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THE INDIA-UN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP FUND



The India-UN Development Partnership Fund (India-UN Fund) seeks to innovatively put into practice South-South cooperation. Established in 2017, the Fund and its Commonwealth Window impactfully advance all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), contributing resources and expanding partnerships for development cooperation anchored at the multilateral level.

The Fund is sponsored by the Government of India and implemented in collaboration with the United Nations system, with the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) as the coordinating partner. The Fund provides end-to-end support: the Government partner identifies a sectoral need and the UN comes in to assist in project formulation and implementation, guided by the priorities and approaches of the requesting government. An emphasis is placed on partnering with small island developing States, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and countries affected by disaster.

Given that being demand-driven, non-prescriptive, non-conditional and flexible are central tenets for the India-UN Fund, the thematic areas for its initiatives span all 17 SDGs. Fund projects address development concerns such as climate resilience, environmental sustainability, gender equality, renewable energy, improving women's and maternal health, education, livelihoods, natural disasters and agricultural development.

In cases involving natural disasters and emergencies, for example, the Fund has demonstrated speed and responsiveness. In the last few months during the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Fund has provided medical supplies and protective equipment to nine developing countries.

The Government of India has committed a total of \$150 million over 10 years for this Fund, including \$50 million under a separate Commonwealth Window, \$14 million earmarked for countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and \$12 million for Pacific island developing States.

The India-UN Fund supports specific projects approved by its Board of Directors, comprised of the Deputy Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations in New York, H.E. Mr. Nagaraj Naidu Kakanur; the Joint Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Division of the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi, H.E. Mr. Manish Chauhan; and the Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, Mr. Jorge Chediek.

VISION

India's development cooperation is rooted in its social ethos and the philosophy of **Sarvodaya, a Sanskrit term meaning "development and progress of all"**.

For India, cooperation with and support to fellow developing countries and sharing India's development experience with them as an expression of solidarity are articles of faith. Working with fellow developing countries through the India-UN Development Partnership Fund translates this philosophy into reality and takes forward India's South-South cooperation engagement even further.

**ADVANCE ALL 17
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
GOALS (SDGS)**

**A TOTAL OF \$150 MILLION OVER
10 YEARS COMMITTED BY INDIA**

**NON-PRESCRIPTIVE,
GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT,
DEMAND-DRIVEN APPROACH**

**SOLIDARITY WITH THE MOST
VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN
SIDS, LDCS AND LLDCS**

**SPEED AND RESPONSIVENESS
AT TIMES OF GLOBAL CRISES**

AT A GLANCE



INCLUDES COMMONWEALTH WINDOW:



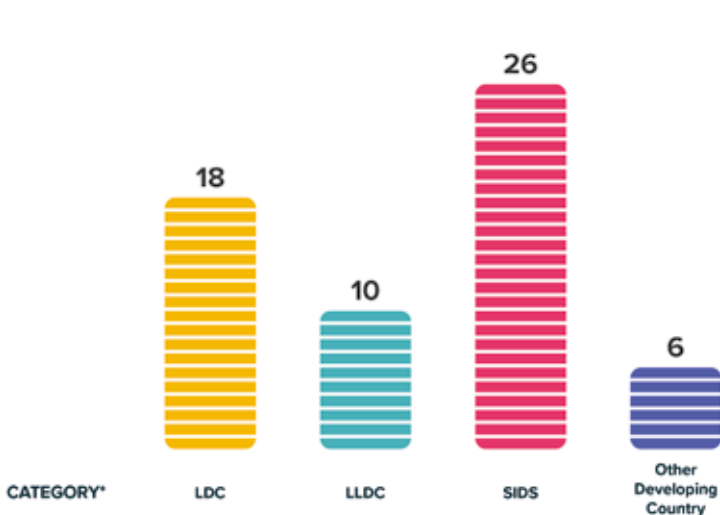
GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE FUND

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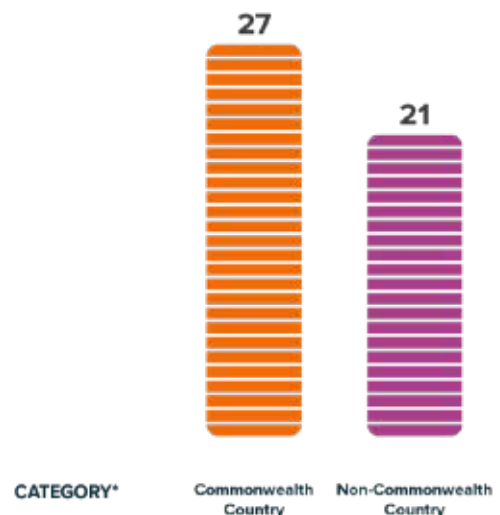


