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2025 : Accelerating structural transformation, resilience, and inclusion in Djibouti



◆ Message from the Resident Representative ◆

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In 2025, UNDP supported Djibouti in a decisive strategic transition: moving from fragmented projects to integrated national frameworks capable of producing measurable results at scale. By supporting the development of the National Development Plan (NDP) 2025–2030 and the integration of the Integrated Financing Framework (INFF), UNDP contributed to better aligning public policies, data, and financing with national priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

At the same time, strengthening governance, social cohesion, climate systems, and socio-economic inclusion – particularly for women, youth, and persons with disabilities – has concretely improved the livelihoods and resilience of the most vulnerable populations. The achievements of 2025 constitute a solid operational foundation to consolidate in 2026 the reforms undertaken and to sustainably transform national ambition into investments.



+12 126

people directly affected by climate/water/nature actions



+3711

people trained in different fields (mediation, employability, digital, monitoring and evaluation, sustainable land management)



+1952

young people mobilized as part of the Youth portfolio



72

hydraulic structures built or rehabilitated and 280 solar equipments installed throughout the country



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structural milestones for governance supported (NDP, Social cohesion, INFF, DFA, solar self-consumption, early warnings, etc).

Opportunities for progress, a systemic response in development.

In 2025, Djibouti evolves in a context of favorable economic prospects (with an estimated economic growth of around 6%).

Key results



90 representatives mobilized during the regional consultations of the NDP (6 regions).



Review of the NDP 2020-2024: 51% of the indicators reported, establishing a factual basis to strengthen public decision-making.

To support this dynamic and ensure that everyone can benefit from the progress made, it remains essential to sustainably strengthen institutional capacities, optimize the quality of public data, and support innovative and inclusive solutions, paying particular attention to the most vulnerable populations. The commitment to "leave no one behind" thus constitutes a major lever towards a more prosperous and equitable future for all.

Strategic positioning of UNDP

In 2025, the UNDP positioned itself as a platform for systemic transformation, connecting:

- ◆ National planning (National Volunteering Programme, NDP 2025-2030),
- ◆ Development financing (INFF, Tax4SDGs, Greening Djibouti),
- ◆ Data and public management (NDP Evaluation, DELTA),
- ◆ Social inclusion (gender, youth, disability, civil society),
- ◆ Public, private, regional, and South-South partnerships.



► **UNDP Djibouti
2025 results**

Inclusive Economic Transition and Climate Resilience

- ◆ In 2025, the UNDP strengthened livelihoods and climate resilience by combining skills development, green investments, ecosystem restoration, and risk anticipation systems, with measurable results for households and frameworks ready for scaling up.

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◆◆ **2025 Transformative Results** ◆◆

Youth, skills, and socio-economic transformation

- ◆ 66 young people, including 66% with disabilities, completed internships; 38% received job offers and 53 entered the labor market.
- ◆ Women represented 39% of the beneficiaries.
- ◆ 50 young men and women with disabilities benefited from professional integration internships in companies as part of the partnership with ANPH (National Agency for Persons with Disabilities).
- ◆ The economic and social potential of the Creative and Cultural Industries (CCI) was assessed through a study.



► *Presentation workshop of the study on the CCI.*



The **Youth Portfolio – Well-being and Prosperity**, launched in 2025, structured a coordinated response centered on youth in a context where more than 75% of the population is under 35 years old and where the fragmentation of initiatives limited impact. Designed over the period 2025–2030 with the Ministry of Youth and Culture as the main partner, the portfolio aims to strengthen the leadership and capacity for action of young people, to establish governance "with and for youth," and to support economic diversification towards sustainable and inclusive growth.

In this framework, the portfolio has served as a catalyst for high-impact programmatic meetings. It notably supported the organization of the 5th Pan-African Youth Forum (Djibouti, November 2–4, 2025), bringing together more than 400 young leaders from 53 countries around interactive workshops, multi-stakeholder dialogues, and networking spaces, in order to generate concrete actions and strengthen an engaged coalition. In parallel, the Youth Well-being Innovation Competition mobilized 516 participants and funded 3 high-potential projects, strengthening entrepreneurship, civic engagement, and the direct contribution of youth to national priorities and the SDGs.



► *The UNDP Portfolio Approach*



► *The 2025 Pan-African Youth Forum*





Digitalization and AI

In 2025, UNDP consolidated its action in terms of digitalization and innovation in the service of inclusion, by articulating skills development, youth employability, and public transformation. As part of initiatives such as the Frontier Tech Leaders program or the FEMFI project, 280 young people have seen their digital skills enhanced, including 39% women. In parallel, UNDP has contributed to fostering a structured dialogue on artificial intelligence as a lever for human development, in line with its positioning on data, innovation, and support for the country's structural transformations.

