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As Fund Manager and secretariat of the India-UN Fund, we are pleased to present this consolidated report to share the achievements of the Fund to date.

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## SECRETARY GENERAL'S MESSAGE

India is a valued supporter of South-South cooperation. The India-UN Development Partnership Fund is a welcome contribution that is championing greater prosperity and opportunity for all.

With its focus on the least developed countries, land-locked developing countries and small island developing states, the Fund embodies the core promise of the 2030 Agenda to leave no-one behind and reach those furthest behind first.

India has also been at the forefront of our efforts to reform the UN development system.

I commend this strong commitment to international cooperation, shared prosperity and the vision of One UN as the world strives to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

**Mr. António Guterres**  
**United Nations Secretary-General**

24 May 2019



## FOREWORD

**The India-UN Development Partnership Fund** established in 2017, has an ambitious agenda of promoting multilateralism and shared prosperity. The Fund project portfolio aims to contribute to the efforts of developing countries towards the realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Fund responds directly to the national priorities and development objectives of partner countries, contributing financial resources and technical knowledge to support partner governments in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

This report highlights the achievements of the Fund from June 2017 through January 2019. The Fund now encompasses 36 projects, approved in partnership with nine United Nations agencies in 37 countries. It has made significant strides in advancing the national development goals and commitments of the 2030 Agenda in the least developed countries (LDCs), landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS) by enlisting the global presence and operational capabilities of the United Nations system.

The India-UN Fund portfolio is a prime example of South-South and triangular cooperation with development projects and partnerships in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Eastern Europe. The projects cover a range of thematic areas: climate resilience, environmental sustainability, gender equality, renewable energy, improving women's and maternal health, water and sanitation, education, employment and livelihoods, disaster recovery and risk management, agricultural development and infrastructure.

The United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) team would like to convey our thanks and gratitude to the Government of India for its generosity and to our partners for their support in advancing the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Global South. UNOSSC remains committed to promoting, coordinating and supporting South-South and triangular cooperation globally and within the United Nations organizations.



*Tailoring classes for women in Liberia*



*Workers utilizing a concrete pump to pour the concrete foundation for the Salisbury Educational Facility in Dominica*

# INDIA-UN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP FUND



## Introduction

**Established in June 2017**, the India-UN Development Partnership Fund (India-UN Fund) is a dedicated facility within the United Nations Fund for South-South Cooperation. It is supported by the Government of India, managed by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and implemented in collaboration with the United Nations system.

The Fund embodies the spirit of South-South and triangular cooperation since it supports transformational sustainable development projects across the developing world, providing support to partner governments. It has developed a portfolio of 36 development projects in partnership with 37 developing countries. United Nations agencies implement these projects in close collaboration with governments of partner countries.

UNOSSC is the designated Fund Manager and secretariat. The Government of India has committed a total of \$150 million for this Fund over 10 years, including \$50 million under a separate Commonwealth Window. This Window has been established within the Fund with the aim of working specifically with Commonwealth developing countries to promote common understanding and shared interests.

# GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS AND COUNTRY CLASSIFICATION

## Vision

The India-UN Development Partnership Fund is a catalytic facility aimed at supporting partner countries towards achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals through South-South cooperation, focusing on areas of high priority for each country.

## Guiding Principles of the Fund

The India-UN Fund supports projects that are in alignment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The portfolio adheres to the guiding principles of South-South cooperation by placing a priority on national ownership and leadership, development of local capacity and equality, mutual benefit and sustainability, supporting developing countries based on their specific needs with no conditionalities attached.





*Fetal doppler training at reproductive health centre in Mauritania*

**The India-UN Fund** supports projects in developing countries across Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Eastern Europe. While maintaining a flexible geographic focus, it particularly welcomes proposals from least developed countries (LDC), landlocked developing countries (LLDC) and Small Island developing States (SIDS).

The Fund's focus on LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS responds to the specific development challenges of these countries as well as the large potential for South-South cooperation to enhance their progress towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The population of the LDCs stands at more than 880 million, representing about 12 per cent of the world's population. These countries are endowed with natural resources, talented and hard-working citizens and vibrant societies. However, they have not realized their full development potential since structural challenges to their socioeconomic growth have yet to be overcome. For this reason, collaborative development efforts, notably through innovative and cost-effective South-South cooperation, can be very powerful. In the context of LDCs, cooperation can contribute to the surmounting of structural hurdles, thereby setting the implementation of the SDGs on a steady course and enabling a multiplier impact on the improvement of the livelihoods of millions of people.

Similarly, the economies of LLDCs can be strengthened by collective efforts to build their trade capabilities, reduce transit costs and expand market access for their goods. South-South cooperation is particularly beneficial for LLDCs, since it strengthens their linkages

and networks with peer and neighboring countries. It also boosts their technical capacities and improves their overall living conditions.

SIDS benefit the most from collaborative efforts to build climate resilience and natural disaster preparedness. These countries can become both resilient and economically self-sufficient, with their national capacities strengthened by broad-based South-South partnerships. Support for investments in their renewable energy, transport, telecommunications and export sectors as well as for diversification of their economic activities has singular potential to be catalytic for the communities in SIDS.

# THEMATIC AREAS

**The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** were agreed to by 193 Member States and serve as the overarching framework for universal priorities to, inter alia, reduce poverty and advance sustainable human development while enhancing environmental sustainability, thereby ensuring the future that we want for all. The India-UN Development Partnership Fund offers partnership and collaboration on projects that contribute towards the achievement of at least one SDG in one or more countries of the South.



*Fiji Climate Capacity Building Workshop*

The Fund portfolio encompasses Southern-led, demand-driven development and transformational projects in such thematic areas as climate resilience, environmental sustainability, gender equality, renewable energy, improving women’s and maternal health, water and sanitation, education, employment and livelihoods, disaster recovery and risk management, agricultural development and infrastructure.

The broad scope and flexibility of the thematic areas supported by the Fund have a two-fold objective. The Government of India is committed to responding to partner-country priorities as expressed by them. India is also a strong advocate for non-earmarked resources for development contributed through multilateral institutions since non-earmarked resources are critical to strengthening the United Nations system and its ability to respond to countries’ needs and development objectives. The focus is on multilateral action to build a better, more prosperous and secure world.

## Overview of the Project Cycle



# FUND MANAGER AND SECRETARIAT



## United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation

**The United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC)** is mandated to promote, coordinate and support South-South cooperation throughout the United Nations system and globally. UNOSSC serves as the secretariat of the General Assembly High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation and works to monitor and report on United Nations system progress in South-South and triangular cooperation. This includes the implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, the Nairobi outcome document and the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) +40 outcome document.

UNOSSC engages with Member States, United Nations entities, intergovernmental organizations, civil society and other stakeholders to facilitate practical expressions of Southern solidarity; provide advisory and consulting services; and ensure that Southern constituencies have timely access to high-quality analytical planning, mapping, programming and reporting on data, trends and opportunities that will propel South-South and triangular cooperation in ways that ensure success.

UNOSSC serves as Fund Manager and secretariat of four South-South cooperation trust funds, namely, the India, Brazil and South Africa Facility for Poverty and Hunger Alleviation (IBSA Fund), the Pérez-Guerrero Trust Fund for South-South Cooperation (PGTF), the United Nations Fund for South-South Cooperation (UNFSSC) and the India-UN Development Partnership Fund (India-UN Fund).