THE FUND ADHERES TO THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION BY PLACING A PRIORITY ON NATIONAL OWNERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP, DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL CAPACITY AND EQUALITY, MUTUAL BENEFIT AND SUSTAINABILITY, SUPPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BASED ON THEIR SPECIFIC NEEDS, WITH NO CONDITIONALITIES ATTACHED.

NUMBER OF COUNTRIES



NUMBER OF PARTNER COUNTRIES





GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

Most India-UN Fund projects are implemented at the country level, since they respond to requests articulated by national governments. The Fund also supports multi-country projects to address transboundary challenges, including, for example, to enhance climate resilience capacities in seven Pacific Island States, making implementation more efficient and bringing in a regional perspective to have demonstration effects.

PROJECTS OF THE INDIA-UN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP FUND BY REGION

Africa



Asia & the Pacific



Europe



Latin America & the Caribbean



PARTNERING UN ENTITIES

Twelve UN agencies, funds and programmes are currently implementing India-UN Fund projects.

Through this unique partnership with the UN system, the Government of India is able to leverage the comparative advantages of the UN, particularly its universal presence, cost-effective implementation, and wealth of normative and programmatic experience.

The Fund is eager to support the multilateral system, its 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and UN reform processes, including empowering resident coordinators as key brokers of country-level partnerships for its projects.



THE IMPERATIVE OF ACCELERATING SDG IMPLEMENTATION

India and UNOSSC have always believed that South-South cooperation should be demand driven. In line with this approach, the India-UN Development Partnership 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 (SDGs). Under the umbrella of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Fund's focus is on helping development partners in areas of their choice.

SDGS MOST DIRECTLY ADDRESSED BY PROJECTS OF THE INDIA-UN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP FUND






FUND MANAGER AND SECRETARIAT: UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

INNOVATIVELY PUT INTO PRACTICE SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

