Five Global Challenges, Six UNDP Practices

Five critical issues touch countries in every region: conflicts and natural disasters, human and economic development, nation building, sustainable resources and the environment, and infectious diseases. Often these challenges are interlinked, growing swiftly out of each other. UNDP understands the connections, and we design programmes and partnerships to respond to them. Guided by the MDGs, we untangle the root causes and help people find sustainable solutions, offering knowledge and advocacy in six fundamental areas of practice:

**Democratic Governance:** Promoting political participation and accountability at all levels.

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**UNDP PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS OF 2002**

- **Morocco:** pioneered microfinance for women
- **Egypt:** mobilized against female genital mutilation
- **Jordan:** set up information technology centres in remote areas
- **Yemen:** launched awareness campaign for parliamentary elections
- **Djibouti:** advocated for broader trade partnerships

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**Key**
- Democratic Governance
- Poverty Reduction
- Crisis Prevention and Recovery
- Energy and Environment
- Information and Communications Technology
- HIV/AIDS

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**Democratic Governance:**

- **Mexico:** established a national independent electoral observation mechanism
- **Guatemala:** encouraged debate and consensus on the State Fiscal Pact
- **Honduras:** supported the National HIV/AIDS Forum
- **El Salvador:** helped build final agreement on the peace accord
- **Nicaragua:** promoted political and economic rights of indigenous people
- **Haiti:** partnered with the Fondation Sogebank to prevent and treat HIV/AIDS
- **Ecuador:** fostered community participation in preparing local budgets
- **The Amazon:** linked international fashion houses with traditional natural rubber producers, offering sustainable livelihoods
- **Brazil:** provided technical assistance to reform state fiscal management

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**Poverty Reduction:**

- **Burkina Faso:** held a high-profile national dialogue on HIV/AIDS
- **Benin and Niger:** exchanged experiences on better oversight of budgets
- **Chad:** helped neighbourhood committees clean up the capital
- **Republic of the Congo:** demobilized over 7,000 ex-combatants
- **Kenya and Uganda:** shared innovative farmers’ experiences across agricultural extension programmes
- **Zimbabwe:** coordinated delivery of humanitarian aid and kept communication channels open in the land reform dispute


Poverty Reduction: Assisting countries in creating pro-poor policies and budgets, and improving their capacity to deliver basic services.

Crisis Prevention and Recovery: Sharing innovative approaches, and bridging the gap between relief and long-term development.

Energy and Environment: Integrating environmental and resource considerations into efforts to reduce poverty.

Information and Communications Technology: Expanding access to ICT and harnessing its power for development.

HIV/AIDS: Mobilizing leaders, advocating against discrimination and finding ways to cope with the loss of human resources.

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