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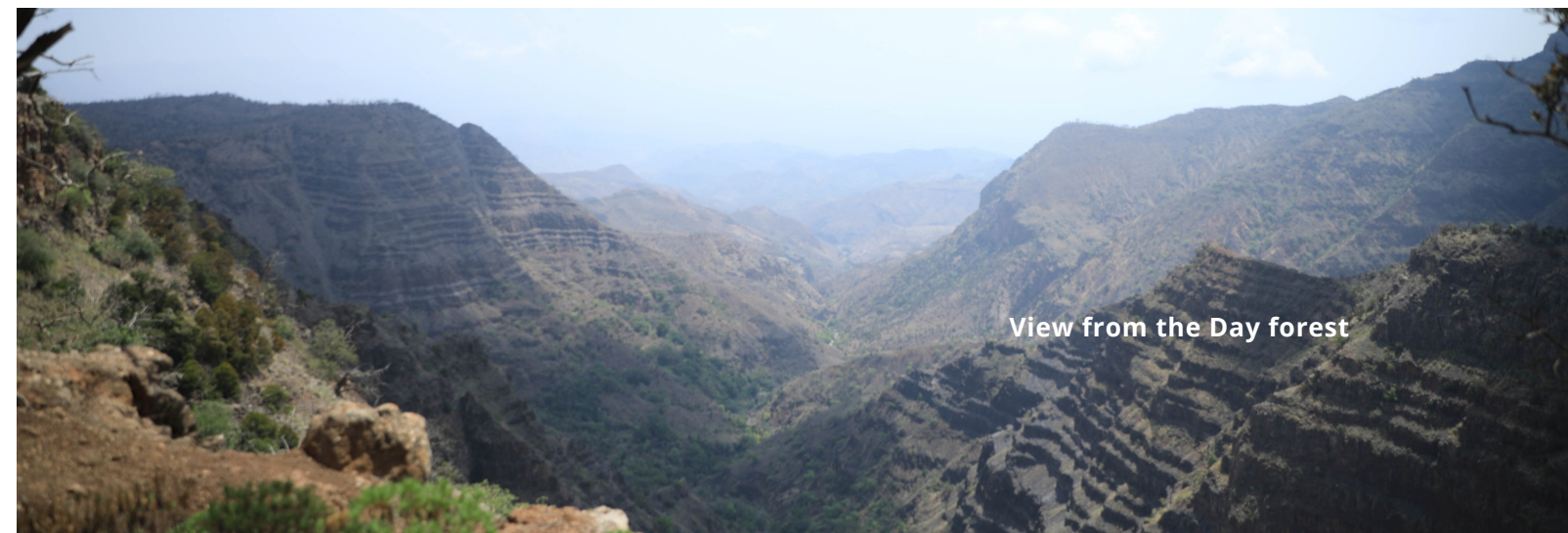
UNDP IN DJIBOUTI

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View from the Day forest

Foreword



Women and children from the Dikhil region

INCLUSION CONNECTIVITY INSTITUTIONS

The "Vision 2035" plan sets out the roadmap for positioning Djibouti as **a hub of the regional and continental economy** and **a beacon of the Red Sea**.

The implementation of this vision is broken down into five-year National Development Plans. The first five-year National Development Plan (SCAPE) focused on investment in infrastructure for growth: ports, roads, energy, water, internet cables, business centres, hotels, etc.

The **Djibouti ICI** five-year plan aims to trickle down investment to improve the lives of all Djiboutians. It is **aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals** unanimously adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 25 September 2015.

During the year 2022, **UNDP supported the government's efforts to respond to the 3 national priorities** as set out in the NDP "Inclusion, Connectivity and Institutions" through various multi-faceted supports, both through support to national sectoral strategies and through direct support to the populations in the country's regions.

The year 2022 was also a year of diversification and amplification of the partnership with several sectoral ministries, the Regional Councils, the private sector and civil society organisations.

This report presents the main UNDP support to Djibouti during the year 2022.

Acknowledgements

The year 2022, a post-pandemic year, was marked by significant challenges, but also by opportunities that were seized by the UNDP office in Djibouti in support of the actions of the Government of the Republic of Djibouti and non-state actors, with the support of development partners who have demonstrated their confidence in UNDP.

The year 2022 has been marked by a growing commitment of UNDP in Djibouti with a level of expenditure unprecedented in the history of the institution in Djibouti in several strategic areas and a diversification of support efforts.

In a context of reform of the United Nations system in 2019, which has materialized the separation of the role of UNDP Resident Representative from that of UN System Coordinator, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has better repositioned itself on its mandate as an integrator of development and backbone of the United Nations Development System and has redeployed its capacities. Despite the difficult economic context, to which the Covid-19 pandemic has been added, UNDP in Djibouti has redirected its resources and initiated projects of strategic importance to help the country cope with the situation, adopting an innovative approach in the agile implementation of projects and programmes in order to strengthen the confidence of the authorities, partners and communities, young people and women as well as people living with special needs. It is therefore with pride that UNDP positions itself as **a partner of choice in the Republic of Djibouti**.