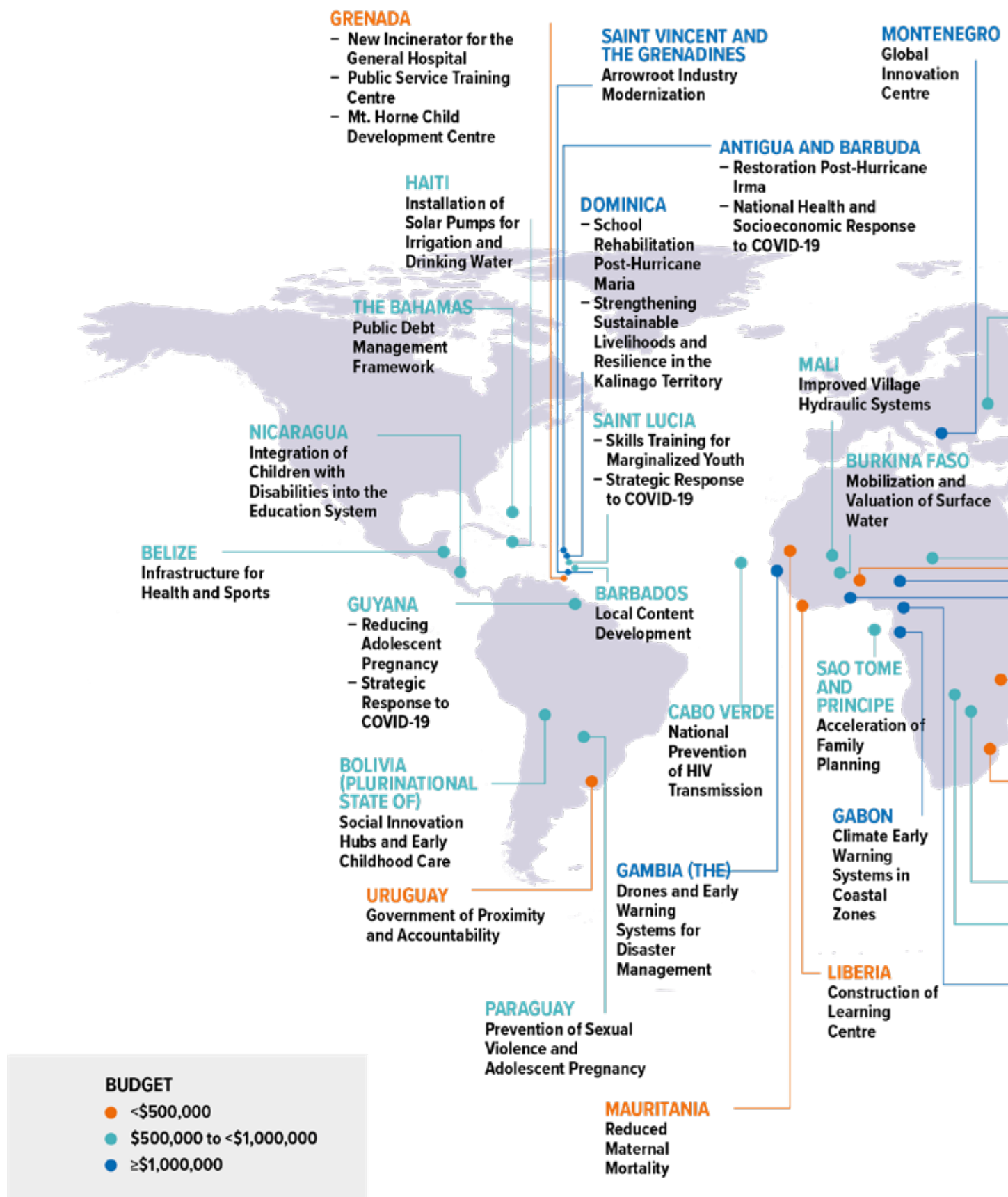
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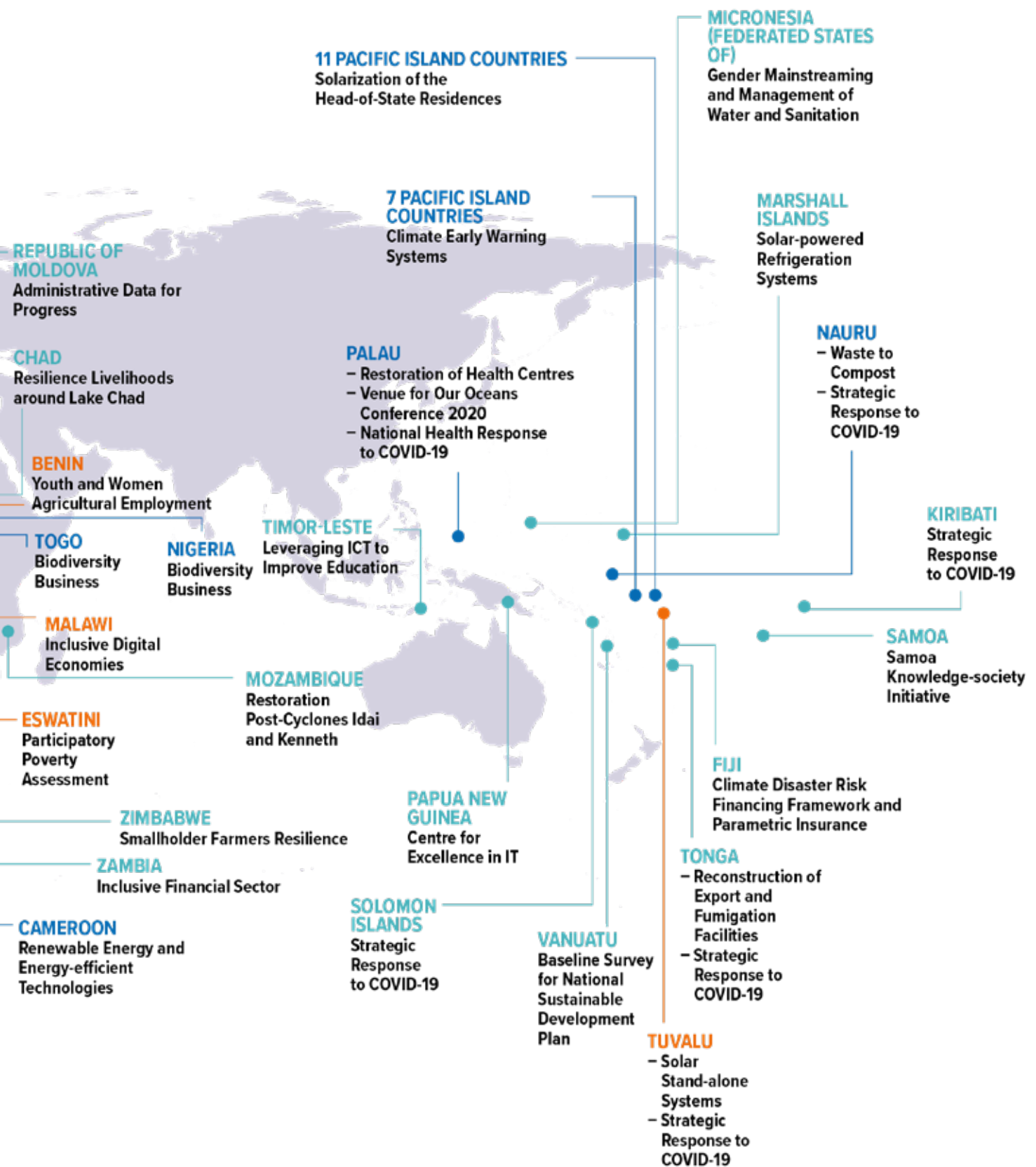


