

THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

UNDP is the world's largest multilateral grant development assistance organization, maintaining a network of offices in more than 120 countries, drawing on the expertise of 40 specialized and technical UN agencies, and working extensively with non-governmental organizations. It serves some 160 developing countries and territories, at any given time, supporting 6,000 projects valued at roughly US\$ 7 billion. Developing country governments themselves provide half or more of total project costs in terms of personnel, facilities, equipment and supplies.

People are at the centre of all UNDP activities, which aim to enhance self-reliance and promote sustainable human development. UNDP projects are therefore designed to:

- identify and measure productive resources;
- provide technical training at all levels and in all required skills;

- supply equipment and technology in conjunction with training; and
- assist in planning and coordinating development efforts.

Six areas receive priority: poverty alleviation and grassroots development; environment and natural resources; management development; technical cooperation among developing countries; transfer and adaptation of technology; women in development. Entrepreneurship is promoted as a force for human progress. Programmes of global dimension include activities in the area of HIV/AIDS. More than 630 environment-related projects, valued at over \$ 700 million have been financed.

In 1992 UNDP recruited 10,800 international and 11,500 national experts. Specialized expertise was also made available through a record 3,300 United Nations Volunteers. It provides annually approximately \$ 160 million worth of

equipment. It also awards about 14,000 fellowships to enable developing country citizens to undergo advanced training abroad, in addition to providing training for national personnel within nearly all projects funded.

UNDP also plays the chief coordinating role for development activities undertaken by the whole United Nations system. At the country level, the head of each UNDP office is usually designated as Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System's Operational Activities for Development and is also the local representative for many UN organizations and agencies.

UNDP is funded by voluntary contributions from nearly every nation on earth. In 1992, governments pledged around \$ 1.3 billion for UNDP and its associated funds.

Following are some excerpts from the Human Development Report 1993 prepared by the UNDP:

Human Development Index Ranking by Country

High human development

1	Japan
2	Canada
3	Norway
4	Switzerland
5	Sweden
6	USA
7	Australia
8	France
9	Netherlands
10	United Kingdom
11	Iceland
12	Germany
13	Denmark
14	Finland
15	Austria
16	Belgium
17	New Zealand
18	Luxembourg
19	Israel
20	Barbados
21	Ireland
22	Italy
23	Spain
24	Hong Kong
25	Greece
26	Czechoslovakia
27	Cyprus
28	Hungary
29	Lithuania
30	Uruguay
31	Trinidad and Tobago
32	Bahamas
33	Korea, Rep. of
34	Estonia
35	Latvia
36	Chile
37	Russian Federation
38	Belarus
39	Malta
40	Bulgaria
41	Portugal
42	Costa Rica
43	Singapore
44	Brunei Darussalam
45	Ukraine
46	Argentina
47	Armenia
48	Poland
49	Georgia
50	Venezuela
51	Dominica
52	Kuwait
53	Mexico
54	Kazakhstan
55	Qatar

Medium human development

56	Mauritius
57	Malaysia
58	Bahrain
59	Grenada
60	Antigua and Barbuda
61	Colombia
62	Azerbaijan
63	Seychelles
64	Moldova, Rep. of
65	Suriname
66	Turkmenistan
67	United Arab Emirates
68	Panama
69	Jamaica
70	Brazil
71	Fiji
72	Saint Lucia
73	Turkey
74	Thailand
75	Cuba
76	Saint Vincent
77	Romania
78	Albania
79	Saint Kitts and Nevis
80	Uzbekistan
81	Syrian Arab Rep.
82	Belize
83	Kyrgyzstan
84	Saudi Arabia
85	South Africa
86	Sri Lanka
87	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
88	Tajikistan
89	Ecuador
90	Paraguay
91	Korea, Dem. Rep. of
92	Philippines
93	Tunisia
94	Oman
95	Peru
96	Iraq
97	Dominican Rep.
98	Samoa
99	Jordan
100	Mongolia
101	China
102	Lebanon
103	Iran, Islamic Rep. of
104	Botswana
105	Guyana
106	Vanuatu
107	Algeria
108	Indonesia
109	Gabon
110	El Salvador
111	Nicaragua

Low human development

112	Maldives
113	Guatemala
114	Cape Verde
115	Viet Nam
116	Honduras
117	Swaziland
118	Solomon Islands
119	Morocco
120	Lesotho
121	Zimbabwe
122	Bolivia
123	Myanmar
124	Egypt
125	São Tomé and Principe
126	Congo
127	Kenya
128	Madagascar
129	Papua New Guinea
130	Zambia
131	Ghana
132	Pakistan
133	Cameroon
134	India
135	Namibia
136	Côte d'Ivoire
137	Haiti
138	Tanzania, U. Rep. of
139	Comoros
140	Zaire
141	Lao People's Dem. Rep.
142	Nigeria
143	Yemen
144	Liberia
145	Togo
146	Uganda
147	Bangladesh
148	Cambodia
149	Rwanda
150	Senegal
151	Ethiopia
152	Nepal
153	Malawi
154	Burundi
155	Equatorial Guinea
156	Central African Rep.
157	Mozambique
158	Sudan
159	Bhutan
160	Angola
161	Mauritania
162	Benin
163	Djibouti
164	Guinea-Bissau
165	Chad
166	Somalia
167	Gambia
168	Mali
169	Niger
170	Burkina Faso
171	Afghanistan
172	Sierra Leone
173	Guinea