I would like to express **all my gratitude along with the entire UNDP team** to the Government of the Republic of Djibouti, to the development partners, to the implementing partners, to the technical ministries, to the private sector, to civil society and to the Regional Councils.

Your support has been immeasurable in achieving the collective results that we can celebrate. The road to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals is still long, but I am convinced that our collective efforts will help us move forward a little more each day.

**Merci ! Shukran ! Thank You !
Mahadsanid ! Gadda ge !**



Emma Ngouan-Anoh
UNDP Resident Representative in Djibouti

National context

DJIBOUTI, AN ISLAND OF PEACE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

Djibouti is a country whose maritime position in the Gulf of Aden, between Africa and the Orient, makes it **a strategic country** despite its small size of 23,200 square kilometres.

An island of peace in a conflict-ridden Horn of Africa, the Republic of Djibouti has an estimated population of around one million, with a population census currently underway. The COVID-19 crisis has had a significant impact on the country's economy.

Nevertheless, the government has responded strongly with a strategy called the National Solidarity Pact (PSN), which has enabled the country to record positive growth of 1.2% in 2020, in contrast to the majority of countries in the world, which have recorded negative growth rates.

However, the economic situation remains fragile, with growth estimated at 3.6% in 2022 compared to 4.8% in 2021.¹

The Human Development Index (0.509), which ranks Djibouti 171st out of 191 nations,² highlights the major efforts that still need to be made to improve the living conditions of the population.

¹ The World Bank in Djibouti, Country overview, <https://www.worldbank.org/en/country/djibouti/overview#1>

² Human Development Report 2021-22, United Nations development Programme, Sept. 2022, <https://www.undp.org/fr/morocco/publications/rapport-sur-le-developpement-humain-2021-22>

The country remains one of the most vulnerable to climate change in the Horn of Africa.

Djibouti's arid and dry climate (less than 200mm of rainfall per year) limits its agricultural production capacity with less than 1,000 KM² of arable land (4% of the country's total area).³

The direct consequence is the massive importation of foodstuffs, making Djibouti dependent on the international market and more sensitive to exogenous shocks.

The country has to cope with climate change and extreme droughts, which have had serious consequences on the socio-economic environment. These external shocks have slowed economic activity after the post-Covid recovery of 2021, with GDP growth in 2022 estimated at 3.6% compared to 4.8% in 2021.⁴

To address these social, economic and environmental challenges, the United Nations Development Programme, in its support to the government's efforts and with the support of development partners and non-state actors, is deploying development programmes and projects in all regions aimed at providing concrete solutions in the three main pillars of its cooperation framework 2018-2024:

1. **Strengthen livelihoods and access to basic health services.**
2. **Strengthen environmental sustainability and resilience to climate change.**
3. **Create an enabling and inclusive governance framework for sustainable development.**

In order to implement these pillars, UNDP ensures that **the gender dimension** is taken into account and that **no one is left behind** (in particular **people living with disabilities**), the office deploys projects in the following areas

- public policies, strategies and governance
- access to justice
- development of income-generating activities for women and youth
- resilience to shocks and climate change
- the fight against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria
- energy and access to water
- environmental protection.

The year 2022 saw significant results in both diversifying partnerships and reaching more people across the country with a historic level of contributions.

³ The World Bank in Djibouti, Country overview, <https://www.worldbank.org/en/country/djibouti/overview#1>

⁴ *Ibid.*



Salt caravan - Lake Assal

Fisherman beneficiary of the Rising Djibouti project

IN FIGURES



Total expenditures in 2022 **\$ 13 million**
i.e **2.315 billion FDJ**

13 Technical and financial partners



220 000 people benefited from improved access to health care and services

180 978 People tested for tuberculosis



5 200 Literate women

1st agricultural fair bringing together **100** farmers from **36** agricultural cooperatives from the regions



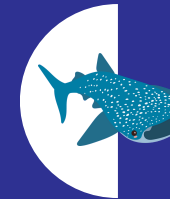
15 tonnes of products were sold in 72hrs during the fair

776 Farmers and fishermen supported in the development of their activities



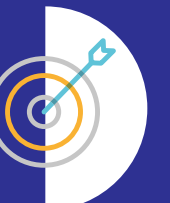
31 social entrepreneurship boot camps

163 CSOs supported and/or trained in several fields



31,675 ha Marine protected areas

Accompanied national sectoral strategies in **6** key sectors



300 cases handled by mobile justice

1 455 youth trained in job creation



72 Media professionals trained



927 young people, including **282** women, trained through

KEY RESULTS



YOUNG GIRL FROM THE OBOCK REGION

GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC POLICY SUPPORT

SUPPORT THE GOVERNANCE TO PROVIDE AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN DJIBOUTI

As part of its support to the Government of the Republic of Djibouti, UNDP has focused its efforts on supporting development planning and governance efforts through innovative planning, monitoring and financing tools.

