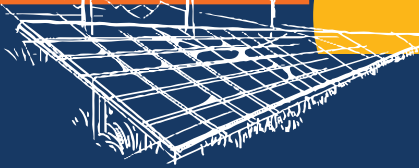# Partnering
for Sustainable
Development

Leaving no one behind

UNDP's partnership with India spans 70 years

UNDP Country Programme Document (CPD) guides its engagement and synergy with overall efforts of the United Nations in India. The CPD, aligned with the Government of India-UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF), positions UNDP as the integrator of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It utilizes UNDP's unique ability to bridge economic, social, and environmental objectives. The Country Programme offers a blend of technical, policy, and implementation support, focusing on policy dialogues with the government, knowledge exchange, and capacity building. It emphasizes national ownership and leadership to ensure sustainable outcomes.

UNDP Country Programme 2023–27

UNDP Country Programme 2023–27 aligns with India's national priorities and global commitments, including the Fifteen Year Vision (2017–2032), Seven Year Strategy (2017–2024) and Three Year Action Agenda (2017–2020). It is fully aligned with the Government of India–UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2023–27 and UNDP's Global Strategic Plan 2022–25.

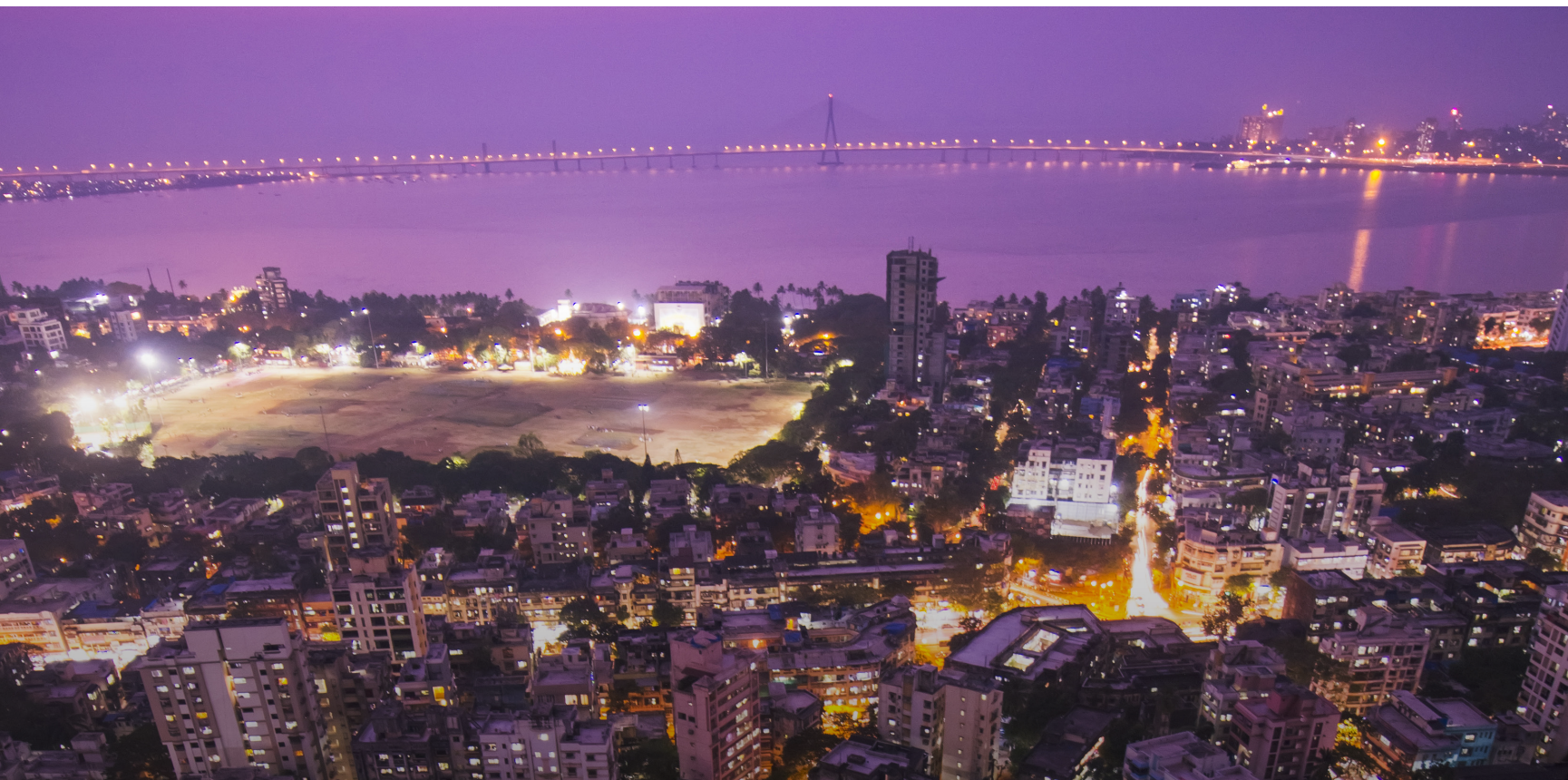| Programme Cycle	2023–27
Government Partner	Department of Economics, Ministry of Finance
Indicative total budget for 2023–27 CPD:	USD 300 million