MIDWIFE IN MAURITANIA DISPLAYS NEWLY ACQUIRED EQUIPMENT



INDIA-UN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP FUND





SDG IMPLEMENTATION: FEATURED PROJECTS



ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Resilient Restoration of Pivotal Public Infrastructure for Recovery and Sustainable Development

Budget: \$1,000,000

Partners: Ministry of Public Works and Housing, and UNDP Barbados and OECS

Impact: 1 hospital servicing the whole of Barbuda rehabilitated and 1 post office reconstructed.

“The hospital is very important to us here in Barbuda, given that it is the only medical institution that we have.”
– **Ms. Nadia Harris-George, Chair of the Health Barbuda Council**

In September 2017, Antigua and Barbuda was hit by two Category 5 hurricanes: Irma and Maria. Based on the post-disaster needs assessment, the combined value of the assets that were destroyed amounted to around 9 per cent of the country’s gross domestic product.

This project rehabilitated and equipped the Barbuda Post Office and Hanna Thomas Hospital, which is the only health-care facility on the island of Barbuda. Thanks to those pivotal interventions, health care and postal services were restored for 96,000 inhabitants.

Reconstruction progressed rapidly and followed building-back-better techniques. The Barbuda Post Office is now refurbished. The Hanna Thomas Hospital was completed and handed over even through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.



INAUGURATION OF THE HOSPITAL

“The post office is completed and is very valuable now for the community.” – Ms. Mary Hopkins, Principal Assistant Secretary at the Barbuda Post Office and the Treasury



HOSPITAL AFTER REHABILITATION



INAUGURATION OF THE POST OFFICE



POST OFFICE AFTER REHABILITATION



CHAD

Reinforce the Resilience of Vulnerable Populations in the Kanem and Lake Chad Regions

Budget: \$600,000

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

Impact: 200 local farmers trained in innovative farming techniques.



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Climate change has exacerbated desertification and land degradation in the regions of Kanem and Lake Chad. These issues have been compounded by declining ecosystem productivity, lack of economic opportunities, overexploitation of natural resources, a refugee crisis, and lack of drinking water and sanitation.

This project contributed to reversing that cycle of land degradation by training 400 farmers in techniques to combat desertification while also providing them with guidance and financial support to apply those cultivation methods on 55 hectares. In addition, project partners seeded 28,000 plants across 70 hectares to reverse deforestation. Seeking to enhance agricultural production and the sustainable management of natural resources, the project enabled local communities in 5 counties to produce their agro-pastoral development plans.

The project also built latrines and drinking water distribution points, which are fed through solar-energy-powered water pumps. To ensure inclusive and sustainable usage of those structures, local communities established water and sanitation committees. Their 200 committee members were trained in planning and financial management as well as in the operation and maintenance of photovoltaic systems. Those comprehensive interventions significantly contributed to improved livelihoods, health and well-being among partnering communities.



GROWING VEGETATION THAT WILL BE PLANTED TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN SEEDING PLANTS AND NURSERIES



DOMINICA

Resilient Rehabilitation of Salisbury Educational Facility Post-Hurricane Maria

Budget: \$1,000,000

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

Impact: A school was rehabilitated with new equipment and infrastructure.