*Workers completing the foundation for the Salisbury Educational Facility in Dominica*



*Construction of the Centre for Excellence in Information Technology in the University of Papua New Guinea*

# STATEMENTS

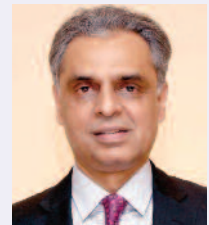


“India’s commitment is also timely, as the world strives to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. India’s focus on multilateral action generates genuine hope that we can build a world where no one is left behind.”

**Ms. Amina Mohammed**  
**United Nations Deputy Secretary-General**

“India’s approach to cooperation can be summarized as *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*, or the whole world is one family. With this approach, we engage in South-South cooperation.”

**H.E. Mr. Syed Akbaruddin**  
**Permanent Representative of India**  
**to the United Nations**



“UNDP believes that the India-UN Development Partnership Fund plays an important role in funding South-South cooperation for effective development, and thereby contributes to meeting both national development goals and the commitments of the 2030 Agenda.”

**Mr. Achim Steiner**  
**Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme**

“I am pleased to work with India in advancing sustainable solutions in the countries of the Global South and in enhancing the opportunities for a prosperous and sustainable future for all.”

**Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa ‘Utoikamanu**  
**Under-Secretary-General, High Representative for the**  
**Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries**  
**and Small Island Developing States**



“The Sustainable Development Goals require the engagement of the global community. Through the establishment of the Fund, the Government of India has demonstrated its commitment to South-South cooperation, to sharing best practices among developing countries, and to making available the many successful experiences of sustainable development that India is implementing at the national level.

**Mr. Jorge Chediek**  
**Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation and Envoy of the**  
**Secretary-General on South-South Cooperation**

# TESTIMONIALS

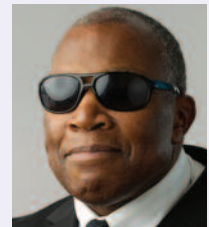


“The Kingdom of Eswatini would like to underscore its appreciation to the Government of India for the invaluable support in a bid to fast-track implementation of the SDGs and the entire 2030 Agenda.”

**H.E. Mr. Melusi Martin Masuku**  
**Permanent Representative of the Kingdom**  
**of Eswatini to the United Nations**

“The ravages of hurricane Irma brought the true meaning of South-South corporation truly alive. The partnership and urgent response from the South-South partners such as India came to the rescue of the island. Working with the South-South model, we were able to respond relatively quickly in the rebuilding of homes, replacement of roofs, and make Barbuda habitable again.”

**H.E. Mr. Walton Alfonso Webson**  
**Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations**



“South-South cooperation is today a key to unlock the promise of the 2030 Agenda. What strikes me is how much the current dynamism and innovation in the South-South space are cutting through business-as-usual politics and policy. The India-UN Development Partnership Fund is a shining example of this. It has been my great pleasure to serve as a Member of the Board for the Commonwealth Window of this Fund, which has served numerous developing countries, including my own, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.”

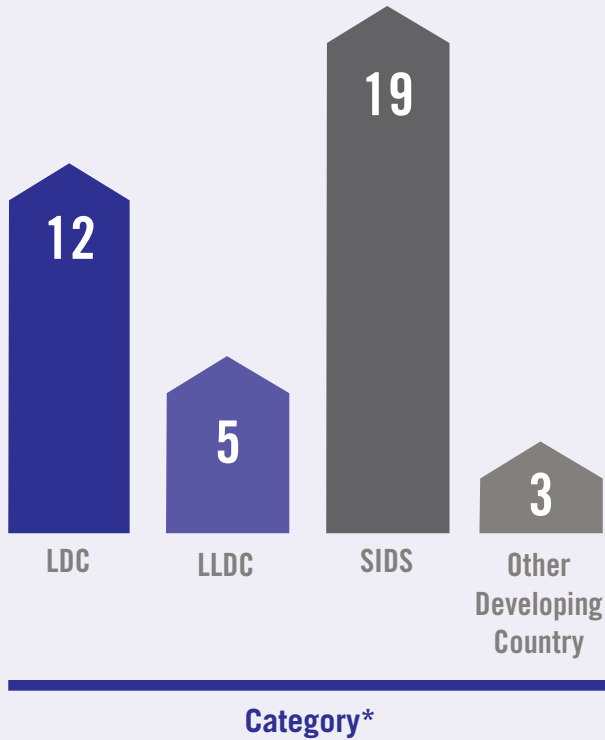
**Ambassador Rhonda King**  
**Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**  
**to the United Nation and President of the Ecosoc**

# INDIA-UN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP FUND

## At a Glance



## Number of Countries



## Number of Partner Countries



\*Some countries belong to more than one category.

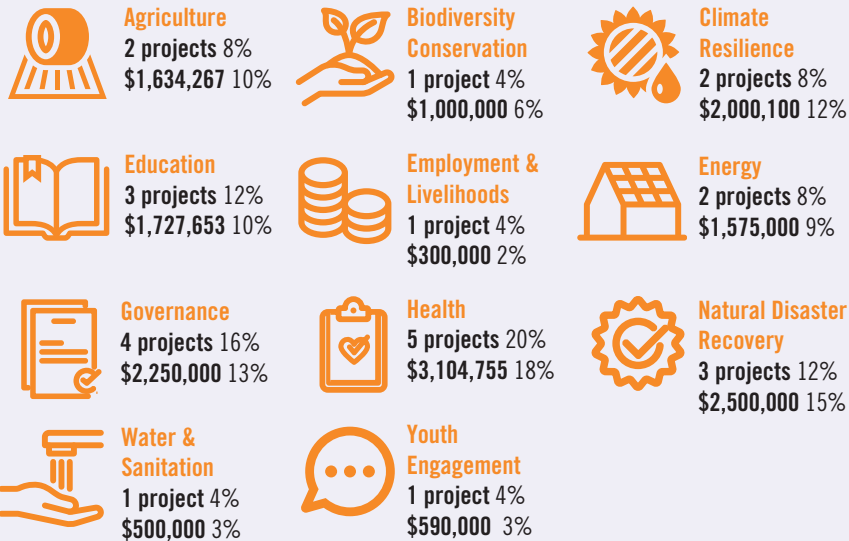
## Geographic Focus

### Projects of the India-UN Development Partnership Fund, by region

Region	Number of Projects	%	Total of Project Budgets (\$)	%*
Africa	10	40%	\$5,444,188	32%
Asia & the Pacific	6	24%	\$4,956,194	29%
Europe	2	8%	\$1,750,000	10%
Latin America & the Caribbean	7	28%	\$5,030,902	29%

## Thematic Focus

### Projects of the India-UN Development Partnership Fund, by thematic area of work



## Board of Directors



**H.E. Mr. Manish Chauhan**  
*Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, India*



**H.E. Mr. K. Nagaraj Naidu**  
*Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations*



**Mr. Jorge Chediek**  
*Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation and Envoy of the Secretary-General on South-South Cooperation*

### SDGs most directly addressed by projects of the India-UN Development Partnership Fund



# PROJECT INFORMATION

**Budget:** \$1,000,000

**Partners:** Meteorological departments of the Governments of 7 Pacific Island countries and UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji

**Beneficiaries:** Populations of the South Pacific

Contributes most directly to **SDG 13**



**Budget:** \$1,000,000

**Partners:** Pacific Island Development Forum, Solar Head of State and UNDP Fiji

**Beneficiaries:** Government and citizens

Contributes most directly to **SDG 7**



## 7 PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES

### Climate Early Warning Systems in Pacific Island Countries

(Cook Islands, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Solomon Islands, Tonga)

This project enhances the ability of the Governments of the Cook Islands, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Solomon Islands and Tonga to prepare, respond to and recover from climate-related disasters. It provides equipment for measuring meteorological conditions, training to build capacity for monitoring and warning, and support to the coordination of data collection among partnering Pacific Island countries.