The effort to integrate and accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals is embodied in the alignment of the National Development Plan "Djibouti ICI" and its planning instruments with the indicators and targets of the SDGs.

In this regard, in collaboration with UNICEF, UNDP has supported the Ministry of Finance and other relevant sectoral ministries in developing Djibouti's **Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF)**. This integrated and strategic tool should help the country establish, develop and maintain new financing systems and mechanisms to attract the national and international investments needed to implement the National Development Plan, address development challenges and accelerate progress towards the 2030 Agenda. To measure the country's progress in this regard and to strengthen its development planning capacity,



ZOCALS (ELDERS) FROM THE DIKHIL REGION

KIDS FROM THE DIKHIL REGION

UNDP and UNICEF have supported the development of the **National Results and Monitoring and Evaluation Framework** setting SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound) indicators and baselines/targets for the National Development Plan and the INFF.

The objective of this monitoring and evaluation framework is to support evidence-based decision-making, thereby maximising the country's capacity to achieve the SDGs and national targets.

In terms of access to finance, and as part of an integrated approach to support public policies, UNDP, in partnership with MEFI and the Central Bank of Djibouti, has also supported the development of the **National Strategy for Financial Inclusion** in Djibouti.

Through inclusive consultations, bringing together economic stakeholders including the Ministry of

Economy, Finance and Industry and the Central Bank of Djibouti, International Financial Institutions, United Nations agencies and commercial banks, the broad outlines of an inclusive strategy have been developed. The aim is to enable policy makers and the private sector to explore opportunities and **improve access to development finance** for the country based on strategic guidelines.

In the framework of the "Connectivity" axis of the National Development Plan, UNDP supported the Ministry of Digital Economy and Innovation in its strategy of **digitalisation of public services**, through the elaboration of the Ministry's roadmap.

In the area of governance, UNDP support has accompanied the **deployment of the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) in the regions**.

This decentralised presence has enabled the CNDH to take stock of the human rights situation in the most remote areas of the country, to improve its visibility and to facilitate access to its services for people living in these areas.

The effort to inform largely the population has continued with the implementation of **a campaign on transparency, responsibility and civic commitment**, which was successfully deployed in collaboration with the Ministry of Communication. The objective of this campaign was to inform and sensitise Djiboutian citizens on these different themes. Within the framework of this campaign, 40 media professionals (RTD, Al-Khan, La Nation, ADI) benefited from training in editorial skills, as well as in the notions of transparency, civic engagement and public responsibility.

The campaign reached thousands of Djiboutians through several channels, both physical (leaflets, posters) and digital (dedicated website, LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook). The campaign explained the role of anti-corruption bodies, the existing accountability mechanisms and the avenues of recourse available to citizens.

In the area of justice, UNDP, in partnership with the European Union, has supported the preparatory work on the **reform of the Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure** by supporting the compilation and analysis of existing legislation and the drafting of proposed laws in line with the international conventions ratified by Djibouti.

The normative framework governing prisons was also brought into line with human rights and international standards through the development of new instruments such as the General Disciplinary Regulations, the Internal Regulations for Prisons, the Prison Control Manual and the organisation chart of the Directorate of Prison Affairs.

UNDP's support through the justice project to the prison system also included the **rehabilitation and equipping of the Prisoners' Training Centre**. Rehabilitation programmes have been developed and validated, enabling prison authorities to provide prisoners with practical vocational skills. Justice institutions and processes were also strengthened through training and the development of guides for the Court of Accounts on state budget execution control, judicial procedures and the management of ordinary courts.

UNDP also continued its efforts in the five regions of Djibouti to **support decentralisation and civic engagement**. This has resulted in capacity building for civil society actors.

250 people, including local elected officials from the five regional councils, young people, women and representatives of deconcentrated technical services, have benefited from training in participatory management, local governance and regional planning. In the field of local development, 30 civil society organisations participated in the implementation of several high-impact projects, thereby strengthening their capacities and experience.

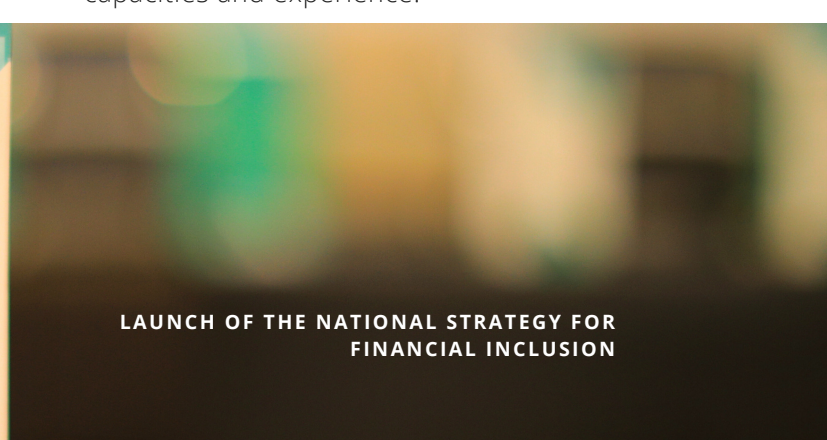
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THE ACCESS TO JUSTICE PROJECT

In 2022, with funding from the European Union, 20 mobile justice sessions were conducted throughout the country.