DAMAGE AND RECONSTRUCTION AT SALISBURY SCHOOL COMPLEX

In September 2017, the Caribbean island of Dominica was heavily impacted by Hurricane Maria, with economic damage estimated at \$930 million. The education system was among the most devastated sectors. The Salisbury Educational Facility, a primary school teaching 140 students, was severely damaged.

This project rehabilitated the Salisbury school complex, consisting of 2 buildings that needed structural repairs, new roofs, furniture and equipment. Build-back-better techniques were employed, providing technical assistance to local contractors and government actors to improve their building materials and methods. Therefore, the project not only retrofitted the 2 buildings but also used that opportunity to enable local actors to access on-site practical training in the most appropriate building techniques. The refurbishment enabled the expansion of services in the new facilities, which are now also offering adult and early childhood education and hosting community events.

The refurbishment has been completed. “The members of staff and students were so overwhelmed when construction began in 2018, but today they cannot wait to begin classes in their newly upgraded classrooms”, said Ms. Chandler Hyacinth, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development of the Commonwealth of Dominica.



DAMAGE AND RECONSTRUCTION AT SALISBURY SCHOOL COMPLEX



SALISBURY SCHOOL COMPLEX DURING RECONSTRUCTION



SALISBURY SCHOOL COMPLEX AFTER RECONSTRUCTION



LIBERIA

Developing Minds, Empowering Communities

Budget: \$289,824

Partners: UNICEF Liberia and Kids Educational Engagement Project

Impact: A 6-room educational resource centre was constructed, contributing to improving the reading proficiency of 300 students.



LEARNING ACTIVITIES AT THE NEW BUILDING OF THE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTRE IN RIVERCESS COUNTY

Liberia's education system lacks adequate infrastructure and is crippled by overcrowded schools, inadequate furniture, and an insufficient number of libraries and learning materials. The literacy rate among Liberian youth stands at 49 per cent. Rivercess County is one of Liberia's least developed and most isolated counties, with no library and only 3 high schools serving a population of 124,500, thus leaving most children with no opportunity to attend school after grades 6 or 9.

This project built and equipped a 6-room educational resource centre in Rivercess County. It also provided training in child-centred pedagogy and reading strategies to 50 teachers from 47 public schools in that area. A total of 300 students participated in training workshops on reading and numeracy. Moreover, through the 21 computers provided by the project, 160 students acquired computer literacy skills. More students are gaining computer skills even after the completion of this project.

With a strong focus on youth and gender, the project introduced 150 girls to sexual and reproductive health rights. It also directly improved the livelihoods of almost 200 girls and women through vocational training.



REFURNISHED CLASSROOM AT THE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTRE IN RIVERCESS COUNTY



REFURNISHED LIBRARY AT THE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTRE IN RIVERCESS COUNTY



CHILDREN ATTENDING ACTIVITIES AT THE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTRE IN RIVERCESS COUNTY



MALI

Six Improved Village Hydraulic Systems in Bamako, Sikasso and Segou

Budget: \$500,000

Partners: Ministry of Energy and Water, and UNDP Mali

Impact: 6 drinking-water supply systems established to provide 10,000 people with safe drinking water.

“We used to spend the night in front of the only water pump in the neighbourhood, and sometimes without one. With this fountain post, today this is a distant memory.” – Ms. Fatoumata Diarra, a woman from the community of Dialakorobougou

Environmental degradation, coupled with economic disadvantages and the rural exodus of a growing population, has aggravated the already-limited access of the Malian population to safe drinking water, which decreased from 76 per cent in 2010 to 68 per cent in 2017. Hence, the Government of Mali has prioritized emergency measures to address drinking water shortages as an essential element for the country’s sustainable development.

This project built 6 hydraulic systems for 6 villages. It dug water wells, erected related structures for water pumping, installed tank reservoirs and water transport pipes, and constructed 18 drinking-water distribution points that provide safe drinking water to almost 10,000 people. To promote effective management of those hydraulic systems, the project also supported the establishment of village management committees, comprised of representatives from the respective communities. Community training was also carried out on waterborne diseases and good sanitation practices relating to the consumption of drinking water.



