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.

**Programme Cycle**

| 2023–27 |

**Government Partner**

Department of Economics, Ministry of Finance

**Indicative total budget for 2023–27 CPD:**

USD 300 million

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**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.

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

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

**Developed and launched the first global flagship report** “Global Infrastructure Resilience” to support risk-informed decision-making for infrastructure at a global scale.
‘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 mechanisms 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 innovation and technology augmentation.
Bureau of Energy Efficiency
Invest India
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare
Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Ministry of External Affairs
Ministry of Finance
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
Ministry of Jal Shakti
Ministry of Labour and Welfare
Ministry of Minority Affairs
Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
Ministry of Power
Ministry of Rural Development
Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
Ministry of Textiles
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Ministry of Women and Child Development
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
NITI Aayog
National Biodiversity Authority
National Disaster Management Authority
State governments and District administrations
Our Presence

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

- **Action for Climate and Environment**
- **Health Systems Strengthening**
- **Regional Office**
- **Sustainable and Inclusive Growth**
- **State Office**
- **Sustainable Development Goals’ Coordination Centre**

### Regional Presence

#### North Region
- Chandigarh (UT)
- Haryana
- Himachal Pradesh
- Jammu and Kashmir (UT)
- Ladakh (UT)
- Punjab
- Uttar Pradesh

#### North-East Region
- Arunachal Pradesh
- Assam
- Manipur
- Meghalaya
- Mizoram
- Nagaland
- Sikkim
- Tripura

#### Southern Region
- Andhra Pradesh
- Karnataka
- Kerala
- Tamil Nadu
- Telangana

#### State Office
- Odisha
- Uttarakhand