During these mobile hearings, more than 300 family law cases were dealt with, and hundreds of families received a final and enforceable conclusion regarding divorce, child custody, property, inheritance and other issues affecting their well-being.

Most of the cases brought before the Court were initiated by women.





PARTICIPANT TO THE "CIVIC TECH" TRAINING

The impact and results of the actions carried out by these CSOs facilitated their selection for a USAID-funded project on civil society engagement in local development processes.

UNDP has given particular support to the participation of youth and women in Djibouti's development, especially through their involvement in social cohesion efforts and civic engagement. To this end, support has been provided to the Ministry of Youth and Culture through the **Regional Youth Leadership Programme** and the expertise provided in the framework of the elaboration of the **National Youth and Culture Strategy** in support of the Ministry of Culture and Youth.

In line with the connectivity and innovation that underpin the country's National Development Plan, UNDP has also focused on **the use of digital technology for social cohesion**, through the support provided to the association Femme Tic Djibouti. This all-female association has developed training in the field of "Civic Tech" enabling young Djibouti women to become actors in the development and social peace of their country, thanks to online solutions. Thus, 87 young Djiboutians, aged between 18 and 27, received training to better understand what **"Civic Tech"** is, to develop their leadership, to learn the basics of project design and management, and to be able to use digital solutions to strengthen social cohesion in their communities.

LIVELIHOOD AND RESILIENCE



YOUNG GIRL FROM THE ARTA REGION IN TRADITIONAL AFAR CLOTHING



BENEFICIARY OF THE POTTERY TRAINING OFFERED BY RISING DJIBOUTI

STRENGTHEN THE MEANS OF SUBSISTENCE AND ACCESS TO BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

UNDP Djibouti devoted important efforts in 2022 to actions related to local economic development and livelihoods creation for rural communities as part of the 'leave no one behind' policy.

This has resulted in 1,455 people being reached with the necessary tools and knowledge in the area of self-employment creation or access to the labour market.

Many of these efforts were concentrated in the area of **high-impact social entrepreneurship** to foster community development and resilience.

Thus, across the country, 143 localities benefited from awareness-raising activities. 31 boot camps in social entrepreneurship were organised, bringing together a total of 927 young people (including 282 women). As a result of these training sessions, 35 civil society organisations and 53 social MSMEs were created.

The latter received special support for their development in the form of acceleration assistance and performance-based grants.

Previous experience in supporting the private sector, particularly MSMEs, has shown that this limited access to finance is one of the main obstacles preventing the empowerment and economic diversification desired by the National Development Plan "Djibouti-ICI".

To provide concrete solutions to these difficulties, in partnership with the Leadership Centre for Entrepreneurship (CLE), the avenue of **Islamic microfinance** was explored with the facilitation by UNDP of partnership agreements with 3 commercial banks. The establishment of public-private partnerships, particularly between the regions and the local private sector, was also encouraged to catalyse job creation efforts, foster local development and improve community livelihoods.

To accompany efforts to decentralize business services, UNDP **strengthened the One-Stop-Shop** of the National Agency for Investment Promotion, in support of the State Secretariat for Investment, and facilitated the formalization of 32 MSMEs benefiting from its projects.

Support for the **financial inclusion of the private sector** has also taken the form of the banking and creation of digital platforms for the 53 social MSMEs created as a result of the boot camps. Several of these "social enterprises" took part in an "MSME Investor Challenge" in which they pitched their projects to a jury of local private banks. The objective of the competition was to help young Djiboutian companies to become "bankable" and to be able to approach financial institutions.

Four of them succeeded and received financing from the participating banking institutions.



CRAFTSWOMAN PRESENTING HER BASKETRY WORK AT THE AGRICULTURAL AND CRAFT FAIR ORGANIZED BY THE PROJECT RISING DJIBOUTI

The livelihoods of Djibouti's fishermen and farmers have also been supported by UNDP.

In close partnership with the FAO, several hundred farmers have received assistance in the form of tools, vegetable and fodder seeds, and various equipment (nurseries, solar repellents for animals, etc.). In total, 400 women farmers and 1,200 smallholders have seen their capacities and access to water greatly improved.

The production capacities of women's cooperatives in particular have been strengthened through training and support for certification in terms of hygiene standards for their products. As a result, 60 women farmers were able to market their products after this process. The strengthening actions to support livelihoods have helped to

support 400 farmers and 376 fishermen by providing them with **agricultural inputs and fishing equipment** to increase their production and strengthen the food and nutritional security of their communities.

