The resounding international condemnation of the Russian invasion of Ukraine was a significant moment for global unity. However, there is more work to be done. The peacebuilding field must collectively seize and build on this clarifying moment to demand a new global peacebuilding architecture. At the same time, we must also strengthen and advance the peacebuilding field. In 2021, AfP, through robust consultations with its members, launched its new fieldbuilding strategy. AfP is already implementing this long-term strategy by creating standards of practice to align peacebuilding around a common purpose; developing an evidence base to ensure better policies and practices; advocating for game-changing policies, laws, and funding to prevent and reduce violent conflict; and accelerating collective action through collaboration and exchange.

Strengthening and advancing the peacebuilding field is vital to addressing our global violent conflict problem. Even before the war in Ukraine, the world was already experiencing a 30-year high in violent conflict, giving rise to tectonic geopolitical shifts in foreign policy not seen since 9/11. The war is also significantly destabilizing food and energy security, and wide-scale economic sanctions are leading to increased global fragility and conflict. Russia's extensive cyberattacks and disinformation campaigns are causing instability worldwide, including in the United States. Additionally, the ongoing global pandemic is still more than a health crisis, and climate change and conflict are compounding crises.

AfP is grateful for its 160+ strong membership of peacebuilding organizations. This robust, committed, and growing peacebuilding field proves we do not have to accept that violent conflict is inevitable. AfP's work in collaboration with its network shows that peace is possible. AfP and Mercy Corps continue to co-lead the robust GFA Coalition to ensure the successful implementation of the Global Fragility Act (GFA), a game-changing law that puts peacebuilding and conflict prevention at the center of U.S. strategy in five priority countries/region. AfP’s expanded and digitized Eirene Peacebuilding Database® is assisting policymakers and organizations in ensuring better evidence correlates to better programs and policies. PeaceCon@10 brought in more than 1,600 participants from 120 countries, representing a dynamic cross-section of civil society, bilateral and multilateral donors and policymakers, lawmakers, philanthropy, the private sector, and academia. PeaceCon's hashtag #RiseToBuildPeace reached nearly 21 million people.

AfP also recently released, in partnership with the FrameWorks Institute, PartnersGlobal, and Humanity United, groundbreaking narrative research that is vital to helping us rebrand peacebuilding through a uniting reframe. Peace is not a state or a symbol; peace is action, and it must be built. Join us!

Liz Hume,
Executive Director,
Alliance for Peacebuilding
Our Vision:

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:

As the leading global peacebuilding network, we are the Alliance for:

- Creating standards of practice to align peacebuilding around common purpose
- Developing an evidence base to ensure better policies and practices
- Advocating for game-changing policies, laws, and funding to prevent and reduce violent conflict
- Accelerating collective action through collaboration and exchange

Who We Are:

The Alliance for Peacebuilding (AfP) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, nonpartisan network of 160+ organizations working in 181 countries to prevent conflict, reduce violence, improve lives, and build sustainable peace. At our core, AfP cultivates a network to strengthen and advance the peacebuilding field, enabling peacebuilding organizations to achieve greater impact—tackling issues too large for any one organization to address alone.

AfP’s nonpartisan network represents over 30,000 global peacebuilders working to end violent conflict and build peace across 32 different areas of expertise, reflecting the diversity and dynamism of the peacebuilding field.

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Our fieldbuilding efforts are advanced through our technical capacities in Partnerships and Convening, Learning and Evidence, and Policy and Advocacy.

Learning & Evidence:

AfP leads the field to embrace a more adaptive and rigorous evaluative culture to collectively address Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) challenges, prove impact, and understand what works.

Partnerships & Convenings:

AfP forges strong cross-sectoral partnerships within and outside the peacebuilding field to expand our collective reach, advance multi-disciplinary learning, and elevate peacebuilding expertise and approaches on a global stage.

Policy & Advocacy

AfP advocates and educates to ensure conflict prevention, violence reduction, and peacebuilding best practices and research correlate to better policies, legal frameworks, programming, and resources.
Creating Standards of Practice

AfP is raising the bar by setting standards for the peacebuilding field and ensuring their adoption and integration through training, skill-building opportunities, convenings, policy and advocacy, and campaigns.

**Eirene Peacebuilding Database®:**
Published in 2018, Eirene is a pioneering database mapping indicators across the peacebuilding field. The second expansion of Eirene scraped 7,000+ new indicators from 2,129 resources. The results are being incorporated into an expanded database that will be released in digital form in 2022, featuring diverse search parameters and a user-friendly interface to improve accessibility and useability.

