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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is the UN's global development network which helps to eradicate poverty and reduce inequalities and exclusion. It operates in 170 countries and territories and deals with global and national development challenges. UNDP works to establish and strengthen new frameworks for development, disaster risk reduction and climate change. The organisation supports national efforts to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals, which will guide global development priorities for the next 15 years. UNDP helps countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities and build resilience in order to sustain development results.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Sustainable development
- Democratic governance and peacebuilding
- Climate and disaster resilience and environment
- Poverty alleviation
- Crisis prevention and recovery
- HIV/AIDS
- Women's empowerment

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

UNDP's health related work in Geneva focuses on the prevention, treatment and eradication of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, and includes a close partnership with the Global Fund. UNDP partners with the Global Fund to support and strengthen national responses to HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria, in cooperation with international partners including UNAIDS, WHO, Roll-Back Malaria and the Stop TB Partnership. As principal recipient in 24 countries, UNDP manages 41 Global Fund grants in challenging situations. The UNDP Global Fund partnership leverages UNDP's mandate to strengthen institutions to deliver universal access to basic services and rebuild resilient health services in crisis and post-crisis settings. With their pool of specialized advisers, the UNDP Office in Geneva supports country offices to manage Global Fund grants and develop the capacity of national health systems; this includes strengthening procurement of medicines and improving fund management (among other capacity building services). They also help country offices to connect with technical support providers, and advise them on how to engage effectively in the policy-making process for human rights and gender, at country and global levels.

This model for capacity development works to ensure that long-term change is generated, guided and achieved by those that it is meant to benefit, ensuring ownership and sustainability. UNDP Geneva also focuses on helping countries address the social, economic and environmental determinants of health. Key among these efforts is a focus on prevention of non-communicable diseases, which are responsible for the largest share of the disease burden in developing countries. UNDP is a founding member of the UN Interagency Task Force on NCDs and collaborates closely with the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, helping countries prevent illness and premature death from the main NCDs - cardiovascular disease, cancers, diabetes and chronic lung disease.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

UNDP's administrator since 2017 is Achim Steiner. Ms. Maria Luisa Silva serves as the director of the UNDP Geneva office. The organisation is headquartered in New York, and has offices and field presence in nearly all developing countries. The Geneva office represents UNDP in the international negotiations and advocacy in Europe, and strives to build good working relationships with all permanent missions in Geneva.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

The funding of UNDP consists of the regular resources comprising 13% of the total funding in 2016, with the remaining including thematic, earmarked, pooled and vertical funds. The total contributions in 2016 were USD 4.9 billion. Of the total contributions, 43% was from donor country governments, 37% from multilateral partners and 20% from programme country governments.

PUBLICATIONS

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