At the national level, and in order to offer more visibility to local producers, UNDP supported the organisation of the **first agri-fair in Djibouti**. Bringing together no less than 100 farmers from 36 cooperatives, this fair allowed the sale of 15 tons of fruit and vegetables grown in the country's five regions. Aimed at strengthening food sovereignty, this initiative had a significant financial impact on farmers' incomes, as well as an impact that materialises the country's actual agricultural production possibilities.

These capacity building actions, ranging from seed capital distribution, marketing, formalisation, coaching, incubation, equipment and seed donation, have had a considerable overall impact in improving the living conditions and resources of as many as 4,753 vulnerable people.

To **address the challenges of gender inequality and to support the empowerment of Djiboutian women**, UNDP, in partnership with the European Union, has participated in a large-scale literacy programme implemented by the Ministry of Women and the Family and the UNFD. Within this framework, more than 5,200 young girls and women have learned to read and write. In addition to these basic skills, 172 Djiboutian women have seen their skills strengthened through vocational and technical training, particularly in the hotel industry thanks to a partnership with the Sheraton Hotel, but also in the field of entrepreneurship. Among the beneficiaries of the entrepreneurship training, 65 young women were given seed money to support the creation of their businesses.

In order to expand its efforts to directly support the target populations, UNDP has supported the government in its **economic diversification policy**. To this end, in partnership with the Istanbul-based UNDP International Centre for Private Sector Development (IICPSD) and the Turkish Council on Foreign Economic Relations (DEIK), the **"Djibouti Investor Convening"** was organised in Istanbul in December 2022 to explore the investment opportunities offered by the Turkish private sector, and possible partnerships with Djiboutian public and private counterparts. This investor convening was the second step in the implementation of the SDG Investor Map, which is seen as an enabling roadmap for the government to drive the development of targeted sectors, and a promising step towards new economic opportunities.



BENEFICIARY OF THE HOUSEKEEPING TRAINING AT THE SHERATON



THE "DJIBOUTI INVESTOR CONVENING" IN ISTANBUL

Focus
SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
ANPH

UNDP has also included support for people living with disabilities in Djibouti through ongoing support to the National Agency for Persons with Disabilities (ANPH). Thus, UNDP has supported the development of a three-year budgeted action plan for the ANPH, including a new resource mobilization strategy to strengthen the association's financial means. UNDP has also supported efforts to mainstream the disability dimension in public policies through support to the "disability monitoring" system developed by the ANPH and ensuring that disability is taken into account at all levels.





AWARENESS ACTION IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS CONDUCTED BY THE MOBILE CLINIC



SALIVA SAMPLES TAKEN BY THE MOBILE CLINIC FOR THE DETECTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

As the principal recipient of **the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria** grant in Djibouti for the period 2021-2023, UNDP is helping to strengthen the resilience of the Djibouti health system so that it can withstand shocks and health crises.

This capacity building has been achieved through support to improve tuberculosis diagnostic methods through the recurrent use of GeneXpert, the development of hospitalization conditions with the installation of an oxygen production unit at Peltier Hospital, and the extension of awareness-raising activities to so-called "at-risk" populations (inhabitants of underprivileged neighbourhoods, refugees, prisoners, female sex workers, etc.).

The capacity of health care providers in the various priority disease control units has also been strengthened to improve case management and reporting.

The collection and management of health data has been strengthened with UNDP support through the deployment of the DHIS2 health information management platform and the equipping of health centres to facilitate data feedback.

These improvements have enabled the health system to respond quickly and effectively in the fight against priority diseases and to achieve almost all the targets set. For example, in the fight against malaria, 180,978 people were tested, of whom 3,720 tested positive. 94% of patients received treatment.

Vector control has protected 67,077 people through indoor residual spraying and the distribution of 118,184 impregnated mosquito nets, particularly in the communes of Boulaos and Balbala.

The home visit strategy adopted in the fight against tuberculosis allowed the diagnosis of 129 children through free radiology and the administration of preventive or first-line treatment to 114 people considered at risk.

A study conducted on the quality of screening that enabled the National Tuberculosis Control Program to detect 22 additional cases of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis at an early stage, for a total of 58 new people with multidrug-resistant tuberculosis.

12,454 pregnant women were tested for HIV. 100% of the 17 positive women received antiretroviral treatment during their pregnancy.

In total, almost 220,000 people have had access to quality health care and services in the fight against malaria, HIV/AIDS and TB.

Support for medical equipment has also been provided to the Maryama military camp in Arta through the support of **the Government of Japan**, allowing for the strengthening of the care of the military and the people in the surrounding villages.

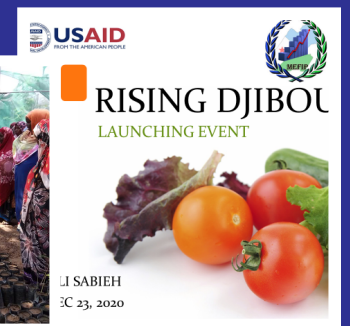
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A flagship programme of UNDP Djibouti's Livelihood and Resilience portfolio developed with support from **USAID** and core funds, Rising Djibouti is a **portfolio of 6 socio-economic recovery projects** developed in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Focusing on the rehabilitation and promotion of MSMEs and productive CSOs in the green and blue economy sectors, innovative policies to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs, and sustainable financial inclusion to catalyze economic empowerment, this series of complementary projects has succeeded, through excellent coordination, in contributing effectively to Djibouti's socio-economic recovery.