**The #CreativityInCrisis (#CiC) Video Series:**
With 2,100+ YouTube views, the #CiC video series highlights innovation and creative design, monitoring, and evaluation (DM&E) solutions to challenges encountered in the peacebuilding field. AfP released 5 videos in 2021 covering topics including using GIS, collecting data in Iraq through social media platforms, and developing chatbots in the Philippines to create early warning early response systems.

- Breaking Down Boundaries with geoBoundaries
- Getting Started in GIS
- Using Social Media for Data Collection in the Field
- Using Chatbot Technology to Assist Vulnerable Populations - Lessons from the Philippines with ICM
- Connecting Local Action to Local Response through WhatsApp

**Inter-Religious Action (IRA):**
In collaboration with our partners, AfP co-hosts capacity-building and joint learning initiatives, including Ask an Expert in InterReligious Peacebuilding, the Faiths4Vaccine National Summit, and the film release of Francesco and an accompanying panel discussion on effective religious leadership and multi-faith movements.

**Peer Learning Community Interreligious Dialogue (IRD) Initiatives (PLC):**
In partnership with Porticus, AfP works to advance the field of IRD by facilitating a learning community. AfP synthesizes key lessons from the PLC and connects members to the wider IRA field. The PLC was featured on a panel on Theory and Methodology for Measuring Impact of Interreligious Dialogue at the Parliament of the World’s Religions on approaches and tools being used to measure the impact of IRD programming.

**Standardizing Peacebuilding Communications:**
At PeaceCon@10, AfP unveiled the findings of new peace framing and narrative research in partnership with the Frameworks Institute, Humanity United, and PartnersGlobal that outlines framing techniques most effective at messaging peacebuilding for a collective audience.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI):**
In collaboration with Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security (WCAPS), AfP promotes Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion through a community of practice, a DEI Digest that catalogs key resources, and our Champions of Change award, which highlights AfP member organizations serving as catalysts for change to advance DEI in the peacebuilding field.

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"I am more convinced than ever that one of the greatest barriers to achieving our peacebuilding goals is our fragmentation and lack of mobilization muscles within the peacebuilding field. Luckily the Alliance for Peacebuilding is addressing exactly that gap and is serving as a powerful convener to bring the field together; to support our members and forge new partnerships; and, to help activate more collective action amongst our very diverse membership. The role that AfP plays could not be more essential to helping us tackle the intersecting and multi-dimensional challenges humanity is facing around the world.

-Julia Roig, AfP Board Chair, Founder and Chief Network Weaver of The Horizons Project"
Developing an Evidence Base

AfP develops an evidence base through our pioneering research and curates leading peacebuilding research, ensuring it correlates to better policies and programs. AfP also supports field-wide capacity building including joint-learning initiatives, promoting learning of what is and is not working, and identifying and disseminating gaps in knowledge, evidence, and practice.

Innovative Research:
Some Credible Evidence: Perceptions of the Evidence Base in the Peacebuilding Field presents the results of a survey conducted by AfP and One Earth Future exploring peacebuilders’ perceptions of what evidence exists and what is needed to improve the field.

AfP supported the Time To Decolonise Aid report with Peace Direct, Adesò, and WCAPS. AfP released the State of the Community report assessing network connectivity, health, and capacity through this pioneering Network Evaluation approach.

AfP is an implementing partner on Purdue’s LASER-PULSE mechanism that creates and implements a USAID-wide Armed Conflict and Violence Prevention Learning Agenda for the Conflict and Violence Prevention Office (CVP), to establish an evidence base for effective approaches to armed conflict and violence prevention.

Ask an Expert in Interreligious Peacebuilding:
AfP hosted the Ask an Expert in Interreligious Peacebuilding webinar series featuring key conversations on Preparing to Evaluate an Inter-Religious Peacebuilding Program; Adapting Your Peacebuilding Program for Maximum Impact; and Communicating the Results of Your Work.

Research Talks with L&E Blog:
AfP released its new monthly Research Talks with L&E blog highlighting new evidence from across the Humanitarian, Development, and Peacebuilding nexus, asking questions such as: Can Promoting Community Mask-Wearing Improve Public Health?; Do Peaceful Social Systems Exist? Do They Exist in Societies that do not Engage in War?; and How do We Mainstream Climate and Ecological Concerns within Conflict and Peacebuilding Programming?