Since project implementation began in September 2017, the project has strengthened the technical capacities of national meteorology and hydrology services. A one-month tailored training course was held for 17 students from participating countries at the National Institute of Hydrology in India; workshops and training courses have been organized on hydrology and media advocacy; equipment has been procured to automate weather stations to support advanced weather forecasting and climate data collection; and salinity meters have been installed to help the management of freshwater lenses. Procurement is now being finalized for installation of Hydro Met Stations in Kiribati, Solomons, and Nauru. A study tour is being organized for Cook Islands on Ground Water Hydrology in Australia.

## 11 PACIFIC ISLANDS COUNTRIES

### Solarization of Head of State Residences

This project, implemented by UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji in collaboration with the Pacific Island Development Forum (PIDF) and Solar Head of State (SHOS), aims to promote renewable energy in the Pacific via installing grid-connected solar photovoltaic power at the residences of heads of state in 11 Pacific Island countries. After a status and planning meeting between the PIDF Secretariat, representatives of SHOS and UNDP, the draft UNDP Project Document is now under preparation. Ernst & Young has nearly completed the micro Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfer assessment.

## ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

### Resilient Restoration of Pivotal Public Infrastructure for the Recovery and Sustainable Development of the Island of Barbuda Post-Hurricane Irma

This project aims to rehabilitate and equip the Hanna Thomas Hospital and the Barbuda Post Office with pivotal infrastructure after Hurricane Irma to restore health-care services and essential postal services on the island of Barbuda. It also supports the “build back better” approach, which includes the utilization of quality construction materials, enforcement of building codes, application of proper building reconstruction techniques and building of local capacity.

Preliminary activities have been ongoing since June 2018, with two assessment field visits to the hospital and a technical report on the proposed hospital specifications developed jointly by the Ministry of Health and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). Procurement of medical supplies and equipment is underway. UNDP supported the Ministry of Works and Housing in compiling an evaluation of needs for the post office, and rehabilitation of the post office is underway.

**Budget:** \$1,000,000

**Partners:** Ministry of Public Works and Housing, and UNDP Barbados and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

**Beneficiaries:** Inhabitants of Barbuda

Contributes most directly to **SDG 11**



## BELIZE



*Infrastructure enhancements to the Belize Youth Challenge Campus*

### Support to Infrastructure for Human Development, Health and Sport

This project aims to transform the lives of over 4,000 community members between the ages of 10 and 40 by providing a multi-purpose sporting and health facility to give them the chance to engage with their peers, be involved in their communities, and improve their health and well-being while simultaneously creating opportunities for income-generation for the local community. The project features: (a) infrastructure improvements to

an existing campus location 21 miles west of Belize City to facilitate the implementation of the Youth Challenge Programme and other programmes for at-risk youth; and (b) the construction of the Cayo multi-purpose facility for health and social programmes in San Ignacio Town, 70 miles southwest of Belize City.

Implementation began in March 2018 with a field visit to the campus to assess existing facilities and identify needs. The construction of the fence at the Belize Youth Challenge Compound commenced mid-April in conjunction with the Belize Defence Force's Light Engineer Company (LEC). Land preparation; which included the surveying of the area, the clearing of the perimeter and the trenching of length of the proposed fence will be completed in May 2019. The construction of dorm has started with the commissioning of a site survey to situate the new facility in the most appropriate location in the compound. This will be followed by the design of the facility. The construction of the Multipurpose Sports Facility in San Ignacio Town, Cayo District is in design phase and will be completed by end of 2019.

**Budget:** \$590,000

**Partners:** Ministry of Human Development, Social Transformation and Poverty Alleviation, and UNDP Belize

**Beneficiaries:** At-risk youth from Belize City and San Ignacio residents

Contributes most directly to **SDG 11**





Youth entrepreneurs in Benin removing wild grass



Baking classes conducted in Liberia

**Budget:** \$300,000

**Partners:** Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, and UNDP Benin

**Beneficiaries:** Women and youth entrepreneurs in the agriculture sector

Contributes most directly to **SDG 2**



## BENIN

### Promoting Youth and Women Employment through Agricultural Diversification

This project aims to create employment, increase income, and better the livelihoods of youth and women entrepreneurs through agricultural value-chain activities and the promotion of agricultural entrepreneurship. It offers thematic training for agriculture-sector entrepreneurs. Participating women and youth also have opportunities to network among themselves and with suppliers, aggregators, distributors and exporters of agricultural products.

A project steering committee was established after the project launch ceremony in May 2018. A stakeholder meeting was conducted to discuss using resources effectively for better access to markets, access to finance and training of youth entrepreneurs. A call for youth entrepreneurs interested in joining entrepreneurial groups and receiving small agro-business incubation services resulted in the receipt of 700 applications. A total of 101 youth entrepreneurs, including 15 women, were selected after three phases of selection and they were also met by a technical committee from the Ministry of Agriculture and UNDP; their training is ongoing. The project implementation team for Innovation and Entrepreneurial Training has been established. The next project steering committee meeting will explore the strategy of funding to provide financial support to the selected youth entrepreneurs.

## CHAD

### Reinforce the Resilience of Vulnerable Populations in Kanem and Lake Chad (Phase 1)

The project seeks to restore degraded lands and enhance agricultural production systems, thereby contributing to the improvement of livelihoods of local communities in the regions of Kanem and Lake Chad. It provides training to local farmers in innovative farming techniques and preventing soil degradation in the wadis and polders. In addition, the project will provide technical and financial support to women and youth entrepreneurs as they develop their businesses and livelihoods.

Implementation began in August 2018 since project activities are linked to the agricultural calendar. A mission was carried out to assess the organizational, structural and managerial capacities of local farmer groups. A land lot measuring 100 x 100 metres has been selected and construction is under way to set up a nursery. Seedlings for restoring degraded land have been purchased while funding has been disbursed for harvesting local seeds. Another mission is being conducted to identify needs and infrastructure work for irrigation, drainage and dikes for the rehabilitation of lowlands.

**Budget:** \$600,000

**Partners:** Ministry of Environment, Water and Fisheries, and UNDP Chad

**Beneficiaries:** Rural communities in the regions of Kanem and Lake Chad

Contributes most directly to **SDG 15**



*Discussing women's access to agricultural land in Chad*



*Tree planting in the Lake Chad region to combat desertification*

**Budget:** \$1,000,000

**Partners:** Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development, and UNDP Barbados and the OECS

**Beneficiaries:** School-age children in Salisbury and Marigot

Contributes most directly to **SDG 4**



**Budget:** \$250,001

**Partners:** Ministry of Economic Planning and Development, and UNDP Eswatini

**Beneficiaries:** Government and citizens

Contributes most directly to **SDG 1**



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## DOMINICA

### Resilient Rehabilitation of Salisbury Educational Facility in Dominica Post-Hurricane Maria

Seeking to strengthen capacity to build back better, this project provides technical assistance to local contractors and government actors to improve their building materials and methods by providing on-site training and development opportunities. Activities include site clearance, procurement and installation of roofs, extensive repairs of doors, windows and electrical systems, and other non-structural restorations. In addition, the project also contributes new furniture and equipment to the schools.