The results of the Rising portfolio have been high impact and continue to be sustained over time.



ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE



FARMER FROM ARTA, BENEFICIARY OF THE RISING DJIBOUTI PROJECT

BUILDING PEOPLE'S RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

To help the Republic of Djibouti cope with the effects of climate change, UNDP has implemented actions that have contributed to the improvement of environmental sustainability and climate resilience in the country in support of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development.

Projects have focused on improving access to water and renewable energy sources, environmental protection, efficiency and adaptation to climate change.

In terms of **access to renewable energy**, UNDP Djibouti has encouraged public and private investment in this area with the aim of increasing energy efficiency. To this end, UNDP, in its role as facilitator, has worked with the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD) and the Ministry of Energy in charge of Natural Resources (MERN) to implement sectoral policies to create an ecosystem conducive to the development of renewable energy.

A set of institutional, policy and financial instruments as well as private sector incentive mechanisms have been developed. A comprehensive institutional and policy framework for the promotion of off-grid electrification and the use of renewable energy has also been established.



BUNGALOWS OF THE DAY FOREST CAMP



LAUNCH OF THE MOUMINA 1 SOLAR PANEL PLANT

SOLAR PANELS AT THE MOUMINA 1 SOLAR PLANT



In this context and in order to facilitate the development of the sector and the involvement of the private sector, a standard contract, a patent and a tariff guide have been developed.

The construction of a mini solar power plant in the village of Moumina 1 in the Arta Region **provided electricity to 100 households**, enabling them to develop new economic activities and accelerate the region's economic development.

The support provided by UNDP to Djibouti's institutions in the field of the environment and **natural disaster risk management** has also involved capacity building for several actors.

UNDP has supported the Risk and Disaster Management Secretariat (DRMS) in opening and equipping its five regional offices. The capacities of the Djibouti City Council and the Djibouti Prefecture were strengthened in the field of risk and disaster management, the methodology of multi-sectoral rapid initial assessment and the use of geographic information systems.

Risk and disaster management committees have been reactivated. The website of the National Meteorological Agency (ANM) was also created with UNDP support to give the agency greater visibility and provide early warning information to the general public.

MEDD staff received intensive training in the use and dissemination of the Environmental Management Information System (EMIS) in order to quickly make the ministry's data centre operational. The EMIS, an environmental information management system, was set up with UNDP support to collect environmental data from Djibouti and provide public access to the information collected.

To further encourage the dissemination of information, training sessions on environmental reporting were organised for the press.

Thirty-two journalists from the print and audiovisual media were made aware of the issues of environmental preservation, the fight against climate change, biodiversity and desertification.

In order to take an active part in the protection of Djibouti's environment, the UNDP, in collaboration with the MEDD, has participated in **the creation of official marine protected areas** (MPAs) guaranteeing the preservation of the fauna and flora living within these perimeters.

A new step was taken in 2022 with the proposal to delimit new preservation areas rich in biodiversity (Sagallou, Ras-Ali, Goubet and Arta beach).

This proposal, as well as the specific management plans for these areas, have been approved and validated. The marine protected areas now represent a total of 31,675 hectares.

In line with UNDP's integrated approach methodology, the Environment and Livelihood & Resilience Programmes have worked together to provide joint support for the development of skills and entrepreneurship of many farmers, fishermen and artisans, particularly women. The synergies created between the Programmes and their complementary approaches have led to key results. For example, in the context of supporting rural communities in the southern and northern regions of Djibouti to adapt to climate change, this integrated approach has **improved access to water** for these communities through the installation and rehabilitation of 61 wells.

Focus



The Global Environment Facility (GEF) Small Grants Programme (SGP) provides grants to civil society organisations and community-based organisations (CSOs/CBOs) in developing countries to address global environmental challenges while responding to local sustainable development needs. Launched in 2013 in Djibouti, the SGP is now in its 7th phase.

The 6th and 7th phases of the Programme have financed 25 projects in the areas of biodiversity protection, climate change mitigation and/or adaptation, combating land degradation and capacity building for CSOs/CBOs. These projects will directly impact 2,500 beneficiaries and 500 people indirectly. In total, 75 CSOs have been supported since the inception of the Small Grants Programme.



In this same perspective, in order to support the creation of various income-generating activities providing populations living around marine protected areas with sustainable means of subsistence, UNDP has supported several women's associations.

These associations, originating from the regions of Tadjourah and Arta, have received support to help them structure themselves.

Their members also benefited from training in handicrafts to empower them and in leadership skills to make them key players in the management of marine protected areas.

