.S. Representative Susan Brooks & Youth Peacebuilders



Police to Peace: An Open Discussion on Police Use of Deadly Force In America



Building Peace in a Time of Global Pandemic – Looking Ahead to 2021



Senator Shelley Capito delivers her opening remarks for day 2 of PeaceCon 2020.



AfP'S Uzra Zeya delivers her remarks during Pandemics, Peace, and Justice: Shaping What Comes Next



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Bonnie Jenkins, former Executive Director of WCAPS and current Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Affairs, spoke about the pandemic's negative impact on women and how women were rising to the challenge.

"By giving women the same tools and the same opportunities to participate in the global promotion of peace, we can accomplish three critical goals: improving the diplomatic and peacemaking process, helping to promote stability abroad, and laying the groundwork for a more secure future here at home."

-Senator Shelley Capito

Panels included:

- [*COVID and Fragility: Risks and Recovery*](#)
- [*Trauma in the Time of COVID: Navigating Mental Health During the Pandemic*](#)
- [*Building Peace in a Time of Global Pandemic: Looking Ahead to 2021*](#)

Peace:

Throughout PeaceCon 2020, AfP members facilitated conversations on how to successfully implement the [Global Fragility Act](#) (GFA) with coalition leaders, congressional staffers and the OECD. Senator Chris Coons, leading co-sponsor of the GFA, said,

"I'm proud to help lead the Global Fragility Act, both in its enactment and now its implementation. It's an effort to align U.S. diplomacy, development, and defense policy."

-Senator Chris Coons

Representatives Grace Meng (D-NY-06), Susan Brooks (R-IN-05, retired), and youth peacebuilders discussed the importance of the [Youth, Peace, and Security \(YPS\)](#) legislation. Representative Meng acknowledged the difficulties youth peacebuilders face and stated,

"Young people are the generation that is most impacted by the political decisions of elites and governments, but yet they aren't given the space, or oftentimes the respect, to participate in designing their own future."

-Representative Grace Meng

Panels included:

- [*Global Fragility Act: Challenges, Opportunities and What Comes Next?*](#)
- [*We Told You So...Why Listening to the Local Experience of Women Peacebuilders Matters for Global Peace and Security*](#)
- [*Championing Youth, Peace, and Security: A Conversation Between U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks, Grace Meng, and Youth Peacebuilders*](#)

Justice:

PeaceCon 2020 highlighted the increasing conflict dynamics and injustice in the United States and

the critical need for [police reform and community-led policing](#) and a trauma and [countering violent extremism informed approach](#) in the U.S. AfP awarded the [2020 Melanie Greenberg Award of Excellence](#) to two U.S. peacebuilders, Joe Bubman, Executive Director of Urban Rural Action, and Shelly Marc, Civic Engagement and Racial Justice Public Policy Manager at Instagram who was instrumental in her previous role with Representative Barbara Lee to ensure the introduction of [H.Con.Res.100](#) proposal to establish a Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation Commission in the U.S.

Panels included:

- [US Peacebuilding: What Comes Next](#)
- [Ctrl+Alt+Del-Hate: A Trauma and Countering Violent Extremism Informed Approach to Promoting Justice](#)
- [Police to Peace: An Open Discussion on Police Use of Deadly Force In America](#)

PeaceCon 2019

[PeaceCon 2019](#) “Seizing the Moment for Peace in a Disrupted World” attracted 800 registrants, representing 51 nationalities and 289 organizations. To kick off the 2019 event, 40+ AfP members participated in a Peacebuilding Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill focusing on passage of the Global Fragility Act.

In partnership with the United States Institute of Peace, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and former President of Liberia Ellen Johnson Sirleaf [galvanized the audience with a call for gender-inclusive peacebuilding](#) at the opening of PeaceCon 2019. Forty-three panels and workshops followed over three days, including topics such as Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, preventing violent extremism, technology’s impact on conflict, the power of grassroots activism and mobilization, and more. In an increasingly disrupted world, PeaceCon 2019 brought together peacebuilders to build new connections and partnerships and collectively seize the moment for peace.

