

# THE PBF IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Côte d'Ivoire suffered a series of political crises, which degenerated into conflicts, beginning in 2002. The conflicts resulted in numerous deaths, more than one million internally displaced people and refugees, serious human rights violations and deep mistrust within and between communities and security forces. Since the end of open conflict in 2011, Côte d'Ivoire has made significant progress as reflected in improvements in its security indices and the departure of the UN peacekeeping mission (UNOCI) in June 2017. The country, however, continues to face some residual challenges. In 2017, some elements in the armed forces staged several mutinies. PBF has been a major partner to the country since the end of the open conflict to date.

PBF support to Côte d'Ivoire began in 2012, following the end of post-electoral crisis and a joint request from the Government and ONUCI to intervene. PBF support has since been renewed twice, with a cumulative allocation of USD \$42 million.

The PBF and its partners have targeted the most sensitive areas, particularly in the west and center of the country. The security sector and DDR.

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