



## PARTNER: UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)

### Background

The *United Nations Development Programme* (UNDP) is the UN's global development network, advocating for change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life.

UNDP is based on the merging of the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, created in 1949, and the United Nations Special Fund, established in 1958. UNDP, as we know it now, was established in 1965 by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

UNDP is on the ground in some 170 countries and territories, supporting their own solutions to development challenges and developing national and local capacities that will help them achieve *human development* and the *Sustainable Development Goals*. Its work is concentrated on three main focus areas:

- *Sustainable development*
- *Democratic governance and peacebuilding*
- *Climate and disaster resilience*

UNDP helps countries to achieve the eradication of poverty, and the reduction of inequalities and exclusion. It also helps countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities and build resilience in order to sustain development results. UNDP further helps countries attract and use aid effectively. In all its activities, it promotes *gender equality* and the protection of *human rights*.

### Sustainability objectives

On September 2015, world leaders adopted the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. UNDP is working to strengthen new frameworks for development, disaster risk reduction and climate change. It is supporting countries' efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals which will guide global development priorities through 2030.

UNDP's *Strategic Plan (2018-2021)* has been designed to be responsive to the wide diversity of the countries we serve. The diversity is reflected in three broad development contexts which includes *building resilience to shocks and crises*.

To respond to these issues, and better focus its resources and expertise to deliver on the 2030 Agenda, UNDP has identified a set of approaches called Signature Solutions which include:

- Crisis prevention and increased resilience;
- Environment: nature-based solutions for development;
- Clean, affordable energy; among others.



## Partner's membership

UNDP has universal membership that encompasses all 193 UN Member States.

