

## Conclusion

UNDP addresses critical development dimensions of natural disasters and violent conflicts.

As noted in the introduction of this report, BCPR, in response to country requests for assistance, strives to advance this important work by consolidating UNDP's crisis knowledge and experience, providing a bridge between humanitarian response and the development work of UNDP, and advocating for crisis sensitivity in the context of development policy. A repository for tools, methods and experience, BCPR provides guidance on crisis issues to UN headquarters and UNDP Regional Bureaux. Most importantly, BCPR provides technical expertise and funding to UNDP Country Offices that undertake programmes in conjunction with national government partners.

This first Annual Outlook documents substantial achievements in 2006 and the first part of 2007. In anticipation of the UNDP Strategic Plan 2008-2011, BCPR clarified its management priorities for the next five years, provided high-quality technical expertise and catalytic funding to 60 countries, and significantly contributed to a number of international policy developments on crisis prevention and recovery.

In response to country demand, important achievements in 2006 included:

### At the policy level:

- Endorsement of the UNDP's Eight-Point Agenda for Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality in Crisis Prevention and Recovery;
- Formulation of the Declaration on Armed Violence and Development and its endorsement by 50 UN Member States as of June 2007;
- Increased awareness of the harmful impact of cluster munitions on civilians, leading to the launch of an international process to create a legally binding agreement to ban such munitions by end of 2008; and
- Active participation in the consultations on the reform of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction and in the subsequent launch of the enhanced system in 2007.

### In support of country efforts:

- Establishment of an early recovery network, within the framework of the IASC, to facilitate the development of a framework for country-based, nationally-owned early recovery efforts;
- Launch of the SURGE project to further strengthen UNDP's capacity to respond to country demands in the immediate aftermath of a crisis;
- Extensive guidance and funding for the development and dissemination of the UN integrated disarmament, demobilization and reintegration standards directed at practitioners and UN staff; and
- Mapping of UNDP's programming experience with youth in conflict prevention and post-conflict settings, as a first step towards developing practical guidance for practitioners and UNDP Country Offices.

BCPR also made notable progress in strengthening its internal capabilities and strategic approach with a view to maximizing its impact and delivery of results. Actions included:

- Spearheading the development of an internal Bureau strategy that strengthens mechanisms to support overall UNDP progress toward crisis prevention and recovery outcomes and strongly emphasizes gender;
- Restructuring the Bureau and the Thematic Trust Fund for Crisis Prevention and Recovery to support the realization of the goals of the strategy; and
- Initiating an enhanced monitoring and evaluation system within BCPR.

BCPR will continue to strive to support UNDP Country Offices in their efforts to provide timely, high-quality and reliable assistance to programme countries. BCPR will also continue to improve the intellectual leadership of UNDP in key areas including conflict prevention, early recovery and disaster risk reduction. Ensuring women's empowerment and gender equality will remain a priority, both at headquarters and at country level. Progress on these fronts, and in other areas of the Bureau's five-year strategy, will be reported on a regular basis, and lessons learned applied to UNDP's work at country level.

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