THE UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS PROGRAMME



OUR VOLUNTEERS AT THE INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY 2022

Focus



In partnership with the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, the 1st National Environment Week was also organised prior to COP27, raising the issues of environmental protection and preservation and its consequences on the quality of life of the population. Awareness-raising workshops were held on the impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations, the protection of marine and terrestrial biodiversity, and the role of women and youth activists against climate change. Recommendations and new orientations were provided to the MFDD to guide national policies.



We are inspiration in action

Capacity building of UN agencies

During 2022, 32 UN Volunteers served in Djibouti in six UN entities (UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, Resident Coordinator's Office, UNOPS). With 71% women, the Agencies improved their gender ratio by including more women among the staff.

Djibouti nationals represented 70 per cent of serving volunteers, compared to 30 per cent for internationals. The UNS in Djibouti therefore relied on more national talent, while helping to build its capacity, with nationals averaging 29 years of age.

Resources were mobilized from the Governments of Japan, Norway and France to fund four international volunteer positions that supported UNHCR, WHO, UNDP and the RCB in areas related to health, education and the promotion of gender equality.

Supporting UN system interventions at the local level

UNV implemented a talent acquisition strategy that resulted in 800 national candidates (including 14 people with disabilities and 366 women) covering 16 areas of expertise, available to support the efforts of UN agencies in Djibouti.

This is the result of awareness raising and advocacy activities around volunteering that were conducted in 5 regions of Djibouti.

The workshops brought together youth groups and civil society participants to make UN volunteering more accessible. The programme strives to reach out to communities to share opportunities, both nationally and internationally, to enrich its talent pool and to share profiles that can meet agency needs. We will encourage agencies to continue to use national expertise to help address the high rate of youth unemployment in Djibouti.

Advocacy and promotion of volunteering

Throughout 2022, UNV is committed to implementing awareness-raising activities on the theme of volunteerism.

On the occasion of UN Day in October 2022, agencies gathered at the University of Balbala for an open day to familiarize students with the work of the United Nations in Djibouti. At the UNV stand, students expressed their interest in engaging in volunteer activities and joining the volunteer network to support sustainable development in Djibouti. The International Volunteer Day highlighted the willingness of all volunteer organizations in Djibouti to support community resilience, environmental protection, humanitarian response and youth empowerment.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE



WOMEN BENEFICIARIES OF THE RISING DJIBOUTI PROGRAMME

2023 A YEAR OF CONSOLIDATION

One of UNDP Djibouti's priorities in 2023 will be to continue to support the Government of Djibouti through the completion of ongoing projects focused on three key priorities and associated programmatic activities:

- Improving opportunities for inclusive and gender-responsive green growth in Djibouti;
- Improving access to quality social services, protection and self-sufficiency for all people in vulnerable situations in the country, including people with special needs;
- Strengthening accountability, transparency and the development of an inclusive governance framework within public institutions
- Strengthening the participation of women and youth in the development of national strategies.

To go further than the programmes already established, UNDP Djibouti plans to strengthen its work on climate resilience, taxation and civic engagement of women and youth in 2023 and in the years to come.

UNDP Djibouti is currently formulating **an integrated programme on climate resilience and livelihoods in Djibouti in partnership with the Global Environment Facility and the Green Climate Fund.**

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In Djibouti, climate change is reflected in impacts related to changes in rainfall patterns such as flooding and drought, as well as rising sea levels. These phenomena have a considerable impact on water resources, coastal areas and ecosystems, with adverse consequences for the living conditions of populations living in the most remote regions. Successive droughts have caused a degradation of pastures, the drying up of water points and the reduction of livestock, thus increasing the vulnerability of agro-pastoral populations.

Resilience to climate change, including the energy transition, is one of the three key pillars of the UNDP Djibouti Country Programme Document. In this regard, UNDP supports the government, mainly the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MESD), in accessing climate finance through vertical climate funds such as the Global Environment Facility and the Green Climate Fund.

The new integrated Climate Resilience and Livelihoods Programme will, once resources are mobilised, focus on implementing a range of projects supported by these funds..

Reduce development inequalities between territories by strengthening local governance

The support provided to the Regional Councils of the country's five regions in the framework of community resilience and decentralisation support projects has demonstrated the need to continue to strengthen the skills of local authorities and decentralised state services.

The reduction of inequalities between territories, in terms of socio-economic development, human development but also in access to basic services for the population, can only be made possible by strengthening the capacities of public actors at all levels.

To this end, UNDP will develop a new integrated programme to support local governance, which will aim to create the conditions necessary for the harmonious development of the regions.

Tax4SDGs: Taxation as a catalytic tool to help finance the achievement of the SDGs in Djibouti.

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EVALUATION OF THE CURRENT CPD

In 2023, UNDP Djibouti will conduct an evaluation of its Country Programme Document (CPD) 2018-2024. This exercise will provide an opportunity for the UNDP Country Office and

Independent Evaluation Office teams to conduct extensive consultations with all partners, including government partners, civil organizations, the private sector and development partners, to measure the impact of projects implemented over the past six years. The lessons learned from the cooperation framework, areas for improvement and gaps to be filled will serve as a basis for UNDP Djibouti to develop the new Country Programme Document 2025-2030.