Keynote speaker William J. Burns, former President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and author of the [Back Channel, addressed the importance of U.S. diplomacy in an increasingly volatile world](#) and outlined how civil society and government must work together to build a more responsive and effective international system. Judith Heumann, Former Special Advisor for International Disability Rights, U.S. Department of State, spoke about how [to apply a disability lens to development](#).

The conference included extraordinary youth leaders, including Bria Smith of March for Our Lives who believes we need to reimagine movement building because

“Social justice movements aren't about age, or gender, or sexual orientation; they don't discriminate because everyone is affected, whether directly or indirectly.”
-Bria Smith

Highlights from PeaceCon 2019



Nobel Prize Laureate and former President of Liberia Ellen Johnson Sirleaf delivers her remarks at the opening session.



Plenary session featuring Judith Heumann, Former Special Advisor for International Disability Rights, U.S. Department of State, on how to apply a disability lens to development



Youth leaders, including Bria Smith of March for Our Lives, discuss building modern movements.



AfP's Liz Hume delivers opening remarks during the Melanie Greenberg Award Ceremony



AfP's Uzra Zeya and Ambassador William J. Burns discuss how civil society and government must work together to build a more responsive and effective international system



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At the same time, youth filmmaker Claire Sliney of the Academy Award-winning film *Period. End of Sentence* reminded the audience that these [movements are interlocked](#).

To honor global political leaders of the peacebuilding field, AfP launched the first annual Peacebuilding Champion Award in 2019, recognizing Representatives Eliot Engel (D-NY), Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and Michael McCaul (R-TX), Lead Republican of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, for championing the Global Fragility Act of 2019 and their commitment to violence reduction and conflict prevention.

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Policy & Advocacy



AfP advocates and educates on behalf of the peacebuilding field to ensure conflict prevention, violence reduction, and peacebuilding lessons and findings correlate to better policy, programming, and legal frameworks. We advise and provide technical leadership and expertise on conflict prevention and peacebuilding strategies that are rooted in evidence, local leadership, and inclusion to government agencies and bilateral, multilateral, and private donors. In 2019 and 2020 AfP and its membership were successful in building robust multi and bilateral peacebuilding champions. However, there is still much work to be done to ensure significant investment in and integration of peacebuilding and conflict prevention across policies and programs.

Building Peacebuilding Champions Through Key Peacebuilding U.S. Legislation and Executive Branch Policies and Advocacy

The [Global Fragility Act](#) (GFA), passed by Congress as part of the 2020 Consolidated Appropriations Act and signed into law on December 20, 2019, represents a historic victory for the peacebuilding field, which long advocated for the GFA as a game-changing way forward to prevent and reduce violent conflict. AfP and Mercy Corps co-lead the non-partisan [GFA Coalition](#), consisting of 68 peacebuilding and development organizations.

“To ensure successful implementation of the GFA, the Coalition strongly [advocates through consultations](#) with high-level government officials, congressional staff, experts, and [local peacebuilders](#). AfP also published evidence-based research, including a [GFA implementation report](#), [case studies](#), and influential [commentary](#) and [analysis](#), and released a [companion report](#) on the integration of the GFA and the WPS Agenda.

AfP also builds peacebuilding champions by co-leading a 70+ member [coalition](#) with Search for Common Ground to work on introduction and passage of the [Youth, Peace, and Security Act](#). Additionally, AfP co-leads a 50+ member coalition with the Charity & Security Network to advance a [legislative fix](#) to U.S. laws that criminalizes the delivery of critical peacebuilding and humanitarian assistance.

For more priorities and recommendations please see AfP’s top legislative priorities for the [116th](#) and [117th](#) U.S. Congresses.

AfP played a critical role in advocating for and shaping the new USAID Bureau on Conflict Prevention and Stabilization (CPS). AfP mobilized members, undertook extensive consultations with civil society and the Administration, provided detailed recommendations, and convened the field for the launch event for CPS. AfP convened its members to work closely with the new Conflict, Violence and Prevention office at USAID on the [Countering Violent Extremism policy](#) released in April 2021.