Strong, accountable, and evidence-led institutions

Enhanced economic opportunities and social protection

Climate-smart solutions, sustainable ecosystems, and resilient development

Programme Strategy

Mainstreaming SDGs and integrated development solutions.

Building back better through **green and inclusive recovery.**

Increase **private sector contribution** to development and SDG financing

Advancing India's leadership role in global and regional forums to enhance **south-south, north-south, and triangular cooperation.**

Partnering with multiple stakeholders to Leave No One Behind and advancing Gender Equality.

Promoting innovation and digital development solutions across programme areas.

Supporting UN **inter-agency collaboration to advance the SDGs**

Leveraging implementation experience for thought leadership and integrated policy advice.

Areas of Work

Pillar 1: Strong, accountable, and evidence-led institutions for accelerated achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Strengthen evidence-based planning, implementation, monitoring and design thinking: close social and spatial gaps to achieve the SDGs.

Support innovative and scalable initiatives: resilient and inclusive service delivery with focus on healthcare.

Strengthen India's sustainable finance architecture: address the SDG financing gap and enhance capital flow towards SDGs at National and State levels through sustained engagement with government and private sector.

Achievements

Strengthened digital healthcare systems

Supported rollout of CoWIN platform to administer **2 billion COVID-19 vaccine doses in record time.**

Supporting rollout of U-WIN pilot (digital platform for Universal Immunization Programme) across India, **registering over 20 million beneficiaries** (pregnant women and children) and tracking over 55 million vaccine doses.

600,000 female healthcare workers trained to use eVIN and U-WIN digital vaccination platforms.

NITI Aayog

In partnership with NITI Aayog and state governments, **launched 7 Sustainable Development Goal Coordination Centres (SDGCCs)** to help integrate the Sustainable Development Goals' into sub national action plans, policies, budgets, and programmes aiming to address social and spatial gaps.

UNDP, as the G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group (SFWG) Secretariat, **supported adoption of New Delhi Leaders' Declaration deliverables in three priority areas,** (a) Mechanisms for timely and adequate Resources for Climate Finance (b) Enabling Finance for the SDGs (c) Capacity Building of the ecosystem for financing towards sustainable development, and proposed the G20 Technical Assistance Action Plan (TAAP) for capacity building.

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Pillar 2:

Enhanced economic opportunities and social protection to reduce inequality, with a focus on the marginalized.

Sustainable local livelihoods solutions: revitalize local farm and non-farm value chains, digital empowerment, eco-entrepreneurship, green recovery of MSMEs.

Inclusive social protection systems: Tech-enabled, resilient, inclusive, and expanded outreach.

Achievements

Developed India's first review of the National Multidimensional Poverty Index (NMPI) **covering 36 states and union territories,** offering a comprehensive analysis of multidimensional poverty data across India to drive policy actions.

Supported Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare to enhance climate resilience of **26.9 million farmers.**

Supported Ministry of Tribal Affairs in decentralized planning for 14,000 villages through Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAAGY), **benefiting 16 million tribals across 29 states.**

Established **174 Labor Resource Centres** in industrial areas.

Empowered 11,700 Safai Saathis (waste collectors) nationwide to access government schemes, emphasizing on healthcare and insurance.