Strengthening the Value Chain of the Green Economy in Damerjog



► A multi-stakeholder collaboration for food security in Damerjog

Thanks to targeted support for the agricultural cooperative of Antar in Damerjog, financed by the China Merchants Foundation, UNDP has strengthened the value chains of the green economy and expanded access to markets for the benefit of vulnerable groups. Among the 40 beneficiaries supported, 70% are women. 6 lead farmers and 40 members of the cooperative received solar irrigation pumps, ensuring year-round productivity and reducing post-harvest losses through sustained technical support.

The strategic partnership established with the Chinese foundation has allowed the cooperative to connect directly with catering companies as regular customers, thus removing market access barriers. This resulted in a 50% increase in sales and an 80% increase in household income, demonstrating the transformative impact of combining green technologies and structured commercial opportunities. This initiative has enabled rural households to sustainably integrate into local markets, thereby contributing to inclusive and resilient economic growth in Djibouti.

What has changed

Djibouti now has institutional, technical, and financial foundations to anticipate climate shocks rather than react to them.

Employment, Skills, Youth

→ **386** people supported in employability and income-generating activities

→ **280** young people with enhanced digital skills, of which 39% are women

→ **80%** increase in income for supported farmers


→ **516** young participants in the Innovation Challenge



Climate, Energy and Green Innovations

- ◆ Support to the Government for the finalization of the NDC 2.0 (Nationally Determined Contributions - climate commitments setting targets for emissions reduction and adaptation to climate change), marking a major step in aligning Djibouti's ambitions for mitigation and adaptation with the Paris Agreement ahead of COP30.
- ◆ Africa Minigrids Programme: National model for rural electrification, technical standards and contractual tools finalized.
- ◆ Analysis of Derisking Renewable Energy Investment: designing risk-sharing mechanisms to mobilize private investment.
- ◆ Organization of the National Solar Energy Forum (FNES), strengthening public-private dialogue.





▶ *The National Solar Energy Forum: a first in Djibouti.*



▶ *A look back at FNES 2025*





Restoration of ecosystems and resilient livelihoods



► *BIOFIN, the initiative for biodiversity finance.*

- ◆ Day Forest: scientific bases of conservation and community reforestation.
- ◆ Cheikhetti Basin: 30 ha restored, 20,000 trees, 50+ hydraulic infrastructures (wells, reservoirs, buried tanks), benefiting 11,000+ people (direct and indirect); 20 agropastoral perimeters managed by 40 women.
- ◆ The Global Environment Facility's Small Grants Programme: 1,126 people reached via 9 wells and 3 reservoirs built, 170 households equipped with solar devices.
- ◆ BIOFIN: launch in Djibouti of the initiative for the biodiversity finance to equip the country with a National Biodiversity Financing Plan.

Anticipation of risks and alert systems

- ◆ CADRI Assessment (Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative – diagnostic tool for national capacities in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation) completed.
- ◆ Strengthening of monitoring-evaluation of the national risk management strategy.
- ◆ EW4All Roadmap (Early Warning for All), which enabled the launch of sustainable water resource and pasture management projects to strengthen the climate resilience of rural communities in Djibouti (funded by the Global Environment Facility) and tailored information for actionable early warning systems (funded by the China International Development Cooperation Agency, CIDCA).



Climate, water, ecosystems: the impact of the Cheikhetti project

→ **30 ha** of degraded land restored

→ **20 000** trees planted

→ **50+** hydraulic infrastructures

→ **11 000** beneficiaries

→ **20** agro-pastoral perimeters managed by 40 women



Inclusive Governance, Social Cohesion and Human-Centered Services



In 2025, the UNDP contributed to improving governance and social cohesion in Djibouti by supporting the establishment of integrated national frameworks, the institutionalization of actions, and the achievement of sustainable results. The action was centered around social cohesion, strengthening citizen trust, evidence-based planning, and the decentralization of public services.

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◆◆ **2025 Transformative Results** ◆◆

Decentralization and proximity services

- ◆ In Ali Sabieh, UNDP has strengthened civil registration, created a youth space and supported the establishment of two additional decentralized offices of the Regional Council.
- ◆ In Dikhil and Ali Sabieh, an innovative model of local water governance has been implemented.
- ◆ In Arta, the energy security of the village of Moumina (100 circuit breakers installed) and the construction of the first Multi-Service Center for women's empowerment brought integrated services closer to communities.