In 2020, AfP pivoted quickly to lead the advocacy on the COVID-19 global pandemic, deeming it “[stabilization in reverse](#).” The pandemic is responsible for [accelerating democratic backsliding](#), [undermining human rights](#), causing a “[shadow pandemic](#)” of [gender-based violence](#), allowing autocrats to [consolidate power](#), and leading to the [proliferation](#) of violent conflict and extremism. AfP provided critical [findings](#), [analysis](#), and policy [recommendations](#) to ensure that conflict prevention and peacebuilding were not treated as a secondary issue after health and humanitarian assistance and were [fully integrated into the COVID-19 strategy](#).

Conflict Affected and Fragile States

As the world grappled with increasing violence, conflict, and crises, AfP put out a statement on the conflict and humanitarian catastrophe in [Yemen](#), developed a [policy](#) on the Afghan peace process, and despite political reforms in Ethiopia, published a [report](#) about increasing ethnic violence and regional instability.

Multilateral Policies

In 2020, AfP led and joined global convenings that linked the GFA to other important international frameworks, such as the [2020 UN Peacebuilding Architecture Review](#) and the 2020 [World Bank Group's Strategy for Fragility, Conflict, and Violence](#). In October, AfP joined the rollout of the [2020 OECD States of Fragility](#) report, which called for a redirection of international donor assistance toward upstream prevention that cited joint [2019 Peace Direct-AfP research](#) on the need for local ownership. AfP continues to engage the UN and other international partners and multilateral institutions to integrate conflict prevention and peacebuilding approaches in conflict affected and fragile states.

Addressing Increasing Conflict Dynamics in the U.S.

In response to increasing conflict dynamics in the U.S. AfP raised awareness of the increasing violence and conflict and led former U.S. government officials in [calling for immediate action](#), building upon [earlier efforts](#) assessing conflict trends. AfP and Urban Rural Action created the [U.S. Peace, Justice, and Democracy Working Group](#) to develop and advocate for concrete policies and programs to address the deteriorating dynamics and build sustainable peace in the U.S. The Working Group in early 2021 provided [recommendations](#) to the new Biden Administration, [appropriations requests](#) to Congress, and a [policy brief](#) identifying the drivers of violence and conflict and the way forward. AfP is working with NewGen Peacebuilders and Rotary to institute reforms that integrate [peace curriculum](#) through U.S. history and civics education to create a new generation of engaged youth equipped to overcome polarization and injustice.

Policy & Advocacy Resources:

- [COVID-19 Resource Library](#)
- [P/CVE Digest](#)
- [Peace & Conflict Stats](#)
- [Future Trends](#)





Learning and Evaluation



AfP is leading the peacebuilding field through our cutting-edge Learning & Evaluation (L&E) work to improve outcomes and make the case for peacebuilding. Over the past decade, AfP-led research has identified a lack of design, monitoring, and evaluation (DM&E) capacity as a critical barrier to elevating the peacebuilding field. The lack of capacity within the field to measure impact, assess effectiveness, and develop evidence-based programming inhibits peacebuilders' ability to determine "what works," why, and how -- and to ensure this learning is applied to practice and policy.

To support a robust, evaluative culture for the peacebuilding field, we focus on enhancing DM&E capacity; conducting pioneering research; translating evidence to improve practice; and convening joint-learning initiatives.

Enhancing DM&E Capacity

Improved DM&E capacity within organizations is integral to increasing the recognition, prevalence, and effectiveness of programming. Given the critical barrier that low DM&E capacity presents, particularly to local organizations, AfP has focused our efforts to support enhanced internal design and monitoring practices and capacity development.

To address this gap, AfP developed a [Peacebuilding Design & Monitoring Training \(PDM Training\)](#), with support from GHR Foundation. This training develops practical knowledge for effective design and monitoring

of peacebuilding programming. In 2019, AfP facilitated 9 free PDM Trainings across 6 countries, working with 211 participants from 85 organizations and 27 countries.

