

Our Organization – Some Background

UNDP embarked on its journey in Bangladesh in 1973. Since its inception, UNDP and its partners accomplished key results in the areas of governance, poverty reduction, environment, energy and climate change, disaster management, and achievement of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). UNDP is engaged with various governmental agencies and partners to thrive towards economic and social development in Bangladesh.

Underpinning all of UNDP Bangladesh's work is close partnership with the Government. Over the past 35 years, UNDP Bangladesh has assisted the Government of Bangladesh with a range of projects focused around thematic areas of practice – Democratic Governance, Poverty Reduction, Local Governance, Peace and Development, and Environment, Climate Change and Disaster.

Reflecting UNDP's commitment to ensure that our development interventions are closely aligned with national development plans and priorities, today a large majority of our projects are nationally executed with Government counterparts. Over the years this has translated into strengthened capacity of a broad range of Government institutions, resulting in better policies and services for the people of Bangladesh.

The **Standard Basic Framework Agreement** lays out the fundamental guiding principals of UNDP's assistance in Bangladesh, while the **UN System Principles of Engagement** document clearly articulates our commitment to a rights-based approach. The current **Country Programme Action Plan** lays out in detail, the goals and responsibilities required on all sides for the achievement of our key development objectives.

In combination with this rights-based approach, recent years have seen an intensified focus on results-based management, ensuring that our development impact is the most effective it can be. This results orientation also includes a focus on our policy advice and dialogue functions, tapping into UNDP's global knowledge bank for Bangladesh-specific solutions. UNDP has also been at the forefront of moves towards a more harmonious and effective donor context in Bangladesh, strengthening the systems through which donors can better coordinate and aid may most effectively be managed and utilized. This has resulted in a renewed focus on our strategic partnerships within country. Our partners include government, other UN agencies, bilateral agencies, the private sector and civil society, working together towards the common vision of achieving the Millennium Development Goals. For further information, see the **Strategic Partnerships** page.