

# The United States and UNDP

## A Partnership that Advances US Interests



A vital partner since UNDP's creation, the United States has contributed **US\$80 million a year since 2012 to UNDP's core operating budget**. This voluntary contribution funds work that is vital to advance US foreign policy, national security, and economic interests around the world. **US membership on UNDP's Executive Board ensures no UNDP country programs go forward without US approval**. Other governments share this commitment. **For every US\$1 the US invests in core, others contribute US\$7**.

In 2016, a US Senate committee singled out UNDP among 29 international organizations for its unique contribution and impact in areas of vital US interest such as Iraq and Afghanistan. US officials have praised UNDP's increased efficiency and top global rating for transparency.

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*“The Committee recognizes UNDP's contributions to stability and development efforts in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other challenging environments, expects UNDP to continue to play a key role in such efforts in the future, and encourages the President to request sufficient funds for UNDP in FY 2018.”*

-Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee, June 2016

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**At the vanguard of UN reform**, UNDP launched a major restructuring in 2014 that eliminated 12% of staff positions and moved 20% of headquarters jobs to the field. Since 2014, UNDP has been independently ranked by the Aid Transparency Index (ATI) as the world's #1 most transparent aid agency, with Millennium Challenge Corp. #2 and UNICEF #3. AidData in 2015 ranked UNDP among the top organizations globally in value for money and communication with partners in areas including justice, security, anti-corruption, and transparency.

### UNDP'S WORK

UNDP operates in 170 countries and territories to fight corruption; tackle root causes of forced displacement and drivers of violent extremism; prevent, recover from, and build resilience to crisis and conflict; remove landmines; provide safe water and sanitation; promote health; conserve wildlife and halt trafficking in endangered species;

support free and fair elections; advance rule of law; and create jobs to help people pull themselves out of poverty.

**Almost 90% of UNDP's core program resources go directly to projects and programs in the world's poorest, most fragile countries.** Through our work to help governments around the world become transparent trade partners and viable export markets, UNDP contributes directly to the US economy.

In 2012-2016, UNDP procured US\$610 million in goods and services from vendors in all 50 US states, supporting US jobs and businesses across the country. UNDP has a long history of **partnership with the private sector**, which benefits from UNDP's convening power, deep understanding of development issues and local contexts, and expertise in a wide range of sectors. Such partnerships generate jobs and growth.

This kind of work, as former US Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge has said, is **“as essential to our national security as defense programs. Development and diplomacy protect our nation by addressing the root causes of terrorism and conflict. But it's not just about security. By building new markets overseas for American products, the International Affairs Budget creates jobs and boosts the economy here at home.”**

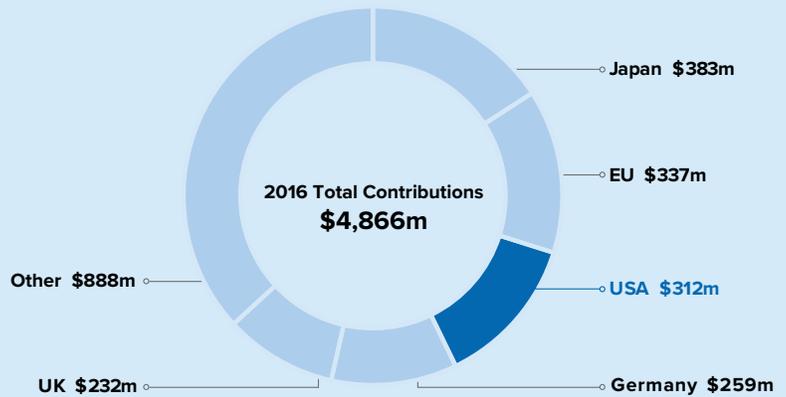
### US SUPPORT TO UNDP

US contributions **sustain UNDP's ability to reduce poverty and help build free, fair, and stable economies and societies** that contribute to US national security and become markets for US exports. US contributions help UNDP operate with transparency, oversight, and accountability. US contributions also allow UNDP to maintain a **coherent in-country presence—before, during and after crises**—and coordinate the development and humanitarian work of UN agencies.

**In 2012-2016, the United States provided US\$265 million on average each year for specific programs, 75% of which were in Iraq and Afghanistan.** US contributions allow us to **respond quickly to humanitarian emergencies**. In 2014-2015, UNDP allocated more than US\$26 million to provide clean water and sanitation, basic services, and jobs for people in war-torn Syria and communities hosting Syrian refugees. Other recent crises to which UNDP responded include Hurricane Matthew in Haiti, Ebola, the Nepal earthquake, Cyclone Pam, and conflicts in Yemen, Iraq, and Burundi.

# The United States: UNDP's second largest country contributor

CONTRIBUTIONS OF OECD DAC MEMBERS TO UNDP IN 2016



## US support enables UNDP to:

### SUPPORT FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS

Registered  
**4.7 million**  
voters for elections in Haiti

Trained  
**430,000**  
electoral staff in Pakistan on  
mitigating electoral violence

UNDP supports an election  
somewhere in the world  
**every 2 weeks**

Registered  
**10 million**  
voters with biometric  
profiling in Nepal

### SUPPORT RULE OF LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**\$250 million**  
spent on Global Rule of  
Law 2008-2016

**35,000**  
Iraqi civil servants trained in  
anti-corruption

UNDP works with  
UN Peacekeeping in  
**20 conflict countries**  
supporting police, justice and  
correctional facilities

### HELP COUNTRIES REBUILD AFTER CONFLICT

Cleared more than  
**3 million**  
square meters of mines and  
other explosives in Yemen

Provided  
**1 million**  
Libyans with access to health,  
education, electricity, and water

Built and maintained a  
police force of  
**156,000**  
in Afghanistan

### PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES

Helped register  
**1.4 million**  
Syrian refugees and protected  
**333,000** children

Helped create conditions  
for more than  
**2 million**  
Iraqis to return home  
from 2015-2017

### PREVENT AND TREAT SERIOUS DISEASES

Educated  
**28 million**  
on HIV/AIDS and supplied  
**2 million** people with HIV  
treatment

Treated  
**65 million**  
cases of malaria