Conducting pioneering research:

AfP is driving a field-wide cultural shift to evaluate peacebuilding successes into a robust body of evidence through our pioneering research efforts.

Through 2019 - 2020, AfP released 5 innovative research initiatives:

1. May 2020, [The Edge of Crisis: COVID-19's Impact on Peacebuilding & Measures to Stabilize the Field](#)
2. October 2019, [Perspectives in Peacebuilding: Assessment of current dynamics in the peacebuilding system](#)
3. June 2019, [Local Peacebuilding: What Works and Why](#)
4. April 2019, [Violence Reduction Sub-Sector Review & Evidence Evaluation](#)
5. March 2019, [Raising the Bar - Monitoring & Evaluation Requirements of Peacebuilding Funders](#)

**"This [Violence Reduction Sub-sector Review & Evidence Evaluation report] is just the kind of strong contribution that we've come to expect from AfP!
-USAID Evaluator**

Solutions Forum 2019:

"This is my second year at the event, and I enjoyed it even more than last year's. I liked the mix of presentations and workshops...and I learned a lot. I enjoyed the mix of global partners."
-Former British Prime Minister, Tony Blair

Insights Forum 2019:

"I hope that this Forum...run by my Institute and the Alliance for Peacebuilding...will help take our collective efforts to the next level."
-Former British Prime Minister, Tony Blair.

Chiapas, Mexico 2019

"Our colleagues from AfP helped the members...realize the importance that M&E has from the early stages of any project and even before...the workshop helped the members become familiar with the process of building indicators, outcomes, and outputs, which is often feared."
-Former British Prime Minister, Tony Blair.

The L&E team also facilitates the Porticus-funded [Peer Learning Community for Evaluation of Interreligious Dialogue Initiatives \(PLC\)](#). We hosted 5 PLC sessions in 2020 focused on capacity-building activities, conversations with subject-matter experts, peer-led problem-solving initiatives, and presentations from participants.



"Involvement in the PLC has enhanced the way we have approached [our work]...we are more mindful of M&E."

In an effort to build further connections, AfP's Senior Director - Learning & Evaluation acts as an Advisor on the [InterAction Evaluation and Program Effectiveness Community of Practice](#), SIPRI and World Food Program State of the Art in Measuring Peace Expert Consultations, and the Environmental Law Institute and USIP Advisory Committee for Monitoring and Evaluating Environmental Peacebuilding Interventions.





Partnerships & Campaigns



+Peace

[+Peace](#) is a campaign platform and movement incubator powered by peacebuilders. Under the guidance of a six-person steering group +Peace is housed at the Alliance For Peacebuilding. +Peace members and partners are leaders and organizations working to transform conflict, build peace in conflict-affected contexts, and support local peacebuilding efforts worldwide.

After more than a year of consultations and co-creation, +Peace has launched a newly refined and developed strategy that seeks a world without violence where peacebuilding is known, accessible, and actionable by inspiring a global movement that is a creative and powerful force for peacebuilding using cultural and narrative change strategies amplified through strategic communications initiatives that lead to collective peacebuilding action.

+Peace's main goals are to:

- Make Peacebuilding Knowable through Education and Communications
- Make Peacebuilding Accessible by Connecting and Activating Peacebuilders
- Make Peacebuilding Actionable Through Collective Campaigns That Build Power

+Peace's key initiatives include:

- [Peacebuilding Action Week](#)
- [Peace in Our Cities](#)
- [The Hive](#)
- Peace Design
- Connected Storytelling



AfP in the Media & Publications

Throughout 2019-2020, AfP saw tremendous growth in our social media presence with a total of 49,000 social media followers, a net increase of 27,000 followers since 2018, and a steady upward trend of social media growth since 2016.

During an especially fast-paced and crisis-driven news cycle in 2020, AfP was a voice of authority on issues ranging from the global COVID-19 pandemic, nationwide protests and demonstrations over systemic racism and injustice, a contentious and polarizing U.S. presidential election, and more.