WATER TANK



TAP IN USE



WOMEN CELEBRATING THE WATER PUMPING AND DELIVERY SYSTEMS ESTABLISHED BY THE PROJECT



WOMEN COLLECTING WATER



MAURITANIA

Enhancing Capacity to Reduce Maternal Mortality in Nouakchott

Budget: \$412,549

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

Impact: 106 midwives improved their skills for safe delivery and neonatal care, and 11 reproductive health centres were refurbished.



Mauritania experiences high rates of maternal and neonatal mortality. Prior to this project, 582 women and 29 newborns died per 100,000 births. Confronted with that reality, the Government made it its priority to improve the infrastructure, enhance the skills of the professionals, and improve the health practices that can ensure safe childbirth.

This project refurbished 11 reproductive health centres, upgrading their buildings, furnishing them, and providing non-medical and sanitary equipment. In the retrofitting of buildings, special emphasis was placed on enhanced sanitation to reduce infections and on ensuring the suitability of furniture and non-medical equipment.

The project also provided customized training to midwives and other health professionals on newborn delivery, on neonatal care and on interventions to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity. More than 100 midwives were trained to increase compliance with established norms and protocols, and usage of the best medical practices based on scientific evidence. The systems to monitor and report on maternal and neonatal mortality were also strengthened.



REHABILITATED AND REFURBISHED HEALTH CENTRE SERVICING COMMUNITIES



NEW EQUIPMENT PROVIDED AT REFURBISHED REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CENTRES



PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Strengthening the Centre for Excellence in Information Technology

Budget: \$556,635

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

Impact: An information technology centre established at the university, including a refurbished building, ITC-equipped facilities and a network of professors.

“This is outstanding: I haven’t seen anything like this, airconditioned rooms, nice seating arrangement, computers, resources, online resources. After this training, I am going for the certificate programme.” – Student Alefay Kombay, Certificate in Advanced Web Technology

Papua New Guinea has a large potential to benefit from advancements in information and communications technologies (ICT) to address social and economic problems. With 50 per cent of its population under the age of 25 and 85 per cent of its population living in remote rural areas, strengthening the usage of ICT across Papua New Guinea would be a key driver for the country to obtain socioeconomic dividends.

This project established the Centre for Excellence in Information Technology, a specialized learning facility within the University of Papua New Guinea. The project rehabilitated a building located on the university campus. It also equipped it, contributing extensive ICT equipment to facilitate its activities.

The Centre now offers a variety of courses on information technology not only to Papua New Guinea students but also to students from various Pacific countries. Thanks to its state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, it has attracted highly skilled professors, including specialists from India who helped to establish its curricula and roll out its initial training programmes. The Centre is already considered a flagship programme of the University, a premier learning institution in the country.



BEFORE AND DURING THE REFURBISHMENT



CLASSROOMS AT THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE ON ITC FEATURING NEW EQUIPMENT



STUDENTS CAN NOW USE NEW ICT EQUIPMENT IN THE REHABILITATED AND REFURBISHED CENTRE



SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

Support to the Acceleration of Family Planning

Budget: \$550,000

Partners: Ministry of Health and UNFPA Sao Tome and Principe

Impact: 127 service providers, including nurses, midwives and doctors, trained in reproductive health; 3 remote regions equipped with mobile health clinics to expand access to family planning.

“The community lacked [access to care]. We are making appointments for pregnant women and children. Among the benefits are the guidelines that nurses give us to have a good diet, to have a vaccine, to see how the baby is, in short, to have better monitoring.” – Helga Camblé, community member

In Sao Tome and Principe, an African island country of about 200,000 people, access to family planning is characterized by marked regional disparities. In remote areas, the insufficiency of sexual and reproductive health services is particularly acute and represents a major development challenge, impacting most the youth and adolescents. This project focuses on increasing the availability of and access to quality family planning services.

It will address the unmet need for sexual and reproductive health services of almost 55,000 women and girls between the ages of 15 and 49. The project will equip health clinics in remote locations with the necessary materials to provide screening, contraceptive and other reproductive health services. Strong awareness and public communication campaigns and materials constitute another key component to ensure that the partnering population fully benefits from those services.

In addition, a Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey was conducted with support from the project to provide scientific data to guide this intervention. In partnership with ongoing initiatives, the project has also trained 127 health service providers, namely, nurses, midwives and doctors, increasing their skills and updating their knowledge and expertise on family planning.

The project also provided mobile health clinics. A total of about \$350,000 was invested in the clinics and their respective accessories as well as in other equipment to improve care in reproductive health services across the country, providing a good example of South-South cooperation.