Empowered 87,000 individuals by equipping them with new skills and providing direct support in accessing finance and business development services.

Pillar 3:

Climate-smart solutions, sustainable ecosystems, and resilient development for reduced vulnerability.

Climate-smart solutions: transition towards net-zero emissions, through climate finance and investment in Renewable Energy. Support implementation of South-South and Triangular cooperation initiatives including ISA and CDRI.

Sustainable management of natural resources: biodiversity and ecosystem restoration, creation of carbon sinks, promotion of green enterprises and nature-based livelihoods, implementing One Health approach.

Phase-out of hazardous chemicals: environmentally sound management of ozone depleting substances (ODS), Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), Unintentional Persistent Organic Pollutants (U-POPs), toxic chemicals like mercury and e-waste.

Circular economy: promoting comprehensive management of dry waste including plastic.

Building resilience of communities to natural disasters and climate change: developing early warning systems, disaster preparedness, and climate adaptation.

Achievements

Collected and processed **137,858 Metric Tonnes of plastic** waste.

Mitigated **344,645 MT equivalent** of carbon dioxide emissions.

Restoration of **1,700 Hectares of mangroves** and 300 Hectares of coastal watersheds.

Scaling solar applications for agriculture in Tuvalu, Mali, Senegal, Benin, Uganda, Niger, Togo, Sudan, South Sudan, and Democratic Republic of Congo.

Supported Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to develop India's third National Communication and first Adaptation Communication to UNFCCC.

Developed GeoAI platform and mapped **47,000+ hotspots of air pollution** through AI assisted technologies.

Developed DiCRA, a geospatial platform for climate-resilient agriculture, accredited by Digital Public Goods Alliance (DPGA), and being upscaled by NABARD.

CDRI⟨⟩ **Developed and launched the first global flagship report** "Global Infrastructure Resilience" to support risk-informed decision-making for infrastructure at a global scale.

Gender

'Gender Equality' and 'Leaving No One Behind' are fundamental to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). UNDP stands uniquely positioned to address Gender Equality across all the 17 SDGs.

Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion are cornerstones of UNDP's work in India. This approach is integrated in all our portfolios, including Sustainable and Inclusive Growth, Health Systems Strengthening, and Action for Climate and Environment, aiming to ensure equal rights, opportunities, and entitlements for all genders.

Innovation

Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, aimed at protecting people and the planet, requires innovative, adaptable approaches and the use of cutting-edge tools, platforms, and services. Fostering innovation is crucial for fast-tracking solutions to development challenges and creating a sustainable, equitable, and inclusive future.

UNDP is harnessing the potential of technologies, data, and innovative financing mechanism to develop impactful and inclusive solutions. UNDP Digital Strategy 2022-25 is guiding our efforts to support countries in building inclusive, ethical, and sustainable digital societies.

UNDP India Accelerator Lab, part of the global Accelerator Labs network, explores, maps and experiments with a portfolio of solutions in air quality management, climate resilient agriculture and gender equality. The Lab operates at three levels – policy engagement, institutionalizing i nnovation and technology augmentation.

Government Partners

Bureau of Energy Efficiency
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Invest India
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Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
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Ministry of Corporate Affairs
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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
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Ministry of External Affairs
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Ministry of Finance
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Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
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Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
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Ministry of Jal Shakti
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Ministry of Labour and Welfare
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Ministry of Minority Affairs
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Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
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Ministry of Power
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Ministry of Rural Development
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Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
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Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
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Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
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Ministry of Textiles
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Ministry of Tribal Affairs
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Ministry of Women and Child Development
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Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
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NITI Aayog
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National Biodiversity Authority
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National Disaster Management Authority
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State governments and District administrations

Financial Outlay (2023–2027) in Million

UNDP Core
($9.09)

South-South contributions
($1.2)

Thematic Funds
($0.82)

Montreal Protocol
($35.32)

Private sector and third-party financing
($116.8)

Green Climate Fund (GCF)
($37.68)

Global Environmental Facility (GEF)
($41.12)