AfP Contributions

2020:

- [Revitalizing the State Department and American Diplomacy](#)
- [Four Ways Americans Can Start Building Peace Today](#)
- [Ending Violent Conflicts Requires Preventing Them in the First Place](#)
- [Don't Whitewash History In Our Schools](#)
- [Halting US Foreign Assistance to Ethiopia Jeopardizes Nascent Political Reforms](#)
- [No Time to Waste to Implement the Global Fragility Act](#)
- [There's broad bipartisan support for a better international response in COVID-19 funding: why can't the U.S. deliver?](#)
- [Addressing COVID-19: Why Effective Leadership and Depoliticized Responses Matter](#)
- [Former senior-level U.S. government international conflict experts call for immediate action to address significantly worsening conflict dynamics in the United States](#)



2019:

- [How Peacebuilding Can Replace Endless War](#)
- [The Global Fragility Act is a way forward to reduce violent conflict](#)
- [Leverage for peace philanthropy in USA Global Fragility Act](#)
- [Op-Ed: How can cultural diversity drive peace and development?](#)
- [The unsung heroes in peace building](#)
- [Opinion: Congress leads the way in rebalancing US foreign policy toward prevention](#)
- [Unexceptional: Assessing Conflict Trends and Peacebuilding Opportunities in the United States](#)



Coverage of AfP

2020:

- [US State Department releases Global Fragility Strategy.](#)
- [Global Fragility Strategy could drive system reform if implemented properly, OECD says](#)
- ['Peace starts at home': US elections and what it means for the future of peacebuilding](#)
- [Ask the Experts: Should U.S. Foreign Policy Focus on Great-Power Competition?](#)
- [US State Department comes up short of a global fragility strategy.](#)
- [A Reckoning With Race to Ensure Diversity for America's Face Abroad](#)
- [U.S. Diplomats Struggle to Defend Democracy Abroad Amid Crises at Home](#)
- [Critics Hear Political Tone as Pompeo Calls Out Diplomatic Rivals Over Human Rights](#)
- ['Right Now Is the Moment to Decide If You Are Pro-Peace or Not': Ocasio-Cortez Joins Progressive Chorus Against War With Iran](#)



2019:

- [Master STAR trainer Donna Minter honored with Alliance for Peacebuilding's Award of Excellence](#)
- [Reykjavík Global Forum - Women Leaders 2019](#)
- [New Global Fragility Act could be a landmark shift](#)
- [Doing business in war zones: Do global corporations have a peacebuilding role?](#)
- [They Have Worked on Conflicts Overseas. Now These Americans See 'Red Flags' at Home.](#)
- [Around the globe, Trump's style is inspiring imitators and unleashing dark impulses](#)



AfP Statements

2020:

- [12 January 2021 — PeaceCon 2020 – The Largest U.S. Peacebuilding Conference Yet!](#)
- [4 December 2020 — AfP Recognizes U.S. Senators Capito and Shaheen with 2nd Annual Peacebuilding Champion Award](#)
- [30 November 2020 — AfP Announces Winners of 2020 Melanie Greenberg U.S. Peacebuilding Award of Excellence](#)
- [9 November 2020 — AfP Statement on 2020 U.S. Elections: the Imperative for Peacebuilding at Home](#)
- [2 November 2020 — U.S. Election Violence is Not Inevitable: How to prevent it before, during, and after November 3rd](#)
- [3 June 2020 — Uniting for Peace and Racial Justice](#)
- [11 March 2020 — AfP Welcomes New Bipartisan U.S. Legislation to Champion Youth, Peace, and Security](#)
- [6 January 2020 — AfP Hails the Global Fragility Act, A Bipartisan Game Changer in Preventing and Reducing Violent Conflict](#)



2019:

- [19 December 2019 — AfP Named #1 Global Peacebuilding Influencer and Change Agent](#)
- [16 December 2019 — AfP Welcomes Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins and Alan Fitts to our Board of Directors!](#)
- [24 October 2019 — The Alliance for Peacebuilding and Peace Direct call for the immediate release of Gulalai Ismail's father](#)
- [10 October 2019 — PeaceCon2019 Brings Together Peacebuilders from 50+ Countries and 289 Organizations - the largest Annual Conference Yet!](#)
- [8 October 2019 — The Alliance for Peacebuilding Adopts New Logo](#)
- [20 September 2019 — AfP Announces Winners of Melanie Greenberg U.S. Peacebuilding Award of Excellence](#)
- [19 September 2019 — Peace and Human Rights Activist Gulalai Ismail is Safe in the U.S. After Threats to Her Life](#)
- [18 September 2019 — AfP Recognizes U.S. Representatives Engel and McCaul with Inaugural Peacebuilding Champion Award](#)
- [5 September 2019 — In Face of Mounting Violence, +Peace Coalition Launches Inaugural Global Peacebuilding Action Week](#)
- [5 June 2019 — In Memoriam: Ambassador John W. McDonald](#)
- [30 May 2019 — AfP Affirms Solidarity with Gulalai Ismail](#)
- [1 April 2019 — AfP Statement on Cuts to Northern Triangle Assistance](#)
- [15 March 2019 — 2020 Budget: Safeguarding Institutions and Funds for Peace](#)
- [8 March 2019 — Civil Society Coalition Welcomes Global Fragility Act](#)
- [8 March 2019 — AfP Commends Introduction of Global Fragility Act](#)
- [9 January 2019 — Peacebuilding Coalition Hires Director to Launch Global Peacebuilding Campaign in 2019](#)



Board of Directors

AfP's Board of Directors has CEOs from the world's most innovative and impactful peacebuilding, development, and conflict prevention organizations, plus dynamic private sector leaders.

In 2019-2020, AfP welcomed 3 new members to our board of directors: Alan Fitts, Executive Director of International Government Relations at JP Morgan Chase & Co; Alicia Phillips Mandaville, former Vice President for Global Programs at IREX and current Vice President, Department of Policy and Education at Millennium Challenge Corporation; and Isam Ghanim, President of Search for Common Ground.

Board Leadership & Executive Committee:

- Julia Roig — Board Chair & Executive Committee Member
- Dylan Mathews — Vice Chair & Executive Committee Member
- Ambassador Rick Barton — Board Treasurer & Executive Committee Member
- Rachael Burkholder — Executive Committee Secretary & Member
- The Honorable Charlie Bolden — Executive Committee Member

Board Members:

- Alan Fitts
- Isam Ghanim
- Kerri Kennedy
- Deborah Kennedy-Iraheta
- Dave Loew

The following board members stepped down:

- Joel Braunold (2019)
- Marie Dennis (2019)
- Sean Knierim (2019)
- Clare Lockhart (2019)
- Stephen Moseley (2019)
- Bob Berg - Chairman Emeritus (2020)
- Shamil Idriss (2021)
- Bonnie Jenkins (2021)
- Alicia Phillips Mandaville (2021)

Emeritus Board Members

- Chip Hauss — Emeritus Member
- Rob Ricigliano — Emeritus Member

"We are in an era defined by division, fractious politics, burgeoning inequality, and the expansion of vulnerable communities struggling to respond to the unparalleled challenges of today. Responding to these trends requires careful coordination of the public sector, private sector and civil society, and the ongoing advocacy for the peacebuilding field on the global stage. The Alliance for Peacebuilding is serving this essential role in this critical moment."

-Alan Fitts, Board Member

"AfP remains one of the most dynamic and important thought leaders in the global peacebuilding ecosystem. It was remarkably proactive and responsive to the needs of its members during the COVID crisis, and it has continued to respond and lead in ways that have genuinely supported and strengthened the peacebuilding field. I am extremely proud to serve on its Board and I look forward to seeing even greater impact and growth in the coming years."