MOBILE HEALTH CLINICS PROVIDING SERVICES EVEN DURING THE PANDEMIC



PEOPLE VISITING FIELD SERVICE TENTS



HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY



TIMOR-LESTE

Leveraging ICT to Improve Education and Skills

Budget: \$881,194

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

Impact: 1,000 primary school children and 4,500 secondary school students gained computer skills thanks to ICT-equipped schools and a tailored curriculum in the local language.



HANDWASHING STATION FOR COVID-19

The adult literacy rate of Timor-Leste increased from 37.6 per cent in 2001 to 68.1 per cent in 2018. However, progress has been uneven. The Oé-Cusse region of Timor-Leste faced persistent difficulties in improving basic human development indicators. Therefore, in 2014, the Government established it as a Special Zone for Social Market Economy.

This education project contributes to government efforts to provide quality, relevant and inclusive education for children and young people of Oé-Cusse, enabling the realization of their right to education and access to technology. It provides children in primary and secondary schools as well as young people with the opportunity to acquire information technology skills and experience.

Launched in April 2019, the project has provided computers, modems, printers and other equipment to local schools. This has enabled more than 5,000 students in primary and secondary schools to gain computer literacy. The project has also produced information and communications technologies (ICT) handbooks and other learning materials in a local language, Tetum, to support the training while working closely with the Ministry of Education to set up an e-book download site and preparing materials for Google classroom tutorials in Tetum.



INNOVATION LAB



FACE MASK DISTRIBUTION



VISIT OF VICE MINISTER



7 PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES (COOK ISLANDS, KIRIBATI, MARSHALL ISLANDS, FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, NAURU, SOLOMON ISLANDS AND TONGA)

Climate Early Warning Systems in Pacific Island Countries

Budget: \$1,000,000

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

Impact: A climate early warning system established, including installation of weather monitoring equipment and enhanced government technical capacities to analyse and act on data.

“Nauru like other SIDS continues to grapple with the severe impacts of climate change. Any project in the region needs to be designed with disaster risk reduction and adaptation as its primary objectives.” – H.E. Ms. Charmaine Scotty, Minister for Education, Home Affairs and Land Management of the Government of the Republic of Nauru

Pacific Island countries are among the most vulnerable countries in the world. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change highlights that these countries are at extreme risk from sea-level rise, with 50 per cent of the population living within 1.5 km of the shoreline. These countries are also exposed to extreme weather conditions, with tropical cyclones representing 42 per cent of all disasters in the region, followed by floods and droughts at 16 per cent and 4 per cent, respectively.

This project enhances the ability of the Governments of 7 Pacific Island countries to prepare, respond to and recover from climate-related disasters. It provides equipment for measuring meteorological conditions, including salinity metres to monitor salt-water intrusion in freshwater bodies or automated weather stations to enable advanced weather forecasting and climate data collection. The project also provides training to build the capacities of local officials in weather monitoring and warning. In addition, it strengthens coordination of data collection and analysis among partnering Pacific Island countries.



BONRIKI SALINITY METRE INSTALLED IN KIRIBATI



AT WORK DURING BONRIKI SALINITY METRE INSTALLATION AND TESTING



ATTENDEES AT A WORKSHOP FOR 7 PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES

MESSAGES FROM HIGH-LEVEL DIGNITARIES



Mr. António Guterres

United Nations Secretary-General

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the interconnectedness of our world and the importance of international cooperation.

Against this backdrop, we mark the third anniversary of the India-UN Development Partnership Fund. Together with 48 countries and 12 United Nations agencies, the Fund's growing portfolio of 55 projects is making valuable contributions to our efforts to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals across all regions of the developing world.

India itself is working to address the health and socioeconomic impacts of the pandemic, while also showing commendable solidarity with fellow developing countries. Through the India-UN Development Partnership Fund, the United Nations is a proud partner in the response.

We look forward to advancing this partnership. Together, we can recover better and build a more sustainable and equitable world.



H.E. Mr. T.S. Tirumurti

Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations in New York

I extend my felicitations to the India-UN Development Partnership Fund for three successful years of operation and furthering the spirit and cause of South-South cooperation.

We have effectively harnessed our collaboration with UN entities such as UNOSSC for the India-UN Development Fund to enhance education, health, public services, financial inclusion, sustainable agricultural practices; address challenges of climate change; focus on youth and their aspirations across the South-South paradigm; and together strive for inclusive development. India believes that development partnership should be guided by partners' priorities, build on local capacities and create local opportunities.