A technical assessment of the two schools was conducted by UNDP and the Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development. Based on the results, the project scope was revised to go beyond non-structural repairs and instead focus on rehabilitation of two schools in Salisbury. Construction engineers from Cuba were hired for cost-effectiveness, and project engineers and technical personnel were hired to support monitoring and quality assurance. Engineering blueprints, a project plan and a workbook have been completed. Key materials have arrived on site and the foundation in both buildings has been completed. The removal of damaged roofing and rustproofing of the structural elements has been completed, 8000 concrete blocks have been delivered to the site, the steel to repair the columns is on site, and block laying has begun. The basic structural element of the building plus plumbing and electrical will be completed by the end of July. The Project Board, chaired by the Ministry of Education, met in early April.

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## ESWATINI

### Participatory Poverty Assessment

This project supports the second Participatory Poverty Assessment (PPA) in Eswatini, a national study that is undertaken through participatory approaches that engage underprivileged people in the process of identifying the root causes of poverty and formulating and implementing policy for poverty alleviation.

A memorandum of understanding was signed between the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini Ministry of Economic Planning and Development (MEPD) and the Government of Malawi Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) to facilitate capacity development and knowledge exchange in the undertaking of qualitative poverty assessments.

The PPA Project Core Team conducted two retreats to review the 1997 PPA tools, the action plan for the PPA project and the sampling methodology as presented by the Central Statistics Office. The line ministry officials and enumerators were trained and the PPA tool was piloted in Dwaleni Chiefdom. In addition, pilot testing of the PPA tool has already been conducted by the team of supervisors at the Ekukhanyeni Chiefdom in the Manzini region. Meetings were conducted in the 220 chiefdoms in the four regions to inform community leaders and elders and request their support for facilitating the participation of the people in the communities in the primary data collection activities, which were completed in December 2018. Data cleaning and uploading of quantitative data and analysis and drafting for poverty assessment reports is currently underway.

## GABON

### Strengthening Climate Information and Early Warning Systems in Vulnerable Communities of Coastal Zones

This climate resilience project will strengthen technical capacities of national institutions and local communities to ensure the conservation, sustainable use, adaptation, access and benefit sharing of natural resources, biodiversity and ecosystems in line with international conventions.

Implementation activities are expected to begin in the first quarter of 2019 after the Project Document has been approved. The Government of Gabon and UNDP, in collaboration, have also proposed to integrate specific activities on reinforcing Gabon’s climate information infrastructure. There will be a focus on strengthening Gabon’s network of hydrometeorological stations, which will bolster Gabon’s early warning systems, develop a weather warning application for floods and tides for the coastal populations, and assist with climate change modelling. A project local appraisal committee is planned along with the National Climate Council and UNDP and the project document will be signed shortly.

**Budget:** \$1,000,100

**Partners:** National Climate Council and UNDP Gabon

**Beneficiaries:** Local communities

Contributes most directly to **SDG 13**



## LIBERIA

### Developing Minds, Empowering Communities – Construction of an Educational Resource Centre in Rivercess County

The project will support the construction of an educational resource centre in Rivercess County consisting of 6 reading rooms. It will improve the reading proficiency of 300 students who will gain access to the library and study spaces in the centre. In addition, it will enhance the pedagogical and computer skills of 50 teachers and the computer skills of 50 students and improve the income level of 150 mothers through economic livelihood skills training.

The project will also strengthen awareness about sexual and gender-based violence among 150 adolescent girls through sexual and reproductive health education.

Implementation began in June 2018 and 50 teachers were trained in reading and pedagogy. Group work practices were held under the expert guidance of

**Budget:** \$289,824

**Partners:** UNICEF Liberia and Kids Educational Engagement Project

**Beneficiaries:** Children and mothers residing in Rivercess County

Contributes most directly to **SDG 4**



*Teacher training program in Rivercess County, Liberia*



Baking classes for women in Liberia



Ultrasound exam at reproductive health centre in Mauritania

trainers from the Ministry of Education. An inauguration ceremony for skills training was held in August, with 83 rural women later graduating from liquid soap and detergent-making class and tailoring class. A total of 74 women were provided with seed funds of \$1,000 per group and were trained in saving and investment methods. An assessment of reading skills was conducted in 14 schools, with the participation of 139 students in grades 1 to 3, which will serve as the baseline for subsequent impact evaluation.

The second phase of skills training in manufacturing cleaning products, baking and tailoring is ongoing with 91 participants in Cestos City. The construction of the Learning Resource Centre began in October and will be completed in the second quarter of 2019. Ten new laptops have already been delivered to the Rivercess County Coordinator for the start of computer classes. A total of 20 youth and teachers have registered to form part of the first batch of trainees.

**Budget:** \$500,000

**Partners:** Ministry of Energy and Water, and UNDP Mali

**Beneficiaries:** Communities in Kayes, Segou, Kidal, Timbuktu and Menaka regions

Contributes most directly to **SDG 6**



## MALI

### Six Improved Village Hydraulic Systems in the District of Bamako and Surroundings, Sikasso and Segou

This project aims to improve access to drinking water, thereby enhancing the health conditions of the Malian population in partnering regions. It will support the construction of drinking water wells and related structures for pumping and distributing drinking water. In total, the project will build 6 hydraulic systems for 6 villages, including 18 drinking-water distribution points. Project activities will include production of detailed engineering studies for the works; construction of the drinking water wells, fountains and solar-powered pumping stations; and community organization to facilitate good management of the physical structures built by the project.

The Project Document was approved by the India-UN Fund Board in August 2018 and signed by government counterparts in the National Directorate of Hydraulics (DNH) and UNDP. A preparatory meeting was held in September and identified subsequent activities to be undertaken, including an action plan with updated budget breakdown; tender documents and calls for proposals; preparation for the project launch; and confirmation of selected project sites. The project was launched in 2019. Following signature of a letter of Agreement with UNDP, the National Directorate of Hydraulics will sign work contracts with contractors.

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## MARSHALL ISLANDS

### Solar-powered Refrigeration Systems

This clean-energy project implemented by UNOPS and the local Mili Atoll government is expected to alleviate the hardship and widespread food insecurity by providing solar-powered refrigeration systems. UNOPS is finalizing the project document in consultation with the government with inputs from all stakeholders.

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## MAURITANIA

### Enhancing Capacity to Reduce Maternal Mortality in Nouakchott

The project aims to enable 11 reproductive health centres through building infrastructure and providing non-medical and sanitary equipment as well as customized training to midwives and health professionals in newborn delivery, neonatal practices and in providing care to mothers.

By the end of 2018, data on maternal deaths had been collected in health facilities in three regions of Nouakchott, and training of service providers, including midwives and health centre staff, was under way. Other ongoing activities include the implementation of the maternal and neonatal death surveillance plan and response; strengthening of the support and guidance committee of the National Reproductive Health Programme; and establishment of Internet connectivity for the 11 reproductive health centres. The first phase of the project is complete and project closure formalities are underway. Based on its results, the government plans to turn the pilot project into a model that can be implemented nationwide and even extended throughout the Sahel.

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## PALAU

### Building Resilience: Community Health Centre Improvement

This project aims to improve basic health for islanders by upgrading facilities and equipment for 10 community health centres on four islands. These facilities are central to the delivery of Palau's health-care services since they complement those of the one hospital in the capital. Project activities will include repair and replacement of roofs, clinic walls, cabinets, ceilings and floors and the installation of new energy-efficient lighting and air conditioning. Plans are also in place to set up a modern, robust communication system.

