

Outcome 1

By 2020, relevant government institutions operate in an improved legal and policy framework, and institutional capacity and accountability mechanisms assure a more enabling (competitive, inclusive and innovative) environment for sustainable, job-rich growth and development for all women and men.

OUTPUT 1.4

Citizens, with specific focus on vulnerable groups including in less developed regions have increased access to inclusive services and opportunities for employment

Strategic Plan outputs to which the CPD output contributed during the year:

1.1.2 Marginalized groups, particularly the poor, women, and people with disabilities and displaced are empowered to gain universal access to basic services and financial and non-financial assets to build productive capacities and benefit from sustainable livelihoods and jobs

1.2.1 Capacities at national and sub-national levels strengthened to promote inclusive local economic development and deliver basic services including HIV and related services

1.4.1 Solutions scaled up for sustainable management of natural resources, including sustainable commodities and green and inclusive value chains

2.1.1 Low emission and climate resilient objectives addressed in national, sub-national and sectoral development plans and policies to promote economic diversification and green growth

2.1.2 Capacities developed for progressive expansion of inclusive social protection systems

2.2.1 Use of digital technologies and big data enabled for improved public services and other government functions

2.3.1 Data and risk-informed development policies, plans, systems and financing incorporate integrated solutions to reduce disaster risks, enable climate change adaptation and mitigation, and prevent risk of conflict

2.6.1 Capacities strengthened to raise awareness on and undertake legal, policy and institutional reforms to fight structural barriers to women's empowerment

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Partnerships

Through EUTF/ MADAD project, the partnerships with the municipalities of Hatay and Gaziantep gave successful results such as the preparation of Carbon Footprint Study, organization of Municipal Forum and the contribution to 5-years strategic plan regarding gender responsive approach in service provision. Blended learning method that has been developed by Adult Language Training Component of the project for the first time in Turkey is another example of fruitful partnership between UNDP, Ministry of National Education (MoNE) and Anadolu University. The Collaboration with Harran University in Şanlıurfa for the Gazelle Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Research Programme has also been rewarding in terms of project outcomes and impact.

Integrating long-term aid and humanitarian assistance

Within the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) in Response to the Syria Crisis Livelihood sector, UNDP led and facilitated the strategic direction towards a transition from cash assistance to more sustainable and resilient livelihoods by focusing on both supply and demand sides of the labor market and support job creation.