► *Participatory water management: managing natural resources together.*



Social Cohesion

A major milestone has been reached with the development of key documents on social cohesion, notably through reflection initiated around a first integrated framework for the country aimed at reducing territorial disparities, strengthening community resilience and restoring trust in public institutions.

- **900+ stakeholders consulted in all regions.**
- **71 % of youth and women among the respondents.**
- **Establishment of a national multisectoral steering committee (7 ministries) led by the Ministry of the Interior.**

The strengthening of local capacities, in collaboration with the Union of Djiboutian Women (UNFD), resulted in the certification of 122 community mediators, of which 66% are women, supported by a training of trainers system (22 facilitators) ensuring national replication. Culturally anchored dialogue activities mobilized 200+ actors (religious leaders, youth, women), strengthening community ownership.

► *Gender equality & social cohesion*



Development planning, data and financing

- ◆ Review of the 2020–2024 NDP: 51% of the 135 indicators reported, 24% with defined targets.
- ◆ Central support for the development of the 2025–2030 NDP, based on inclusive consultations in the 6 regions and structured around three pillars: resilient economy, strengthened human capital, and ecological transition.
- ◆ Finalization of the Development Finance Assessment and the INFF Strategy, integrated into the NDP to align financing and SDGs.
- ◆ Strengthening of fiscal capacities: 25 officials trained in general fiscal audits and 15 officials in audits of banking and insurance sectors.
- ◆ Unprecedented support to the Court of Auditors, including South-South cooperation and contribution to the Strategic Plan 2025–2030.
- ◆ Inclusion of Creative and Cultural Industries and the environmental dimension in the NDP.



NDP 2025-2030

- 1 Economic diversification and structural transformation
- 2 Consolidation of human capital
- 3 Governance, social cohesion, business environment
- 4 Ecological transition and environmental sustainability



Public dialogue, justice, and citizen trust

Dialogue and transparency mechanisms have strengthened the relationship between institutions and citizens, notably through the 2025 Justice Week, now led by the Ministry of Justice, which mobilized 750+ participants, 30+ institutions, 20+ heads of judicial institutions, and 20 ministers during the launch.



JUSTICE WEEK 2025

- +750 participants
- +30 institutions
- +20 heads of judicial institutions
- +20 ministers



What has changed

In 2025, UNDP Djibouti transitioned from isolated projects to national integrated frameworks, sustainably strengthening social cohesion, evidence-based governance, and equitable access to public services.

900+ stakeholders consulted during social cohesion activities



71%
of youth and women

122 certified mediators



66%
of women

50 M&E agents trained



Complementary partnerships that transform funding into measurable results

- ◆ In 2025, UNDP consolidated an ecosystem of partnerships based on a clear operational logic: align priorities, connect actors, and derisk investments. These partnerships enabled the transformation of funding into measurable results and strengthened the necessary conditions for the sustainable implementation of the priorities of the NDP 2025–2030

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→ **Government of Djibouti**

The partnership with the Government of Djibouti constitutes the foundation of UNDP's action. In 2025, the support focused on national planning (NDP 2025–2030), monitoring and evaluation systems, and strengthening territorial services. Consultations mobilized representatives from the five regions and Djibouti City, including youth, women, and civil society, in order to anchor priorities in local realities and improve equitable access to public services.

In terms of mobilizing domestic resources, notable progress has also been recorded in strengthening the capacity of the tax administration. Tax agents benefited from capacity-building programs in tax audit, contributing to improving tax control and expanding national revenue collection, as part of the implementation of the tax reform and the development financing strategy outlined in the Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF).

→ **Private Sector**

Targeted collaborations have been initiated regarding youth employability, innovation, and green transition. Within the Youth Portfolio, the private sector has been involved in innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives, with due diligence processes ongoing to formalize partnerships related to employment, digital and financial inclusion. Dialogues have also been engaged on the circular economy and decentralized energy solutions, positioning the private sector as a **co-producer of solutions for development**.

→ **Civil Society**

In 2025, UNDP strengthened its partnership with civil society as a key actor in implementation, local innovation, and social cohesion. This collaboration has notably translated into support for the Global Environment Facility's Small Grants Programme (GEF-SGP), the Youth Well-being Innovation Competition, as well as support for Djiboutian CSOs within the framework of the Tadamon Accelerator for Food Security. In parallel, the partnership with the National Union of Djiboutian Women (UNFD) has contributed to strengthening the community anchoring of mediation and social cohesion actions. Civil society has thus become, alongside UNDP, an essential partner to connect innovation, inclusion, and local impact.

