

*Why is it worthwhile? Because there is no one out there to do our job, and because no one does it better. Because when you see people voting after years of fear, and smiling when going to the polling station, and when the queue of women voters is even longer than that of the men, when the elected Lord Mayor opens a well that brings clean water to a slum, when human rights activists can write and speak freely, when one child soldier leaves the rifle behind and goes to school, we know that we have been helpful, that we are making life better for others.*

—Magdy Martinez Soliman, UNDP Democratic Governance Practice Manager

## UNDP WORLDWIDE

In all five regions of the developing world, through regional and country programmes, UNDP helps countries build their own capacity for development. We offer a world of experience related to the MDGs, connecting partners and resources to translate the goals into actions that transform people's lives. Our focus is on five practice areas where our expertise is globally recognized.

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With our **poverty reduction** practice, we help countries develop pro-poor policies based on participatory

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