“A special thanks to you for being amazing and thoughtful collaborators. It was truly a pleasure to have worked with (AfP) and have your support throughout the evaluation process. Your input and resources were very helpful especially when I took over the (evaluation) coordination last year, and I felt gradually more equipped to handle the project.”

-Peer Learning Community Participant
Media and Public Statements:
In the media, AfP authored 20 op-eds/blog posts and received extensive news coverage. AfP also released 20 public statements on pressing global crises, such as in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ethiopia, Israel-Palestine, Myanmar, South Sudan, Uganda, and Xinjiang.

Policy Briefs:
AfP released a U.S. Congressional Briefing Book and Priorities for the New U.S. Presidential Agenda, outlining the field’s top policy priorities for the 117th U.S. Congress and the Biden Administration, which continue to serve as a guide for the peacebuilding community’s U.S. advocacy.

AfP published actionable policy briefs on integrating conflict prevention and climate change, implementing locally-led peacebuilding, creating peacebuilding exceptions in the material support prohibition, addressing fragility in the Northern Triangle, integrating conflict prevention in the COVID-19 programs, and creating a U.S. feminist foreign policy. AfP’s recommendations were incorporated into key policies, strategies, and appropriations.

AfP led the peacebuilding field’s response to the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, serving as a clearinghouse of information for organizations seeking to evacuate and protect Afghan partners. AfP worked closely with international humanitarian and development stakeholders to secure critical sanctions relief from the U.S. and United Nations (UN) to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian plus assistance, including peacebuilding activities.

The Global Fragility Act:
Signed into law on December 20, 2019, the GFA represents a historic victory for the peacebuilding field that puts peacebuilding and conflict prevention at the center of U.S. strategy in five priority countries/region. In 2021, AfP and Mercy Corps continued to co-lead the GFA Coalition, now comprised of more than 100 peacebuilding and development organizations working to ensure the GFA is successfully implemented.

Peacebuilding Funding:
AfP advocated for increased funding for global peace and security with global donors. In the U.S., for fiscal year (FY) 2022, AfP advocated to secure enhanced funding for key accounts including the Complex Crises Fund, the Human Rights and Democracy Fund, and USAID’s Democracy Fund, as well as increased support for gender equity and the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda. AfP also urged robust resourcing of the UN Peacebuilding Fund, the UN Peacebuilding Support Office, UN peacekeeping operations, and general UN funding.

AfP and Urban Rural Action spearhead the U.S. Peace, Justice, and Democracy Working Group to advocate for increased funding and programs to address the increasing conflict dynamics in the U.S. AfP developed recommendations for the Biden Administration, appropriations requests to Congress, and a policy brief identifying the drivers of violence and conflict, with recommendations on how to integrate peacebuilding and conflict prevention in U.S. policies and programs. AfP’s advocacy ultimately succeeded in garnering $5 million for the Department of Justice’s Community Relations Service for FY2022. AfP also worked closely with Department of Homeland Security’s Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Program to ensure it addresses upstream conflict prevention in areas of the U.S. most at risk for violent extremism.

Interreligious Peacebuilding:
AfP works with faith actors and faith-based organizations on key policy documents and Congressional and Executive Branch engagement, highlighting the importance of engaging with faith actors as part of an inclusive, participatory, whole-of-society approach. AfP produced U.S. Immigration Policy Brief: What Does A Human Rights Centered Foreign Policy Approach To U.S. Immigration Look Like?

Advocating for Game-Changing Policies, Laws, and Funding
AfP advocates and educates to make peacebuilding the proven and preferred approach to preventing and reducing violent conflict and building sustainable peace through peacebuilding champions critical to the adoption of game-changing policies, laws, and funding.

Peacebuilding is the future. We need to emphasize prevention, mitigation and recovery in a way that empowers local people and disrupts conflict. The Alliance for Peacebuilding is a vital contributor and organizer to the development of this field and brings together practitioners, policymakers and scholars in daily exchanges.

-Frederick D. Barton, AfP Board Member
Accelerating Collective Action

AfP offers different avenues for our members and partners to build on our vast expertise and networks to better mobilize for a shared peacebuilding approach. Through our annual conference, working groups, coalitions, convenings, and strategic communications, AfP promotes a compelling narrative for peace that animates people’s imagination and collective action.

