

A woman wearing a colorful headscarf and a patterned top is working in a field of green plants, likely chili peppers, which are visible in the foreground. The background shows a dirt path and more greenery.

Thematic Fact Sheet

Inclusive Sustainable Development

Information at a glance

About UNDP Eritrea

Mandate:

UNDP is the leading United Nations organization working in partnership with governments and a broad network of experts and partners in more than 170 countries, UNDP aims to build integrated, lasting solutions for people and the planet and help countries achieve their development aspirations and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In Eritrea

For over 25 years, UNDP has been a trusted and essential sustainable development partner in Eritrea. The UNDP acknowledges the Government of Eritrea's incredible support in helping the organization deliver on its mandate by significantly contributing to Eritrea's efforts to advance its national development aspirations towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

Main objectives

In support of the Government of the State of Eritrea's nature-based sustainable development strategy, UNDP provides technical and financial support in the area of environment, energy, climate change, climate adaptation, disaster risk management, food security, and natural resources management. UNDP promotes capacity building of individuals and communities at national and regional levels; integrates gender-responsive and disaster risk reduction considerations into existing institutional frameworks and small-holder farming development planning to mitigate the impact of disasters and climate change. UNDP also collaboratively works with the government to extend renewable energy to a wider population and expand productive climate-smart agriculture in the country.

Our Partners

Government:

Ministry of Finance and National Development;
National Statistics Office;
Ministry of Land, Water and Environment;
Ministry of Agriculture;
Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare;

Civil Society and NGOs:

National Union of Eritrean Women;
National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students;

Education Institutions:

National Board for Higher Education;

UN Agencies:

FAO; IFAD, OCHA, WFP; UNICEF;

Donors:

Global Environment Facility (GEF),
Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF),
Funding Windows, European Union;

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Inclusive Sustainable Development is making a difference in Eritrea by:

- Supporting the community with nature-based and environmentally resilient solutions for development;
- Supporting women's empowerment and gender equality.

Inclusive and Sustainable Development focuses on:

Environment: Promote sustainable environmental and ecosystem management for inclusive and improved livelihoods of rural land users.

Energy: Promote access to modern, efficient, affordable, and sustainable renewable energy for rural communities in an equitable and gender-responsive manner.

Climate and Disaster Resilience: Promote the resilience capacity of communities for effective climate risk mitigation and inclusive and sustainable social protection.

Food and Nutrition Security: Promote productive, nutrition-sensitive and climate smart agriculture taking the needs and constraints of women farmers

Highlight of some key portfolio main achievements

Climate change adaptation and Disaster Risk Management

- Enhanced capacities of national and local institutions for management, conservation and sustainable use of diverse ecosystems;
- Enhanced mainstreaming of climate change consideration into national and sector development policies and plans, as well as in development planning at community level;
- Protection and conservation of 107,600 hectares of natural forest of the Green Belt Zone;
- Support of 4,500 drought-affected households totaling 21,600 people through the food-for-work programme;
- Support to 60 rural communities to develop and implement local disaster and climate risk informed inclusive community development plans;

Renewable Energy

- 40,000 individuals in the sub-towns of Areza and Maidima and 28 surrounding villages are benefiting from modern, affordable, and renewable clean energy

Food & Nutrition Security based on Sustainable land management and Climate

- Communities' support in the conservation and sustainable use of land resources;
- Enhanced flow of ecosystem services contributing to improved livelihoods and food security through improved crop, livestock productivity, and production
- Restoration and conservation of 834 hectares of fragile environmental and natural resources to support food security and drought-affected vulnerable people
- Date Palm Production and sustainable value chain development together with FAO and IFAD

Environment

- Restoration and conservation of 45,000 hectares of landscape in the central and midland region through the protected area

systems management and habitat restoration;

- Provision of training to 350 field experts and extension workers on GIS, ecosystem, and habitat management
- Strengthened environmental information and database for informed decision-making on environmental and economic policies;

Climate-smart Agriculture

- Support in the promotion and strengthening of improved and more productive cultivation of date palm;

Potable Water Supply

- 5,750 households have benefited from improved and safe access to drinking water services and practices;
- Technical capacity of local institutions and communities for effective and efficient management of water supply facilities enhanced through capacity-building activities;
- Improved quality of water contributed to improved livelihoods and fight against waterborne diseases;



Financial Information

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