UNDP Djibouti and the Tax4SDGs team will provide support to the Ministry of Economy and Finance in charge of Industry, as well as the Ministry of Budget and the Djibouti Tax Authority, to explore ways in which tax policy can be harnessed to support the country's priorities in achieving the SDGs, ensure that existing tax policies are better aligned with Djibouti's development goals, and support the growth of stable domestic revenues to sustainably finance social spending and public service delivery.

Strengthening the engagement of women, youth and people with special needs in civil society and in decision-making processes at all levels.

UNDP Djibouti is building on the lessons learned from its many inclusive governance initiatives and the results achieved between 2020 and 2022, in the aftermath of the Covid-19 crisis, to support the Government of Djibouti in strengthening the inclusion of women and youth in the decision-making sphere. UNDP will continue its ongoing efforts in 2023 to address the country's development needs at the local, regional and national levels to ensure that no one is left behind, so that Djibouti continues to be an inclusive and gender-sensitive society in which women and youth play a key role.

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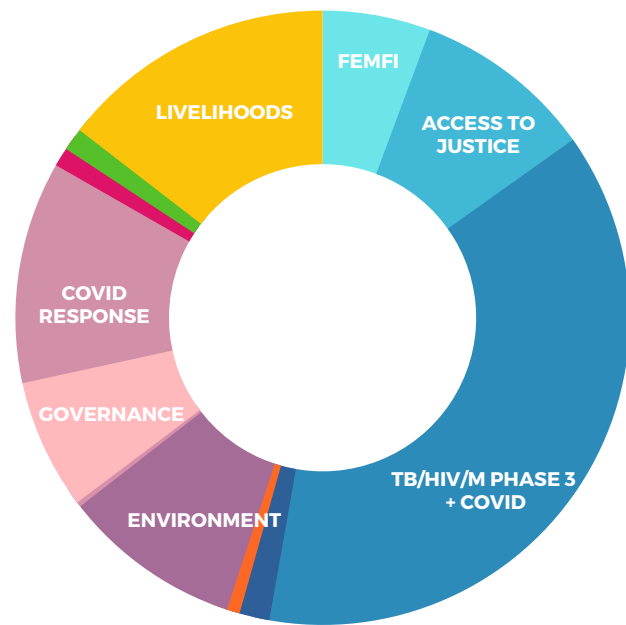
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FAMILY PHOTO OF THE UNDP DJIBOUTI TEAM AT THE CELEBRATION OF THE 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

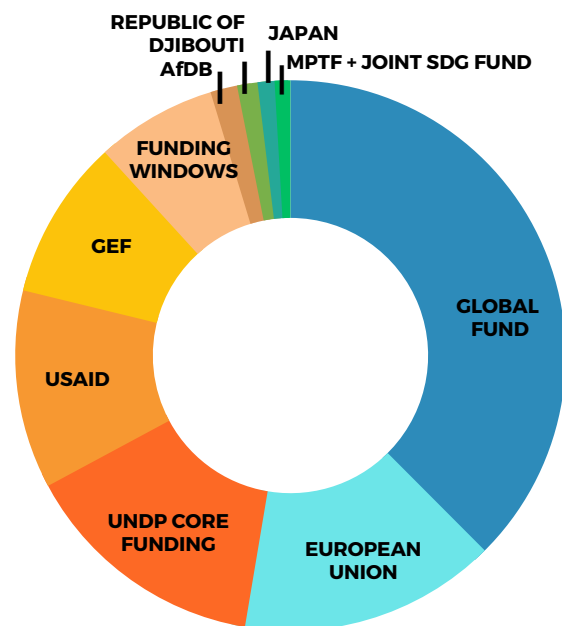
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EXPENSES BY AREA OF INTERVENTION



WOMEN AND GIRLS EMPOWERMENT	765 663
ACCESS TO JUSTICE	1 278 689
TB/HIV/MALARIA PHASE 3 + COVID	5 072 491
AGRICULTURAL INFRA REHABILITATION	213 000
DATA FOR FOOD SECURITY PREPAREDNESS	91 944
ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO	1 272 100
ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS	34 517
GOVERNANCE	923 982
COVID RESPONSE	1 576 354
HEALTH ACCESS CAMP MARYAMA	134 085
ECONOMIC RESILIENCE STRENGTHENING	161 951
LIVESHOODS	1 960 000
DELIVERY TOTAL	13 484 776

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EUROPEAN UNION	2 044 352
UNDP CORE FUNDING	1 960 000
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FUNDING WINDOWS (MULTIDONORS)	958 499
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK	400 000
GOVERNMENT OF DJIBOUTI	161 951
JAPAN	134 085
MPTF + JOINT SDG FUND (MULTIDONORS)	125 000
TOTAL OF RESOURCES MOBILIZED IN 2022	13 704 832

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