In the last year, UNOPS received an indication of priorities from the Ministry of Health to develop scenarios for different budget envelopes. An amended project document is awaited from UNOPS.

**Budget:** \$575,000

**Partners:** Mili Atoll government and United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)

**Beneficiaries:** Residents on Mili Atoll

Contributes most directly to **SDG 7**



**Budget:** \$412,549

**Partners:** Ministry of Health and World Health Organization (WHO) Mauritania

**Beneficiaries:** Women and newborns in Nouakchott

Contributes most directly to **SDG 3**



**Budget:** \$1,500,000

**Partners:** Ministry of Health and UNOPS

**Beneficiaries:** Patients in Palau

Contributes most directly to **SDG 3**



**Budget:** \$556,635

**Partners:** University of Papua New Guinea and UNDP Papua New Guinea

**Beneficiaries:** Public officers, teachers and students

Contributes most directly to **SDG 4**



**Budget:** \$600,000

**Partners:** Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare, Ministry of Children and Adolescence, Ministry of Education and Sciences and Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security and UNFPA

**Beneficiaries:** Adolescents, their families and their communities.

Contributes most directly to **SDG 5**



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## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

### Strengthening the Centre for Excellence in Information Technology

The project contributes to developing the country's capacity in information and communications technology via the establishment of a specialized learning facility. The Centre for Excellence in Information Technology (CEIT) will be a model learning institution, which will provide a series of short- and longer-term courses to public servants, teachers and graduates.

The project involves the construction of an existing space at the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) to house CEIT, which includes 4 learning spaces (2 lecture rooms and 2 tutorial rooms), administration and office facilities, student spaces and a library. Additional activities involve the development of the curriculum and specialized education software. The Centre will address industry needs by providing tailored courses that bridge the gap between the academic and the professional skill requirements.

The project activities were delivered through the engagement of a design and construction contractor, using the existing preliminary concept design developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (India) and the University of Papua New Guinea. Information technology equipment was installed under the guidance of the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (India) and the University of Papua New Guinea. The Centre of Excellence in Information Technology is now completed.

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## PARAGUAY

### Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy and Sexual Abuse/Violence of Girls and Adolescents from an Intersectoral Approach

This project aims to prevent adolescent pregnancy and sexual abuse through education and the provision of quality health-care services, including sexual and reproductive health. The government inter-institutional technical team, together with UNFPA, prepared the Project Document and received approvals from the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare, the Ministry of Children and Adolescence, the Ministry of Education and Sciences and the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security. A revised Project Document is awaited and implementation will begin shortly thereafter. As a complement to the project, UNFPA is also initiating a study of the adolescent pregnancy costing, which will contribute to the definition of the baseline.



*Prevention of adolescent pregnancy and sexual abuse/violence group activity and discussion session in Paraguay*

## REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

### Improve Availability of Administrative Data for Tracking Progress of the ICPD Agenda within the Framework of SDGs

The project will build on improving the exchange of administrative data between data holders to transform the statistical system into a system that is efficient, register-based and user-oriented. The first-ever official population projections will be developed, including a methodology for population balancing.

The initiative also aims to improve national capacities to use administrative data in the production of official statistics, including through a study visit to Denmark to learn about the building of registers of administrative data. There is also a component for sharing knowledge of the national experience at the regional and global levels through workshops, seminars and conferences. By the end of 2020, it is expected that the Government will also have a well-developed and robust mechanism for collecting survey-type data on sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence. A Youth Score Card will be used as a tool for tracking SDGs and monitoring youth development at the local level. The project document is currently under formulation.

**Budget:** \$550,000

**Partners:** National Bureau of Statistics and UNFPA

**Beneficiaries:** Citizens benefiting from public services

Contributes most directly to **SDG 16**



**Budget:** \$1,034,267

**Partners:** Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development and Information Technology, and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

**Beneficiaries:** Indigenous-community arrowroot farmers and producers

Contributes most directly to **SDG 8**



**Budget:** \$550,000

**Partners:** Ministry of Health, and UNFPA Sao Tome and Principe

**Beneficiaries:** Women, children and families

Contributes most directly to **SDG 3**



## SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

### Arrowroot Industry Modernization for Sustainable and Climate-resilient Rural Livelihoods in the Indigenous Communities

This project aims to design and construct a new arrowroot factory building to produce arrowroot starch to increase the livelihoods of indigenous communities involved in farming and processing arrowroot, with a focus on creating job opportunities for women. The factory will enable the production of arrowroot starch that meets international and safety standards. It is expected to increase production of high-quality arrowroot starch that matches export requirements. It is also expected to contribute to a reduction in the production costs. A signed Project Document is expected in May 2019.

## SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

### Support to the Acceleration of Family Planning

The project aims to increase the availability of and access to quality family planning services in Sao Tome and Principe, in particular by strengthening the service delivery capacities of its health units, both centres and posts, and the managerial capacities at the central and district levels for better monitoring and implementation of the existing strategic plan on family planning. Specifically, it aims to strengthen the service delivery and managerial capacities of health centres and posts in 7 districts and establish and equip a mobile clinic.



*Adolescents participate in Family Planning week activities in Sao Tome and Principe*

The project team, which includes representatives from the Division of Health Care, the Reproductive Health Care Programme and the UNFPA Country Office, has conducted the 2018 review and 2019 planning. Preparatory meetings have been conducted to help planning and organizing for the Family Planning week in Caue, Lobata and Agua Grande. The team has prepared and reviewed the Family Planning Strategic Plan and arranged the training schedule for service providers in long-duration contraception methods. The procurement of equipment and supplies for improvement of the quality and expansion of family planning services as well as improvement in the quality of adolescent sexual and reproductive health services for youth and adolescents is underway.

## TIMOR-LESTE

### Leveraging ICT to Improve Education and Skills

This education project aims to promote computer skills in children and young students through the implementation of laboratories for information technology innovation and experimentation. Project activities also include enhancing the knowledge of children and youth about financial education and environmental awareness through the development and implementation of two computer-based educative games in the Tetum language.

A mission from the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and the Ministry of Education discussed the methodology of the project and partner responsibilities during project implementation. A total of 23 schools have already been visited and the data collection process for baseline development has been finished, with improved understanding of the challenges, needs and opportunities with regard to the implementation of the project. There has been strong involvement of stakeholders throughout the process in providing evidence and data. Following the stakeholder mapping analysis, a working group has been established. The regional government of Oe-Cusse will contribute towards the recruitment of four new information and communications technology (ICT) teachers and administrative costs, and fuel and office material costs, including a financial contribution of \$24,477.60 to cover administrative costs. The project document has been approved and implementation has started with a launch ceremony.

**Budget:** \$881,194

**Partners:** Ministry of Education, regional government of Oe-Cusse and UNDP Timor-Leste

**Beneficiaries:** Children and youth

Contributes most directly to **SDG 4**



## TOGO

### Biodiversity Business in Fazao-Malfakassa National Park: A Means to Poverty Reduction, Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development

This project will strengthen the efforts of Fazao-Malfakassa National Park to increase biodiversity-friendly livelihoods for 350 families and obtain Biosphere Reserve status, a designation afforded by UNESCO Member States to nature-protected areas that combine scientific knowledge and participatory governance to reduce loss of biodiversity, improve livelihoods of local people, and enhance social, economic and cultural conditions for environmental sustainability.

