What is the Peaceful Uses Initiative?

The Peaceful Uses Initiative (PUI), which was launched in 2010, has become instrumental in mobilizing extrabudgetary contributions that supplement the Technical Cooperation Fund to support various technical cooperation projects and other unfunded projects of the IAEA in the peaceful application of nuclear technology.

Additional resources through PUI have been used to support a wide variety of IAEA activities aimed at promoting broad development goals in Member States in areas such as food security, water resource management, human and animal health, including the establishment of a network of veterinary diagnostic laboratories in Africa and Asia, nuclear power infrastructure development and nuclear safety, many of which would have remained unfunded without PUI. PUI has also allowed the IAEA to respond faster and more flexibly to the evolving priorities of Member States, as well as to unexpected needs or unforeseen emergency events. This was demonstrated by the IAEA's response to the Ebola virus disease in West Africa, to the Zika virus disease in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as to natural disasters in Asia and Latin America.

As of February 2018, PUI has helped mobilize over 100 million euros — from 24 Member States, the European Commission and the private sector — in support of more than 250 projects that benefit over 150 Member States.

The IAEA will continue its work to further promote the benefits of the peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology, contributing to 'Atoms for Peace and Development' and the attainment by Member States of their Sustainable Development Goals.



Nuclear and nuclear-derived techniques can help improve livestock heath and production and fight animal diseases. (Photo: N. Jawerth/IAEA)

Vets in Bangui, Central African Republic, use nuclear-derived techniques to detect diseases that are transmitted from animals to humans, including Ebola. The IAEA helps equip laboratories and trains scientists in the use of these techniques. (Photo: L. Gil/IAEA)

How to make an extra-budgetary contribution through the Peaceful Uses Initiative

Member States initiate the process by sending a pledge letter to the IAEA, including the amount of the contribution, specific project to fund, if already identified, and an indication that the contribution is made through PUI. Member States are encouraged to closely consult with the Secretariat before they make their official pledge.

The IAEA will initiate the formal acceptance process for the contribution and respond to the pledge letter.

Private donors interested in contributing through the PUI are encouraged to contact the Secretariat to identify the appropriate modality.

For further information on PUI, please access https://www.iaea.org/services/key-programmes/ peaceful-uses-initiative





Construction of a bunker for a linear accelerator at the IAEA's campus in Seibersdorf, Austria. (Photo: D. Calma/IAEA)