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UNDP is proud of its longstanding partnership with the Ministry of Home Affairs

Since 2002, UNDP has partnered with the Ministry of Home Affairs in empowering communities to manage disaster risk in urban and rural areas. Pilot interventions with communities across India have been instrumental in strengthening community-based preparedness to tackle the onslaught of disaster across India.

UNDP's programme from 2002 to 2008 reached out to approximately 300 million people living in areas vulnerable to multi-hazards. Results of efforts to better prepare communities to address disaster are evident. In 2013 when cyclone Phailin hit the coastal state of Odisha, loss of life was much lower than a previous cyclone in 1999.

Having recognized the need to look at disaster risk reduction in the context of climate change and development, the government is now focusing on integrating disaster risk reduction, including climate-induced risks in development. Several of the disaster resilient technologies promoted by UNDP following the super cyclone that killed 10,000 people in 1999, is now being up-scaled in rural housing programmes in the state.

UNDP also supported the Ministry in establishing the India Disaster Resource Network, a web enabled database of resources that can be deployed during emergencies. This database is now being maintained by the National Institute of Disaster Management.

Some of UNDP's highest impact projects have been with Ministry of Home Affairs. These include:

- Disaster Risk Management Programme (2002-2009) implemented in 176 hazard-prone districts across 17 states of India with an outlay of US\$ 41 million.
- Disaster Risk Reduction Programme (2009-2012) of US\$ 10 million comprised of two projects, one aimed at strengthening state disaster management institutions to implement the national Disaster Management Act; and the second to address urban risk reduction in India's cities.
- Project on 'Enhancing Community and Institutional Resilience to Disasters and Climate Change' aims to support national and state authorities in mainstreaming disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation.

The partnership has supported key priorities

UNDP's engagement in disaster management in India over the past two decades has evolved from relief and sustainable recovery efforts to comprehensive disaster risk reduction in line with the global mandate.

UNDP's community-based programme with the Government of the India initiated in 2002 emerged as one of the largest community-based disaster risk management programmes in the world, attracting the attention of many countries from the region.

Twelve delegations from other countries have visited the country to learn from the India experience in preparing communities to address the risk of disaster.

The Disaster Risk Reduction Programme initiated in 2009 helped various state and city authorities undertake risk assessments and develop mitigation plans.

The current support to the Ministry through the project 'Enhancing Institutional and Community Resilience to Disasters and Climate Change' aims to:

- **Integrate** disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation measures in select national flagship programmes and developmental activities based on risk assessments and mitigation strategies.
- **Strengthen** training institutes with training modules/ tools and providing trained human resources to implement disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation measures.
- **Enhance** resilience of urban and rural communities to disasters and climate risks by strengthening their preparedness through locally-driven disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation strategies demonstrated through pilot initiatives.

The project works in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha, Sikkim, Tripura and Uttarakhand and in the cities of Bhubaneswar, Gangtok, Madurai, Navi Mumbai, Ranchi, Shimla, Silchar Thiruvananthapuram, Vijayawada and Vishakhapatnam. The total budget is US\$ 6.23 million.

Development Support Services: While government funding for disaster management is increasing, the capacity of state governments to absorb these resources remains limited. At the request of the state governments of Himachal Pradesh and Jharkhand, UNDP in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs, is providing development support services to these states. The aim of this support is to develop capacities to accelerate delivery of services to enhance resilience of people to climate change and disaster.

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