This initiative aims to reduce the anthropogenic pressure on the forest and build capacity of the communities in a holistic manner to ensure sustainability of the biodiversity businesses and conserve the resource base of their business. The project will establish businesses with a focus on youth and women entrepreneurship and undertake modern initiatives such as carbon sequestration in biomass, payments for watershed protection, bio-prospecting, biodiversity offsets and management services, ecotourism, recreational hunting and sport fishing. The project document has been signed and implementation has started in April 2019.

**Budget:** \$1,000,000

**Partners:** Ministry of Environment and Forestry Resources, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Nigeria

**Beneficiaries:** Local communities, youth and women entrepreneurs

Contributes most directly to **SDG 15**



**Budget:** \$500,000

**Partners:** Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, and UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji

**Beneficiaries:** Farmers and foodstuff exporters

Contributes most directly to **SDG 11**



**Budget:** \$250,000

**Partners:** Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation and UNDP Uruguay

**Beneficiaries:** Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation and UNDP Uruguay

Contributes most directly to **SDG 16**



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## TONGA

### Repair and Reconstruction of Export Building and Fumigation Facility

This post-cyclone recovery-effort project will repair and upgrade the Food Processing and Export Building and the fumigation facility in the country. Despite being central for Tonga's farmers since they are only few facilities through which exports of foodstuffs are processed, both buildings were put completely out of operation by the cyclone. The upgraded facilities will not only enable resumption of activities but also benefit from improved energy and resource efficiency, greater processing capacity and resilient building techniques, including withstanding future natural disasters.

Activities include conceptualizing and preparing a detailed design of the facility before the repair and upgrading activities begin. Confirmation of Architect to design the masterplan for the repair and reconstruction is awaited. The procurement of goods and services to complete the refurbishment and the rebuilding of the fumigation facility is underway.

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## URUGUAY

### Government of Proximity and Accountability

The project will strengthen the accountability of the Government of Uruguay to its citizens through the establishment of digital follow-up systems for dialogue on public policies and programmes. It will develop software as well as an online portal for direct monitoring and for exchanges between local governments and their citizens on policies under discussion and benefits available under public programmes. The project will also include accountability reports produced to document the status of commitments made by the Government vis-à-vis service delivery. The improvement of the management system is underway. The Government counterparts plan to hold a seminar / workshop, to analyze the role of government centers and present the case of Uruguay, in a scenario of electoral transition, with the candidates of the political parties.

# COMMONWEALTH WINDOW OF THE INDIA-UN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP FUND



*Participating in Family Planning week in Sao Tome and Principe*



*Construction of a fence for the Belize Youth Challenge Compound*



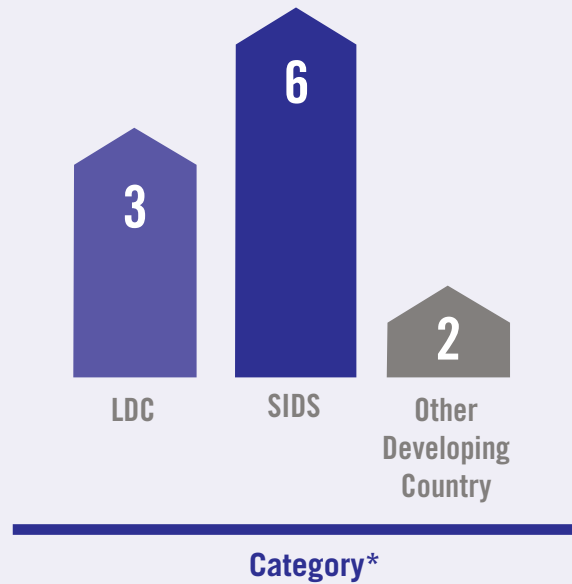
The Commonwealth Window of the India-UN Development Partnership Fund welcomes proposals from developing countries that are members of the Commonwealth of Nations, a voluntary association of independent and equal sovereign States. In 2018, the Commonwealth of Nations comprised 53 Member States, including India.

Technical and sustainable development and collective national development efforts among Commonwealth countries are particularly pertinent and beneficial given their shared history, mutual respect, common values, and similar institutional, technical and practical instruments that continue to guide and influence their political, regulatory and cultural lives. The Commonwealth Window supports demand-driven, country-owned and transformational sustainable development projects in member countries across the developing world.

## At a Glance



## Number of Countries



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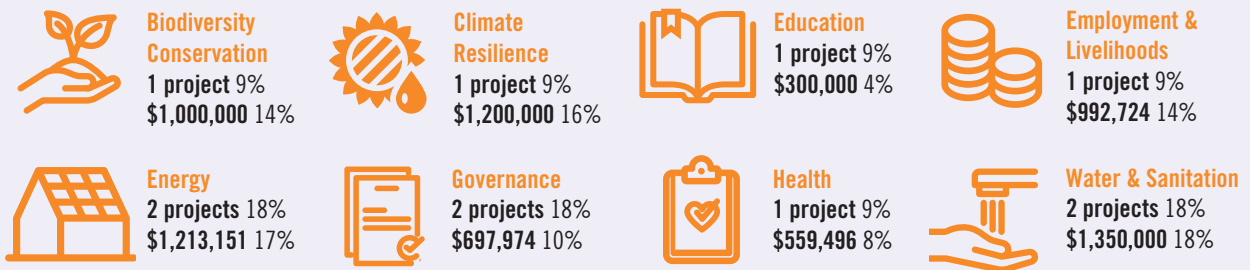
## Geographic Focus

### Projects under the Commonwealth Window of the India-UN Development Partnership Fund, by region

Region	Number of Projects	%	Total of Project Budgets (\$)	%
Africa	3	27%	\$3,200,000	44%
Asia & the Pacific	3	27%	\$2,063,151	28%
Latin America & the Caribbean	5	45%	\$2,050,194	28%

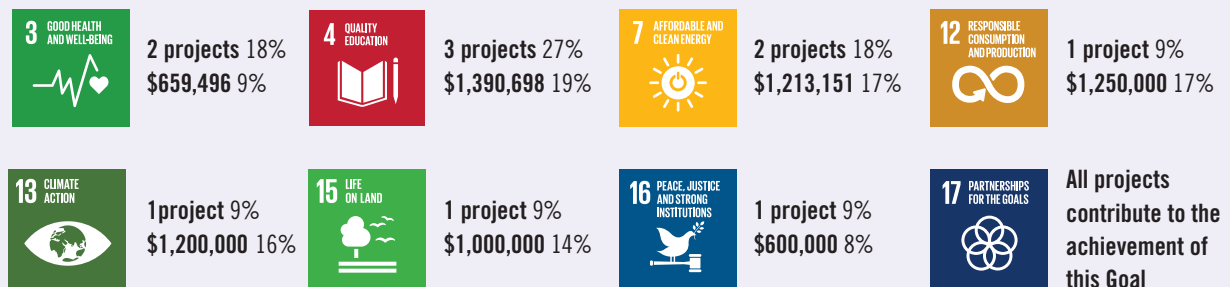
## Thematic Focus

### Projects under the Commonwealth Window of the India-UN Development Partnership Fund, by thematic area of work



\*The total does not equal 100 owing to rounding.