Government Financing
($58.98)
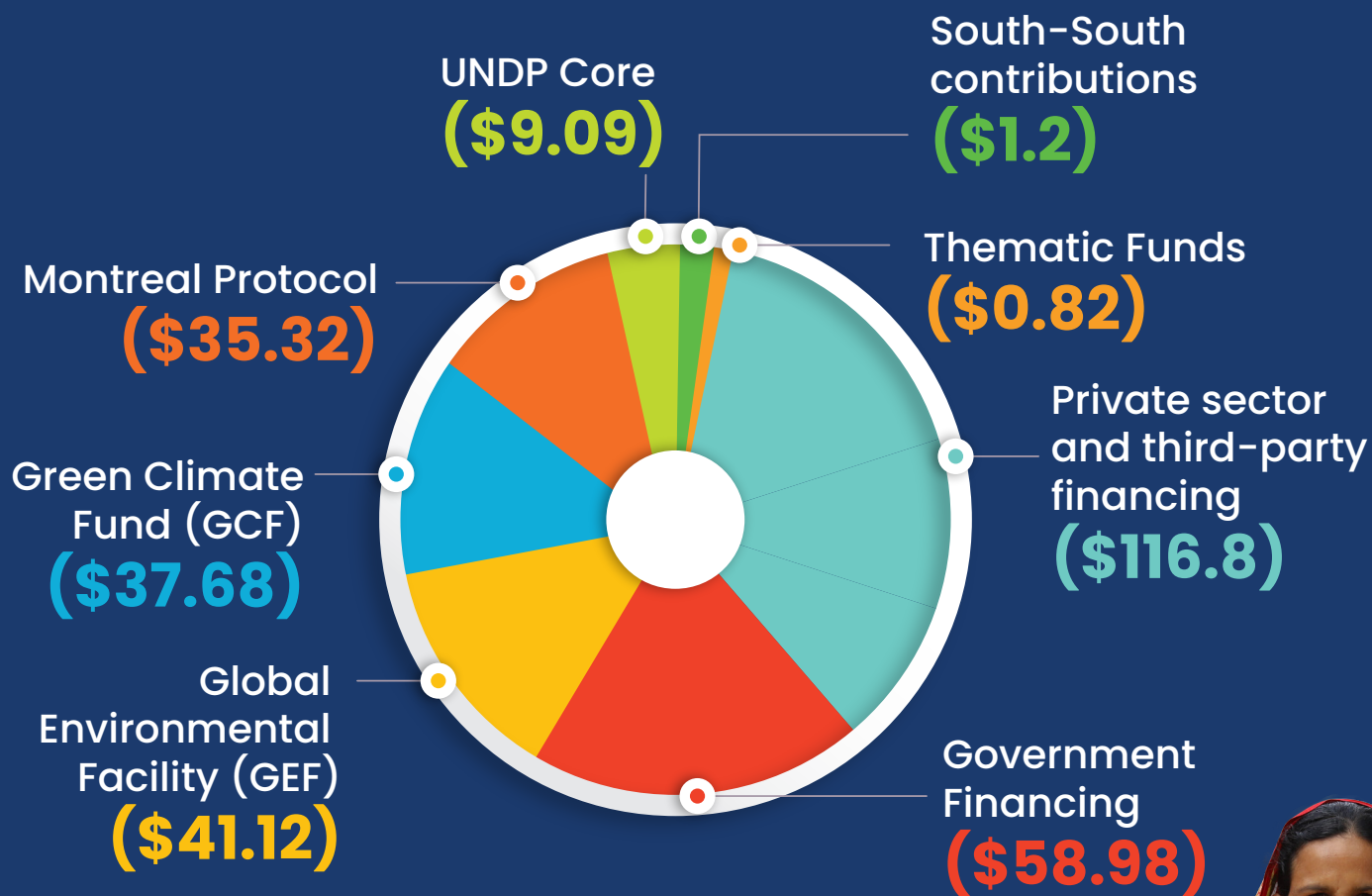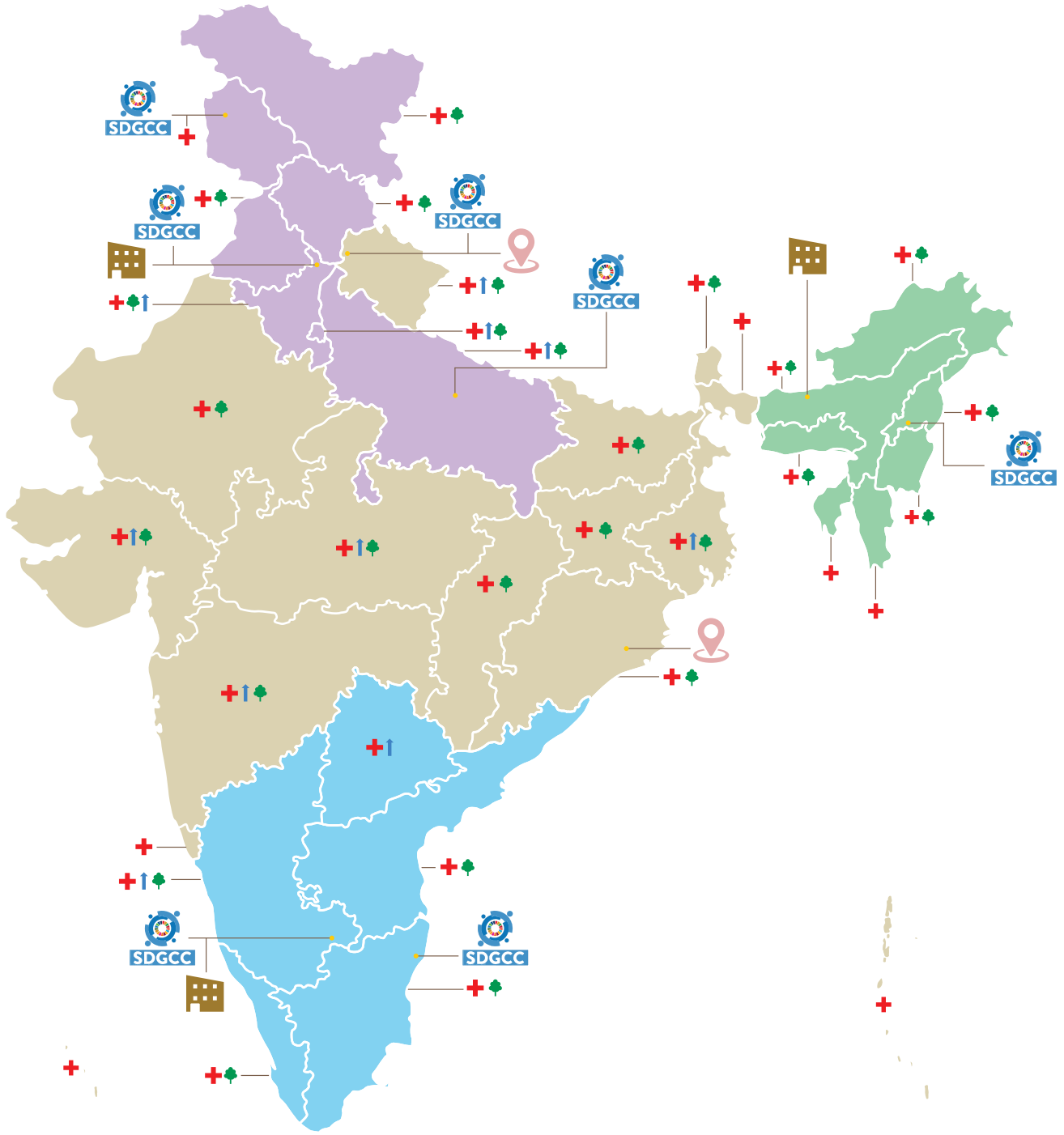
Our Presence

States are key to the achievement of SDGs and for effective delivery of UNDP programmes.

🌳 **Action for Climate and Environment**	**SDGCC** **Sustainable Development Goals' Coordination Centre**	● **North Region**
➕ **Health Systems Strengthening**	⬆ **Sustainable and Inclusive Growth**	● **North East Region**
🏢 **Regional Office**	📍 **State Office**	● **Southern Region**

Regional Presence

North Region	North-East Region	Southern Region	State Office
Chandigarh (UT)	Arunachal Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh	Odisha
Haryana	Assam	Karnataka	Uttarakhand
Himachal Pradesh	Manipur	Kerala	
Jammu and Kashmir (UT)	Meghalaya	Tamil Nadu	
Ladakh (UT)	Mizoram	Telangana	
Punjab	Nagaland		
Uttar Pradesh	Sikkim		
	Tripura		