-Dylan Matthews, Vice Chair, Executive Committee Member

Senior Fellows & Current Staff

Current Staff:

- Elizabeth (Liz) Hume, Acting CEO & President
- Jessica Baumgardner-Zuzik, Senior Director of Learning & Evaluation
- Shaziya DeYoung, Senior Research Associate of Learning & Evaluation
- Saurav Upadhyay, Research Manager of Learning & Evaluation
- Megan Corrado, Director of Policy and Advocacy
- Marice Fernando, Manager of Membership & Operations
- Nick Zuroski, Senior Associate for Communications, Campaigns, and Policy
- Elias Lindsey, Administrative Coordinator

+Peace:

- Monica Curca, Narrative and Cultural Strategist Director
- Thor Morales, Connected Stories Manager
- Branden Gallia, Senior Operations Manager

Senior Fellows:

- Antti Pentikainen — Senior Fellow
- Charles “Chip” Hauss — Senior Fellow for Innovation
- Christopher Holshek — Senior Civil-Military Fellow
- Douglas Irvin-Erickson — Senior Fellow for Peacebuilding in the US
- George Halvorson — Senior Fellow for Early Childhood Development
- Gretchen Sandles — Senior Fellow for Research
- Hamse Warfa — Senior Fellow for Opportunity and Equity
- Jonathan (Jon) Rudy — Senior Fellow for Human Security
- Kevin Rachlin - Senior Fellow for Israel and Palestine Policy
- Larry Garber — Senior Fellow for Electoral Violence
- Lisa Schirch — Senior Fellow for Policy
- Mari Fitzduff — Senior Fellow for Academic-Practitioner Cooperation in Peacebuilding
- Patricia Shafer — Senior Fellow for Peace Education
- Ravi Venkatesan — Senior Fellow for Strategies
- Sharon Morris — Senior Fellow
- Stephen Moseley — Senior Fellow for Development
- Tanya Domi — Senior Fellow for Communications and Peacebuilding
- Theo Sittler — Senior Fellow for Legislative Policy



Major Foundations & Institutional Donors

The Alliance for Peacebuilding thanks our institutional donors, as well as our board members and members of our community who gave so generously throughout 2019-2020 to make our peacebuilding work possible!

2019 Foundations and Institutional:

- Humanity United
- Wm. Collins Kohler Foundation
- Catalyst for Peace
- Carnegie Corporation of New York
- Wellspring (+Peace)
- PartnersGlobal (Reframing Peace)
- GHR Foundation



2019 Individual:

\$500+

- Susan Hackley
- Helene Zimmer-Loew
- Peter Woodrow

\$1,000+

- Frederick Barton
- Mari Fitzduff
- Robert Ricigliano
- George Halvorson
- Rachael Burkholder
- Elizabeth Nkuo Johnson (Blue Cross Blue Shield)
- Charlie Bolden (Blue Cross Blue Shield)
- Stephen Mosely
- Bob Berg
- Dave Loew
- Gazelle Zeya
- Uzra Zeya

\$50,000+

- Gretchen Sandles and Chip Hauss

2020 Foundations and Institutional:

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| • Humanity United | • Carnegie Corporation of New York | • Porticus Foundation |
| • Wm. Collins Kohler Foundation | • Wellspring (+Peace) | • Greater Washington Community Fund |
| • Catalyst for Peace | • Open Society Foundation | • Cloudera |
| | | • GHR Foundation |

2020 Individual:

\$500+

- Risto Cretan

\$1,000+

- Charlie Bolden
- Robert Ricigliano
- Frederick Barton

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- Alan Fitts

\$10,000+

- George Halvorson

\$50,000+

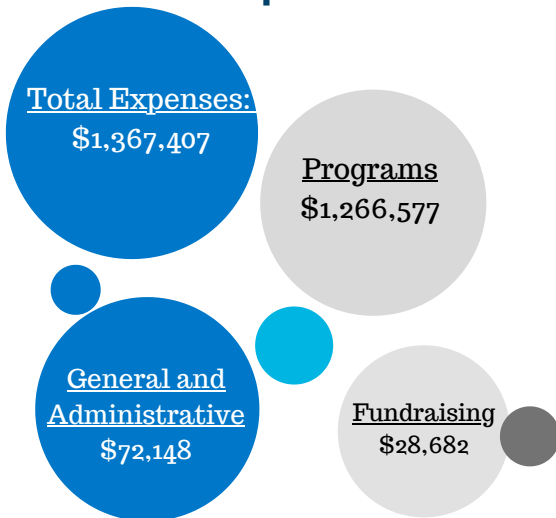
- Chip Hauss and Gretchen Sandles

"AFP is a critical partner and is one of a few organizations that successfully navigates the peacebuilding and policy landscape. We've appreciated how the organization deftly plays the role of convener and collaborator while also gathering and sharing much needed information."