### SDGs most directly addressed by projects under the Commonwealth Window of the India-UN Development Partnership Fund



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# PROJECT INFORMATION

**Budget:** \$1,000,000

**Partners:** Ministry of Water and Energy, and UNESCO Cameroon

**Beneficiaries:** Women and local communities

Contributes most directly to **SDG 7**



**Budget:** \$1,200,000

**Partners:** National Disaster Risk Management Agency and UNESCO Senegal

**Beneficiaries:** Local communities in the Lower River and Upper River regions and coastal areas of the Banjul region

Contributes most directly to **SDG 13**



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## CAMEROON

### Scaling Up Rural Households' Use of Renewable Energy and Energy-efficient Technologies

The project aims to improve access to sustainable energy and energy efficiency in rural areas in northern and northeastern Cameroon. Training will be provided for government officials and women's associations in the installation, management and maintenance of solar equipment, the artisanal production of efficient cooking stoves, and the usage of biomass energy facilities to reduce environmental impact and conflict over natural resources. Women, youth and girls in villages will receive training in the sustainable adoption and use of these technologies. Mini-demonstration sites will be established by facilitating the purchase of solar equipment and installing it on some communal village infrastructure as well as supporting village organizing with regard to its management.

This initiative also includes a knowledge management component that will document success stories and lessons and feed data to support informed policymaking on the adoption and popularization of alternative energy technologies. The project document is under finalization.

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## THE GAMBIA

### Use of Drones and Early Warning Systems for Pre- and Post-flood Disaster Management

This disaster management project will focus on the use of drones for pre- and post-disaster assessments that include mapping safe sites, unsafe areas and evacuation routes; climate risk assessments; and rapid identification of damage to the most vulnerable communities and the physical environment.

This initiative will strengthen the early warning systems in the Lower River and Upper River regions and the coastal areas of the Banjul region, including procurement and installation. The project will also include technical training of the personnel who are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the drones and ancillary technologies in the Gambia. The project document was signed at BAPA+40 during a UNESCO side event on South-South Cooperation in Biosphere Reserves. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Gambia and the Permanent Representative of both the Gambia and India to the UN in New York were present at the ceremony.

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## GRENADA

### Mt. Horne Child Development Centre

This project will provide quality day-care services for children from low- and moderate-income households, creating a new facility to offer early childhood education activities. Project document is under finalization. Implementation of activities will begin shortly.

**Budget:** \$300,000

**Partners:** Ministry of Social Development and UNICEF

**Beneficiaries:** Children in Grenada

Contributes most directly to **SDG 4**




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## GRENADA

### New Incinerator for the General Hospital

This project will ensure the management of waste generated in health-care facilities by procuring and installing a new biomedical waste incinerator and enhancing biohazard waste disposal practices. The project document is under finalization.

**Budget:** \$100,000

**Partners:** Ministry of Health and PAHO

**Beneficiaries:** Patients and health-care professionals

Contributes most directly to **SDG 3**




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## GRENADA

### Public Service Training Centre

This project seeks to train and offer professional development opportunities for improving the quality of service delivery and the skills of public officers by constructing a training centre. The project entails construction of two classrooms in the public service training centre. A site visit was conducted by Ministry of UNOPS. Land was not found suitable for construction and Government of Grenada is exploring allocation of an alternate piece of land.

**Budget:** \$97,974

**Partners:** Department of Public Administration and UNOPS

**Beneficiaries:** Public servants

Contributes most directly to **SDG 4**



**Budget:** \$1,250,000

**Partners:** Department of Commerce, Industry and Environment, and UNOPS

**Beneficiaries:** Residents and communities

Contributes most directly to **SDG 12**



**Budget:** \$992,724

**Partners:** Ministry of Economic Development, Housing, Urban Renewal, Transport and Civil Aviation, and the International Labour Organization (ILO)

**Beneficiaries:** Families to settle on Funaota island

Contributes most directly to **SDG 4**



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## NAURU

### Waste to Compost Facility

This project aims to construct a waste management facility that will process solid and liquid waste to manufacture a safe and organic fertilizer. After a systematic and detailed internal review by environmental and waste management experts, the UNOPS team is continuing to engage directly with the Government of Nauru counterparts on their vision for this project to address the sustainability component and suggest practical and tangible solutions to implement Nauru's waste management plan.

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## SAINT LUCIA

### 21st Century Youth Empowerment: Skills Training for Marginalized Youth

This project, implemented by ILO and the Ministry of Education, Innovation, Gender Relations and Sustainable Development, aims to identify and train marginalized young people in carpentry and joinery and assist them with job training experience. The Project Document is now under formulation in consultation with the Government of Saint Lucia and other stakeholders. The project document is under finalization.



## TUVALU

### Solar Home Standalone Systems for Funaota, Nukufetau

The project provides electricity access on Funaota islet, an outer island of Tuvalu. Stand-alone photovoltaic solar home systems, one community freezer and photovoltaic solar based telecommunication systems will be installed. In addition, local capacity to operate and maintain the systems will be established. A consultancy to assess electricity needs, determine feasibility, design systems, and provide technical assistance during the tender process is underway.

**Budget:** \$213,151

**Partners:** Ministry of Public Utilities and Infrastructure, Tuvalu Electricity Corporation and the UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji

**Beneficiaries:** Households on Funaota islet

Contributes most directly to **SDG 7**

## VANUATU

### National Sustainable Development Plan Baseline Survey

The project aims to strengthen development planning, coordination, monitoring and reporting to support achievement of inclusive sustainable development through the effective implementation of Vanuatu National Sustainable Development Plan (NSDP). It will enable extensive national data collection by the Vanuatu National Statistics Office. It will advance an overdue comprehensive survey that will update figures on household income and expenditures and on indicators that will provide information on progress across the Sustainable Development Goals. The training of enumerators began in the first quarter of 2019 and the team will review and finalize the field survey questionnaires by the end of the first quarter. The data collection enabled by the project will inform the development of the National Sustainable Development Plan. It will feature expanded health, agricultural production, well-being and labour force modules.

The field data collection is currently in full progress. An executive meeting was held and NSDP Baseline Survey Field Monitoring visits are underway to make sure quality data is collected. In the coming weeks VNSO staff will be travelling to all Provinces for field monitoring based on the field plan that was approved.