**PeaceCon@10:**
AfP mobilizes the peacebuilding field through its annual PeaceCon conference in partnership with the U.S. Institute of Peace. *PeaceCon@10, COVID, Climate, and Conflict: Rising to the Challenges of a Disrupted World,* was held January 26-28, 2022. The conference featured more diverse topics and perspectives than ever before. PeaceCon@10 brought in more than 1,600 participants from 120 countries, representing a dynamic cross-section of civil society, bilateral and multilateral donors and policymakers, lawmakers, philanthropy, the private sector, and academia. PeaceCon’s hashtag #RiseToBuildPeace reached nearly 21 million people.

**Working Groups and Coalitions:**
AfP develops robust coalitions of experts and practitioners and convenes communities of practice that drive innovation and action on pressing peacebuilding challenges, including the GFA Coalition and working groups on Conflict Sensitivity and Integration, Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE), Locally-Led Peacebuilding, and Digital Peacebuilding.

**Public and Collective Action Events:**
AfP held numerous events on key conflict issues such as addressing increasing conflict dynamics in the U.S., preventing and countering violent extremism, integrating conflict prevention and climate change, and addressing the Afghanistan crisis. AfP also convened policy-to-action networking events, including co-hosting the Faiths4Vaccines National Summit and releasing an advocacy film highlighting its key learnings, and co-hosting the launch of the Youth and Peace in Action (YPA) Initiative with NewGen Peacebuilders.

**Peace: We Build It! Podcast:**
AfP launched its new Peace: We Build It! Podcast, which highlights inspiring thought leaders, global partners, local peacebuilders, and expert guests on the work they’re doing to build peace. Episodes explored topics including the war in Ethiopia, peacebuilding in Israel-Palestine, COVID and conflict, and building peace in the aftermath of genocide.

**#Evidence4Peace:**
AfP disseminated key peacebuilding research and evidence to raise awareness of peacebuilding MEL using a campaign hashtag #Evidence4Peace that highlighted topics such as Eval4Action’s Walk the Talk campaign and our Research Talks with L&E blog.

**Building Peacebuilding Communications:**
AfP also optimizes the reach of our members and peacebuilding organizations through our large social media following. Throughout 2021, AfP saw tremendous growth in our social media presence with more than 60,000 social media followers, a net increase of 11,000 followers since 2020.

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**The good news is that there is an alternative way of thinking about peace that is very much available to people. It’s in a more active understanding, the recognition that peace is something that has to be built, over time, through ongoing effort.**

-Andrew Volmert, Senior Vice President of Research, Frameworks Institute, presenting AfP’s new peace framing and narrative research at PeaceCon@10
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- January 21st, 2021 — Alliance for Peacebuilding Congratulates Uzra Zeya and Bonnie Jenkins on Nominations to the U.S. Department Of State
- January 20th, 2021 — Alliance for Peacebuilding Statement on U.S. Peacebuilding
- January 6th, 2021 — AfP Condemns Violence at the U.S. Capitol, Calls for Peacebuilding and Urgent Action to Address Increasing Fragility
When I was recruited to the AfP Board by former Chairman Bob Berg after a 34-year career as an active duty Marine, I had no idea what peacebuilding meant. It didn’t take long to learn that I had actually been involved in peacebuilding for most of my life from my work of outreach around the world as a NASA Astronaut or engaging in humanitarian assistance as a Marine. AfP brings together organizations and people around the world who are of like mind in our passion for ridding the world of human rights abuses and discrimination, violence and terrorism—the kind of beautiful, peaceful planet we appear to be from the vantage point of space.

-The Honorable Charlie Bolden, AfP Executive Committee Member
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Expenses: $1,039,909

- Programs - $925,936
- General and Administrative - $109,662
- Fundraising - $4,311

Revenue - $1,346,900

- Contributions, sponsorships, gifts, and grants - $1,065,942
- Membership dues - $157,650
- Annual Conference - $2,423 (PeaceCon2021 was moved to January 2022)
- Other and Miscellaneous - $120,885
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Named the “number one influencer and change agent” among peacebuilding institutions worldwide—AfP is a nonprofit and nonpartisan network of 160+ organizations working in 181 countries to prevent conflict, reduce violence, improve lives, and build sustainable peace. At our core, AfP cultivates a network to strengthen and advance the peacebuilding field, enabling peacebuilding organizations to achieve greater impact—tackling issues too large for any one organization to address alone.