Policy and Advocacy

Background

The Government of India, along with its development partners and policy planners, is working to formulate complex policy solutions to address India’s emerging challenges, such as inclusive growth, social inclusion of marginalized and excluded groups, gender inequality, building resilience to disasters, addressing environmental challenges, and sustainable human development. UNDP’s long-standing partnerships with a variety of stakeholders in the nine UNDAF states allow it to collect evidence and opinions to influence policy design, planning and implementation.

About the project

The policy and advocacy project will provide fast-track support to government partners and stakeholders and address cross-cutting themes seminal to the Country Programme’s support to the 12th Plan.

Developments so far

Research

- Documentation of the Kaam Mango Abhiyan in six districts—Sitapur (Uttar Pradesh), Nashik (Maharashtra), Raichur (Karnataka), Katihar (Bihar), West Singhbhum (Jharkhand) and Sundergarh (Odisha)—demonstrated increased participation of the poor in National Rural Employment Guarantee Act work and showcased how collectives of people can improve social and economic inclusion.
• An initiative with the Centre for Equity Studies provided a people’s assessment of the implementation of the Right to Information Act in Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar and Delhi.
• UNDP worked with state-level community-based organizations (CBOs) and conducted pilots to ascertain the socio-economic status of tribal women in a district of Gujarat; achieve the comprehensive rehabilitation of liberated manual scavengers; and improve the quality of care, support and treatment services for people living with HIV.
• Documented the success of India’s largest labour cooperative movement in Kerala in ensuring rights for all workers.

Innovation
• UNDP provided technical expertise to support the Government of India’s project on developing a state-of-the-art Performance Management System. The project will equip government departments with results framework documents under the Performance Monitoring and Evaluation System.
• Under the memorandum of understanding with the Government of Maharashtra, transgender community rights were reflected in government policies and programmes. In a landmark decision by the Indian Supreme Court, the community was recognized as a third gender for social and economic inclusion.
• UNDP engaged with the Indian Institute of Human Settlement and produced training modules to integrate human development concepts with disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation strategies. State government departments are now using these to build capacities.

Consultation
• UNDP supported the High Level Committee on the Status of Women (HLCW) by organizing national consultations and providing research papers and technical expertise to achieve its mandate of preparing a report on the current socio-economic, political and legal status of women in India and to recommend measures for the holistic empowerment of women.
• Supported a series of national consultations on accelerating actions towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for shaping the Post 2015 Agenda in association with Centre for Ethical Life and Leadership.
• UNDP participated in a series of state-level consultations held in Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Gujarat, which recommended skill development for young girls to increase their participation in the workforce.
• Supported the annual conference of the Indian Economic Association on the state of the Indian economy and future prospects. Participants included well-known Indian economists, academicians and politicians.
• UNDP was a key partner in the 14th Delhi Sustainable Development Summit, ‘Attaining Energy, Water and Food Security for All’, organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). The event is an annual, national-level summit on environmental challenges and sustainable development.

Looking to the future
• In the area of human rights, UNDP will engage with the Working Group on Human Rights in India and the United Nations, and with CBOs to build capacities of national and state human rights institutions and ministries in implementing the Universal Periodic Review recommendations, developing human rights-based approaches for social protection of transgenders in Maharashtra, and promoting and protecting the human rights of Dalit women and LBT persons in Vadodara, Gujarat.
• Position papers prepared on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for India in consultation with the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.
• UNDP will support CBOs in community-led audits of water, sanitation, food, livelihood and biodiversity security in three underdeveloped blocks, one each in the states of Maharashtra, Odisha and Tamil Nadu, through the Barefoot Academy of Governance.
• UNDP will provide technical expertise in developing a tool kit on the design and formulation of schemes by government departments based on results framework documents developed under the Performance Monitoring and Evaluation System (PMES) project.
• UNDP, in coordination with the Quality Council of India, is helping 37 government ministries and departments obtain ISO 9001 certification.
• A web portal on good and bad practices in implementation of government schemes at the state level will be developed in partnership with Consumer Unit and Trust Society.
• A scheme based on the model of a one-stop crisis centre for handling survivors of violence against women will be developed.
• An input paper on industrialization and economic growth for the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change is under preparation.

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