**Budget:** \$600,000

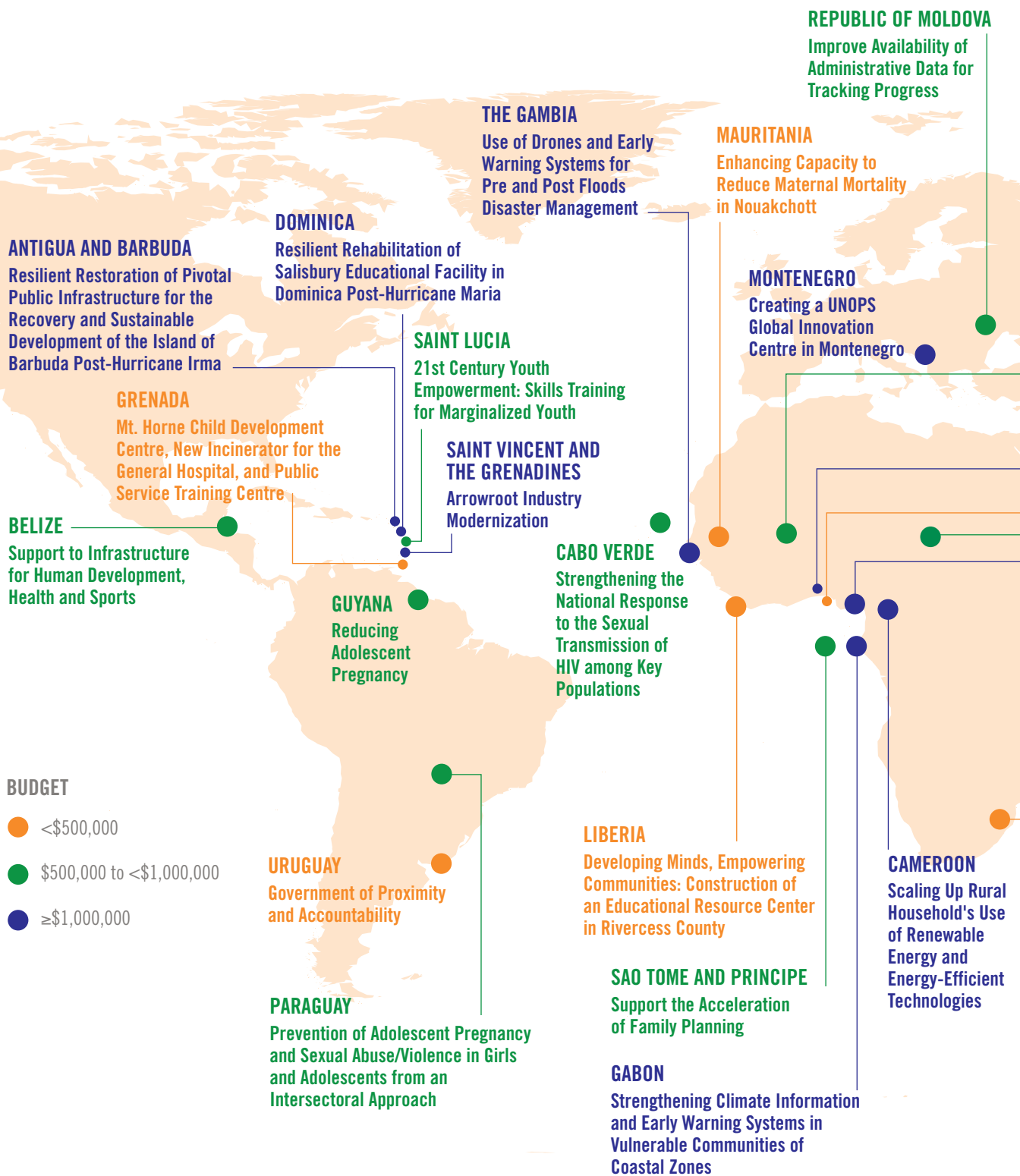
**Partners:** Vanuatu National Statistics Office and UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji

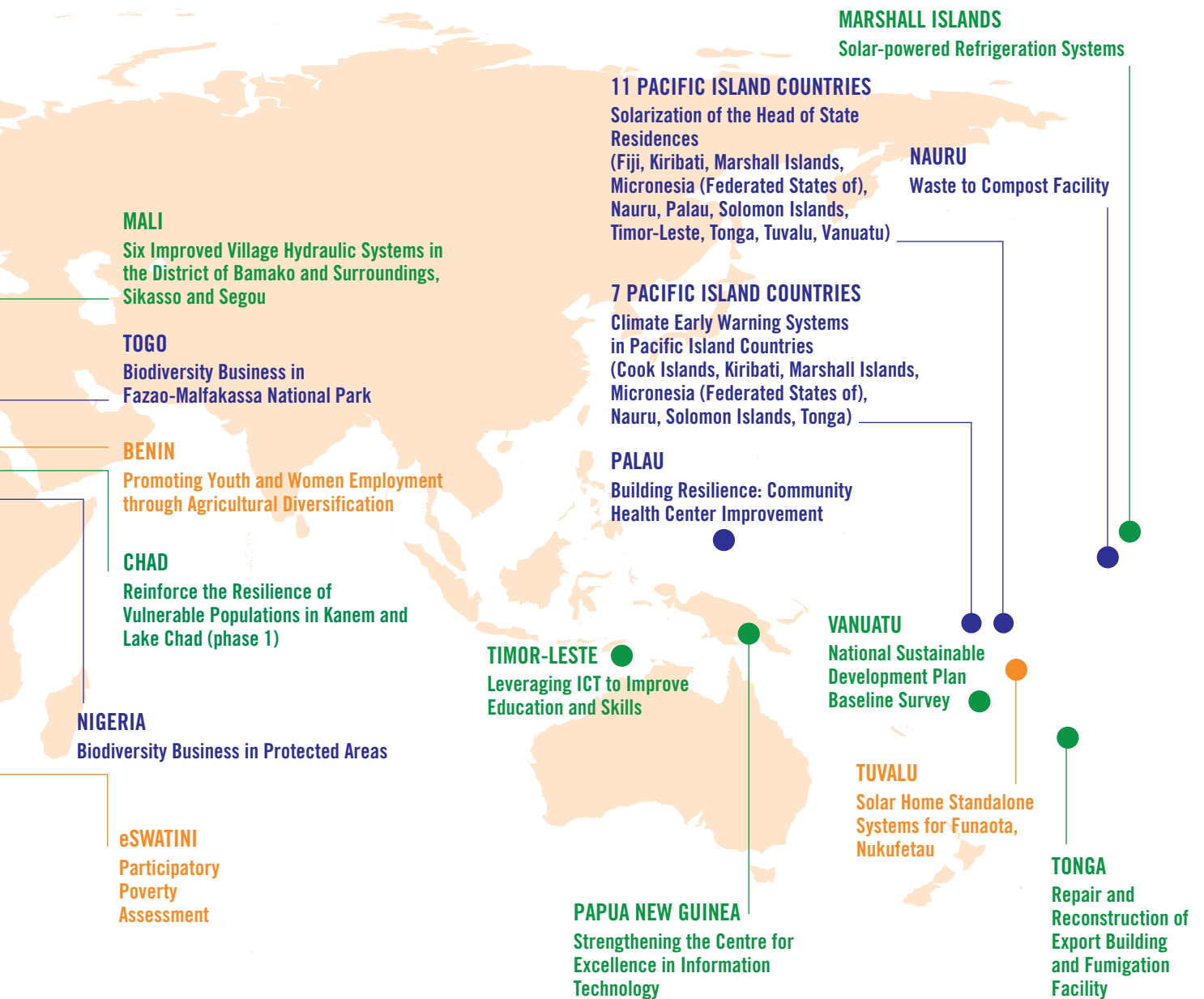
**Beneficiaries:** Government and citizens

Contributes most directly to **SDG 16**



# INDIA-UN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP FUND





# OVERVIEW OF THE TRUST FUND APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION PROCESSES

## The proposal submission and project implementation processes are as follows:

- Proposals are presented by a partner country to the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in New York in the form of a concept note describing the strategy, key features and indicative budget of the initiative.
- Proposals are reviewed for approval by the Board of Directors of the Fund on a regular basis. Approvals are facilitated by the Fund secretariat at the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC).
- Proposals that have been approved to receive funding then serve as the basis for the formulation of a detailed Project Document by the implementing agency. The Project Document is developed in close consultation with UNOSSC following the implementing agency's template, standards and procedures. The formulation process is expected to be completed within three months.
- The selected implementing agency receives the approval from the Board to implement the project with the Government and other partners. The agency is expected to monitor overall implementation in line with United Nations policies and procedures and submit monthly progress updates. The partnering Governments, accredited representatives of the Government of India and UNOSSC also regularly review the progress in implementation.

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