

Conflict

Democratic governance



# Election Peacebuilding

Accountability

Justice

Human right

## Democratic Governance and Peacebuilding

(Good) governance remains at the center of global efforts to reduce poverty, and promoting sustainable and equitable development, with no one left behind. Addressing the leadership and governance factors are, indeed, a critical element in accelerating economic growth and ensuring lasting peace.

UNDP's intervention in the area of democratic governance, the rule of law and peacebuilding emanates from its mandate given by the United Nations Secretariat. As an international and one of the leading agencies in the fields of development and governance, UNDP in Ethiopia supports and aligns its work with the host government key development priorities. The existing Country Programme Document (2020-2025) clearly articulates UNDP's commitment towards the establishment of democratic governance and human rights protection in Ethiopia. To realize this, UNDP in collaboration and partnership with its key stakeholders and implementing partners works on frameworks that enable and foster the governance systems and structures, developing capacities of the various actors, and empowerment of youth, women and others who are left behind.

UNDP through its Democratic Governance and Peacebuilding unit works under five pillars while gender and social inclusion are cross-cutting.



### Pillar 1: Accountability and Integrity

Constitutional, law-making, parliamentary, and electoral processes strengthened to promote inclusion, gender equality, transparency and accountability.



### Pillar 2: Justice & Human Rights

Capacities, functions, and financing of rule of law and national human rights institutions and systems strengthened to promote and protect human rights, expand access to justice, with a focus on marginalized groups.



### Pillar 3: Democratization Processes

Institutions and systems enabled to address awareness, prevention, and enforcement of anti-corruption measures across sectors.



### Pillar 4: Local Governance

Capacities of federal and regional institutions enhanced to promote gender-responsive, inclusive, and sustainable local development.



### Pillar 5: Peacebuilding & Conflict Management

Federal, regional, and sub-regional capacities strengthened for reintegration, reconciliation, prevention, and peaceful management of conflicts

## Contribution to SDGs



## Guiding Principles

The UNDP's Democratic Governance & Peacebuilding portfolio operates based on the following key guiding principles:



Emphasizing on importance of country ownership which is supported with technical and national capacity building efforts.



Top-notch, upstream policy engagement and advice to state institutions and partners.



Brokering partnerships between the government, development partners and civil society



Flexibility and adaptability to context in programming, particularly in transitional settings.



Remain relevant and responsive to current and emerging changes and reform priorities/needs.

## Portfolio



8 active projects/  
programmes for FY24



Total budget of USD  
**11.7 million from core  
funding and donor.**

## Funding Source

UNDP under the DGP portfolio is financing its projects/  
programmes through the support of **13** development partner and  
**core funding**.



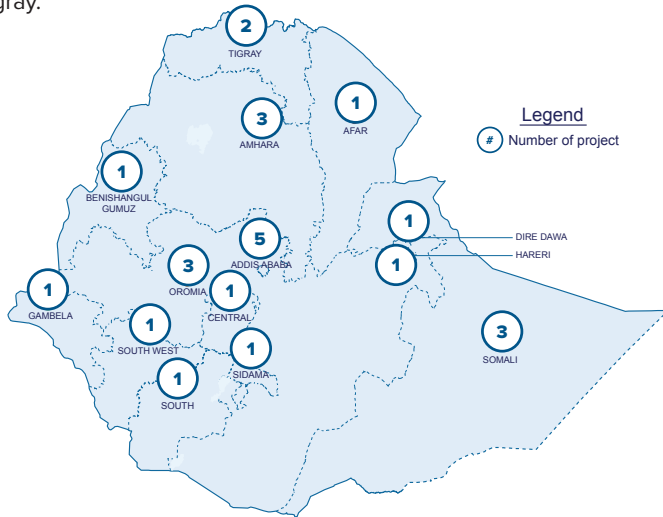
## Implementing Partners (IP)



18 IPs

## Where UNDP Intervenes\*

UNDP's current programmatic interventions under its governance  
and peacebuilding portfolio involve some 10 partner institutions at  
federal level and four target regions of Amhara, Oromia, Somali and  
Tigray.



## Highlights

### Institutional Capacity Building



UNDP has supported the establishment of the National Dialogue Commission (NDC) equipped with the necessary staff and materials to foster an inclusive, transparent, gender-sensitive, and participatory National Dialogue in Ethiopia.



In collaboration with the Ethiopian Media Authority (EMA), trained **47** Content & Advertisement Monitoring experts on 'critical thinking, content & advertisement monitoring, and conflict sensitive reporting that strengthened the media monitoring to tackle the hate speech and misinformation.



With the support of UNDP, the skills & knowledge of **96** staff (72 males & 18 females) from various Implementing Partners on Result Based Management (RBM), results-based planning, monitoring and reporting, problems and causality analyses enhanced. As a result, service provisions in the various sectors were enhanced.

## System Automation



With the support of UNDP, between **220,000 to 629,000** government and political appointees registered their assets through FEACC's Declaration of Assets Registration System (DARS) established and automated from 2020 to 2021.

## Knowledge Solutions



Standardized the function of the Standing Committees and strengthened the coordination of the Members of Parliament (MPs) of the House of Peoples' Representatives through the production of manuals on inductions & lessons sharing and secretariat guidelines on law-making & oversight and to effectively respond to citizens' demand.



Supported the development of the '**Own-Motion Investigation Manual**' for the Ethiopian Institution of Ombudsman to standardize its self-initiated investigations, which provides a structured approach for the institution and used to investigate the damage in the Amhara region due to the conflict.



**9** knowledge products have been produced and disseminated covering a range of topics with an aim to inform stakeholders, guide policymaking and support initiatives related to governance, role of women in peace building, conflict resolution, civic engagement.



With the help of UNDP, the Human Rights Commission organized two national consultative forums which served as platform for gathering insights, fostering dialogue and enhanced the inclusion of persons with disabilities and vulnerable groups into the commission's operation.



Supported the development of guidelines on Gender Mainstreaming and implemented within the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC) and ensured gender considerations are integrated into all core functions of the EHRC such as recruitment processes and leadership positions.



Enhanced the efficiency & effectiveness of NEBE's election communication through the development of a communication strategy that was instrumental in mobilizing and active participation of people especially those marginalized groups in the electoral process.



With the assistance of UNDP, the House of Peoples' Representatives (HoPR) established a Parliamentary Research Network, which strengthened the Parliamentary Secretariat's relations and coordination with the parliaments, democratic institutions, Think Thank, and academia.



A national corruption survey was conducted, providing insights that informed the development of National Anti-Corruption Policy & Strategy, which is finalized and awaiting the parliamentary approval and enforcement.



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