→ **Regional**

Cooperation with the African Union has strengthened around structuring initiatives, notably the Human Development Report in the Horn of Africa and the co-organization of the Pan-African Youth Forum, embedding national priorities within regional dynamics and promoting peer learning.

→ **South-South**

A structuring partnership with China led to the launch, in October 2025, of the early warning project, funded by CIDCA. This cooperation combines technical expertise and resource mobilization to lay the foundations for an inclusive, multi-hazard, data-driven early warning system under Greening Djibouti, UNDP's environmental project portfolio.

→ **Vertical funds**

Vertical funds were mobilized as investment levers to prepare projects with high scalability potential and strengthen national capacities. Support from the Green Climate Fund will enable the structuring of climate investments focused on adaptation and resilience, in line with Greening Djibouti. Funding from the Global Environment Facility, for its part, combined community-based actions and ecosystem approaches (Small Grants Programme, GEF-Water), linking local solutions with sustainable watershed management.

→ **UN-to-UN partnerships and joint funding**

Inter-agency partnerships have enabled the integration of complementary expertise and accelerated the development of coherent solutions. A joint UNDP-UNEP initiative, funded by the SDG Fund, has structured solar self-consumption: sector standards, regulatory reforms, and the organization of the first National Solar Energy Forum, catalyzing public-private dialogue and preparing for scaling up. Complementary cooperation with UN Women, UNESCO, IOM, and the RCO has strengthened the coherence of UN support, particularly on gender, the environment, culture, and mobility.

What has changed

The partnerships of PNUD Djibouti have evolved from a coordination logic to a co-investment and co-implementation logic, maximizing leverage and impact for the most exposed populations.



Partnerships

2025 BUDGET | \$10 000 000

We express our gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Djibouti:



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JOINT SDG FUND

MPTF

gef fonds pour l'environnement mondial POUR INVESTIR DANS NOTRE PLANÈTE

SGP The GEF Small Grants Programme

GREEN CLIMATE FUND

AFRICA MINIGRIDS PROGRAM

Funding Windows

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Nothing of this would be possible without our partners to whom we sincerely say: Thank you!

2025 : laying the foundations. 2026 : moving to a higher gear.

The results of 2025 mark a strategic transition: UNDP fully enters the scaling phase of the 2025–2030 Country Programme Document, converting policy and financial frameworks into inclusive and resilient investments.

2026 Priorities



Climate resilience and risk anticipation

UNDP will continue to focus its efforts on early warning systems, natural resources management, ecosystem preservation, and renewable energies



Employment and inclusion of youth and women

UNDP will emphasize youth, their skills, innovation, digital, and the Cultural and Creative Industries through the Youth Portfolio.



Governance, data, and sustainable financing

UNDP will continue to support the government in mobilizing resources to finance development and protect biodiversity, while contributing to the strengthening of national capacities.



Our National Partners:

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- The Ministry of Economy and Finance, in charge of Industry
- The Ministry of Justice
- The Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development
- The Ministry of Energy in charge of Natural Resources
- The Ministry of Interior
- The Ministry of Women and Family
- The Ministry of Health
- The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and the Sea, in charge of Hydraulic Resources
- The Ministry of Youth and Culture
- The Ministry of Interior
- The Minister Delegate for Digital Economy and Digital
- The Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training
- The Ministry of Higher Education
- The Ministry of Labor in charge of Formalization and Social Protection
- The Ministry of Communication
- The Ministry of Commerce and Tourism
- The Ministry of Decentralization
- The National Assembly
- The State Secretariat in charge of Investments and Development of the Private Sector
- The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
- The Regional Council of Tadjourah
- The Regional Council of Dikhi
- The Regional Council of Arta
- The Regional Council of Obock
- The Regional Council of Ali Sabieh
- The Prefectures of the regions of Arta, Ali Sabieh, Dikhil, Obock, and Tadjourah
- The Chamber of Commerce of Djibouti
- The Executive Secretariat for Risk Management and Disasters
- The Court of Auditors
- The National Meteorological Agency
- The Djiboutian Association for Evaluation
- The National Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- The National Agency for State Information Systems (ANSIE)
- The University of Djibouti
- The National Union of Women of Djibouti
- The National Agency for Investments Promotion
- The Center for Leadership and Entrepreneurship
- The National Commission for Human Rights
- The Djiboutian Office for Industrial and Commercial Property (ODEPIC)
- Civil Society organizations (Peace & Milk, Ecosymbiose, Association of Women of Wanaag Xawale, Connect Djibouti, Ecolo in Djibouti, Silissa, Baraka Charity, SOS Environment, etc.)
- Private sector companies (BCIMR, CEGELEM Djibouti, In'Com Cabinet, etc.).



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