India has also partnered with UNOSSC in reaching out to countries which are specifically vulnerable to the threat posed by the pandemic. Our rapid and collaborative response in procuring urgent medical supplies, strengthening national health capacities and mitigating the adverse socioeconomic impact of this crisis across these countries has been exemplary.

I wish to congratulate the team of UNOSSC and also all the UN agencies which have tirelessly worked to partner alongside us in making this vision of South-South cooperation a success. We have a long way ahead of us and India is fully committed to realizing the true potential of this remarkable partnership.



Mr. Jorge Chediek

Director, UNOSSC, and Envoy of the Secretary-General on South-South Cooperation

The India-UN Development Partnership Fund has articulated a partnership between the Government of India and the United Nations system as a trusted partner. While putting into practice India's vision for a just and inclusive world, the Fund channels resources, expertise and action to improve the lives of those most vulnerable through South-South cooperation.

The United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation is proud to serve as Board Secretariat and manager of the Fund. Through this partnership, the Fund benefits from the know-how and global presence of the United Nations agencies that implement its projects. At the same time, the Fund is an integral and highly symbolic element of India's vocal advocacy for Southern interests, for a strong multilateral system and for close collaboration to jointly advance achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Fund has challenged the United Nations system to design and implement its projects guided by partner Government demand and in keeping with the principles of South-South cooperation. India has established an innovative model that is achieving remarkable results.



Ms. Chandler Hyacinth

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development, Commonwealth of Dominica

The Ministry of Education was jubilant when the Government of the Republic of India decided to provide financial support in the rehabilitation of one of the country's top primary schools, which was severely damaged after a Category 5 hurricane. This financial support created a strong bond between two developing countries which recognize education as an essential tool for the growth of any country.

India did not seek to only rebuild the school but also ensured that it was constructed to better respond to any natural disaster and to be resilient. The members of staff and students were so overwhelmed when construction began in 2018, but today they cannot wait to begin classes in their newly upgraded classrooms as they see that the project nears completion.

We thank the Republic of India, UNDP, the India-UN Development Partnership Fund and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation for their assistance in creating a better learning environment and hope that this relationship between both countries and people continues to flourish.



H.E. Mr. Victor Moraru

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations in New York

The India-UN Development Partnership Fund epitomizes the spirit of global partnership embodied in SDG 17. The flexibility of the Fund to work in various formats and with an increasing number of partners, including countries such as the Republic of Moldova, which are well outside of the traditional South-South cooperation framework, is a remarkable feature.

Through a triangular partnership between the Government of the Republic of Moldova, the Government of India and UNFPA, we are benefiting from a project expected to improve the availability of administrative data for tracking the progress of the International Conference on Population and Development agenda within the framework of SDGs.

I would like to praise India for its solidarity, generosity and the very important role that it plays in supporting, through the Partnership Fund, the global progress on the implementation of SDGs.



Ms. Grete Faremo,

Executive Director, United Nations Office for Project Services

I would like to offer very warm congratulations to both the India-UN Development Partnership Fund and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation. UNOPS remains a strong supporter and sees the Fund as a testament to the key role that multilateralism plays in our collective effort to provide solutions to the greatest challenges of our times. Our world's battle against the COVID-19 crisis has once again brought this message home, sharply and decisively: we can only tackle our biggest challenges if we all work together.

India's leadership in the Fund's COVID-19 response is to be commended. UNOPS is proud to support these efforts as an implementing partner of the India-UN Development Partnership Fund both in responding to the COVID-19 crisis and as we work together to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals.



Ms. Shamila Nair-Bedouelle

Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences,
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

COVID-19 is the last in a long list of infectious diseases that have originated in wildlife and spread to humans. As this health crisis shows, biodiversity conservation and sustainable development are now a moral imperative. If we don't change our relationship with nature, we are likely to see more diseases like these in the future.

I would like to thank the Government of India and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation for supporting UNESCO's projects in Togo, Cameroon, the Gambia and Samoa. These projects aim to promote biodiversity conservation and sustainable development, support renewable and energy-efficient technologies, use drones and early warning systems for pre- and post-flood disaster management, and enhance digital development. I look forward to continuing our work together so that we can build a more resilient, healthy world.



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