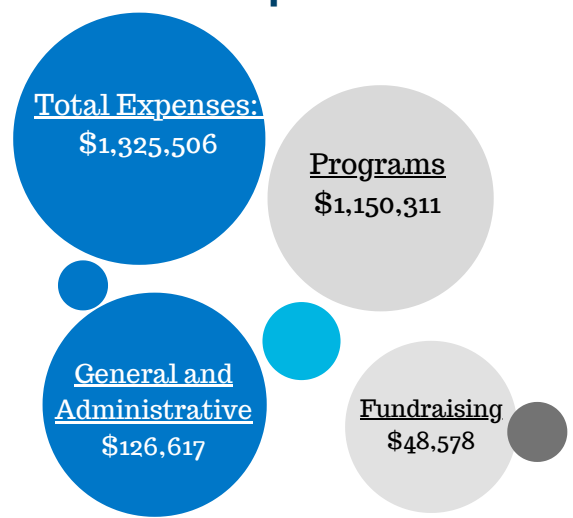
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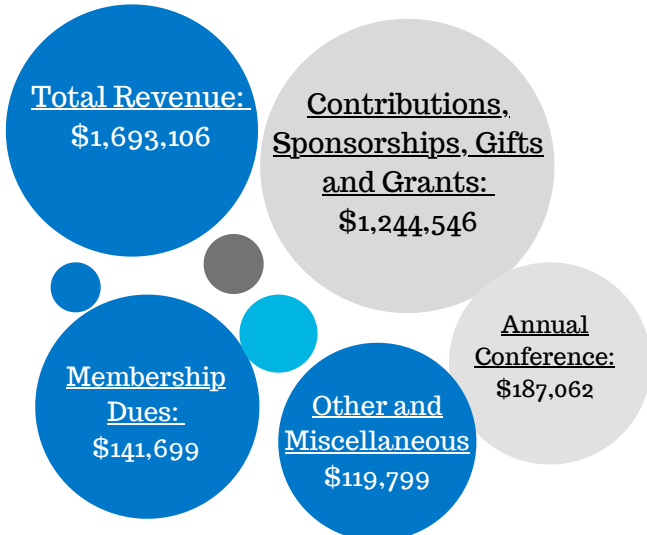
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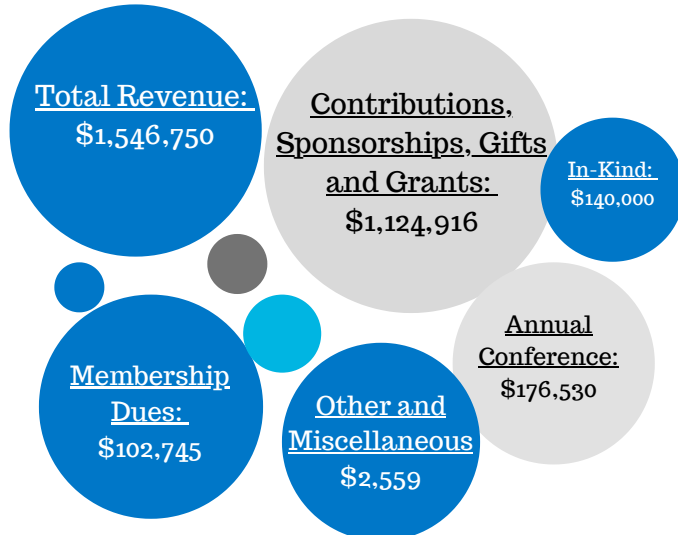
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We build coalitions in key areas of strategy and policy to elevate the entire peacebuilding field, tackling issues too large for any one organization to address alone.