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Work in Iran

UNDP works closely with its major development partners – the government, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector – to achieve the Global Goals set by the UN Member States and its world leaders including, the overarching commitment “to leave no one behind” by 2030.

UNDP recognizes the linkages between development issues such as natural resources management, poverty, and inequality. Sound analysis and integrated solutions are central to our work.

Our work in Iran, like everywhere else, is guided by a Country Programme Document, developed, and agreed upon in full partnership with the government, covering 2023 to 2027.

It focuses on four areas:

- 1) Integrated Natural Resources Management, Climate Action and Environment Conservation
- 2) Public Health Management
- 3) Socio-Economic Resilience
- 4) Disaster Risk Reduction Management



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in Iran since 1966***



Integrated Natural Resources Management, Climate Action and Environment Conservation:

UNDP supports the Government in achieving improved management of natural resources, particularly water and land, through technical expertise, access to global knowledge networks, anticipatory development planning and horizon scanning, as concrete methods for risk-informed development planning.



Public Health Management:

UNDP as one of the largest health funds managers in the world, provides technical and financial support to the Government of Iran on the HIV national response through the provision of innovative and efficient services. The Government is also supported in strengthening coordinated regional responses to shared health challenges, including tuberculosis control.



Socio-Economic Resilience:

UNDP addresses poverty and inequality through protective and promotive methods, supporting social protection policies, inclusive growth, and eco-friendly employment, especially in small enterprises. Focus is on empowering vulnerable populations in Iran, including female heads of households and rural women, ensuring access to training, skills, business development, and digital opportunities, aligning with national priorities and regulations.



Disaster Risk Reduction Management:

UNDP works with other United Nations entities to support national efforts to reduce vulnerabilities and also to recover from natural disasters. UNDP leverages its experience and resources to pilot projects showcasing the links between improved natural resource management and disaster risk management such as using innovative technologies that can be adapted to the national context to improve disaster risk mitigation, preparedness, and recovery.





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