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Foreword

We are learning every day how quickly our world can change.

New challenges are coming faster and with more severity, but each underscores the same reality; we are all connected.

Your dedicated support for Regular “Core” Resources demonstrates that you understand how important they are to our work in this new world—where life becomes more complex and dangerous for the hundreds of millions of people who can’t be assured of their safety, or even where their next meal is coming from. In a world where new innovative solutions are more needed than ever before.

All eyes are on Ukraine right now, where the flexibility of Core Resources is enabling us to work as swiftly and decisively as the situation demands. But we haven’t taken our eyes off Yemen or Afghanistan, or Somalia or South Sudan, or Myanmar.

In all these places flexible funding allows us to work with those who need help the most from Day One.

The climate crisis and COVID-19 have delivered a double whammy to those living in crisis. And we’ve had another hard lesson in what we already know; in times of emergency, it is always the vulnerable who bear the brunt.

UNDP has taken the lead in responding to the socio-economic fallout from COVID-19. Core Resources have not only been our ‘first responder’, two years on, they enable us to tackle the vital issues that are leaving the furthest behind.

How do businesses and livelihoods recover?

How do we get everybody, not just the rich, vaccinated?

How can we use a digitally connected world to enhance sustainable development?

Core Resources will continue to address these inequalities, even after the pandemic is over. And the same goes for other crises, whatever their source.

Flexible funding is also a vital part of the exciting, ongoing ‘experiment’ that is UNDP. We constantly pioneer new ways of approaching development and invent the right tools to get the best from our programmes, using the Sustainable Development Goals as our North Star.

In these uncertain times we remain more committed than ever to bring our expertise and support to the people who need it most, no matter where in the world they live.

Core funding is the passport that gets us there. Thank you.



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UKRAINE

Based on its longstanding, trusted partnership with the Government of Ukraine, UNDP has been working with municipalities, civil society organizations, and business associations across the country. We are now leveraging this extensive network for immediate and scaled up support to the people of Ukraine, focusing on immediate crisis response and maintaining core government functions for emergency response management and public service delivery. We are also supporting emergency relief in neighbouring countries, ensuring a strong focus on resilience and development for the millions of displaced people who have fled the violence.

Bold new ways of working

Big challenges require big ideas, and our new Strategic Plan has been designed specifically to address the increasingly complex and overlapping issues testing our planet and societies.

It lays out ambitious objectives that your support is delivering, including helping 100 million people to escape poverty, getting clean energy for 500 million people, and supporting democracy by working with countries to get 800 million participating in elections, as well as promoting more than US\$1 trillion in investment in the SDGs.

Just as three years ago we couldn't have imagined the extent of the damage one microscopic virus could wreak on the world, we don't truly know what combination of effects our present challenges will serve up.

What we do know is flexibility is everything.

Whether it's the reverberations from conflicts or climate change, or the social and economic reach of COVID-19, the effects of massive shocks are rippling out, and will do so for years to come.

The pandemic has been a brutal but important reminder of the connections between the pandemic and habitat loss, the climate emergency, growing inequality, contested democratic values and protracted conflicts.

None of these challenges can be approached piecemeal. If we don't look at the big picture, we won't get the picture at all. And 'zooming out' is not just necessary for immediate response, it's also necessary to plan for the next shock.

As the Strategic Plan recognizes, there is a pressing need to act as one to address the challenges of inequality, climate change and governance.

That means working with a revitalized UN system and beyond for stronger collective results, and with one goal in mind—transformative change.

UNDP is used to breaking new ground, but this complex, long-term commitment is one we've never undertaken.

We can't do it alone, nor would we want to. Partnerships are an integral and greatly valued part of our work. We need your support to eradicate poverty, accompany countries on their pathways towards the SDGs, work towards the Paris Agreement, and to lay the foundations for sustainable development and lasting peace.

A man with dark hair and a mustache, wearing a blue striped button-down shirt and a watch, is looking upwards and to the left. He is touching a light-colored wall with his right hand. In the background, a red car is visible, and a person is sitting inside it. The scene appears to be outdoors in an urban setting.

YEMEN

Decent work is an important part of UNDP's comprehensive response in Yemen, a country buffeted by civil war, poverty and the climate crisis. We are providing ways for Yeminis to help themselves, working with young people who want to become entrepreneurs, and building women's empowerment.

Core strength

“Leave No One Behind” is more than just a slogan, it’s the principle we bring to our work every day, for every country, and on every issue.

Core Resources give the world’s poorest countries support as they battle poverty and inequality, work towards sustainable development, and build resilience to the crises and shocks that are certainly coming.

Core is an antidote to the increasing inequality that is feeding into global crises. It’s a genuine global public good—the embodiment of the cooperation we must exhibit if we are to rise to the challenges we face.

In the best of times, development requires a clear, strategic long-term focus, as well as the ability to tackle emerging challenges and opportunities. Core funding makes both possible—because it’s not earmarked, it can be quickly put to use, both in crises and for development.

It’s critical for supporting low-income and least developed countries to test innovative approaches and fill gaps in underfunded areas. It also lays the foundational work in programme design that attracts additional financing, in important factor in financing the SDGs.

Core underpins UNDP’s operational capacity, networks and presence at global, regional and country levels, in 170 countries and territories.



**EVERY CORE DOLLAR INVESTED IN UNDP PROGRAMMES
BROUGHT TEN MORE IN NON-CORE FUNDING**



AFGHANISTAN

Nowhere is UNDP's commitment to stay and deliver more apparent than in Afghanistan, where we are providing economic assistance where it is most desperately needed. In a country on the brink of economic collapse, our jobs programmes are saving lives and our SURGE programme is deploying professional help where it is most needed. And we are advocating for the economic benefits of women in the workforce.

Your support is making a difference

People and governments rely on UNDP. And our partners and donors count on us to transform the funds you have provided into tangible impact. In turn, UNDP counts on you to continue believing in our mission and to sustain your support as we pioneer and spread new ideas to address extreme poverty, respond rapidly to emergencies, and to get the most out of every dollar spent.

Thank you for your trust and for your commitment to making a difference in millions of lives.

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BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER AN EMERGENCY

When crises collide, which they increasingly do, Core Resources enable UNDP to respond quickly and flexibly.

TRAC-3 is the core facility of UNDP for immediate action. It was established to provide UNDP with the capacity to respond quickly and flexibly to the development needs of countries affected by conflicts and natural disasters. These resources position UNDP to analyse early warnings, advocate for and influence policies for crisis risk reduction and conflict prevention and to intervene as early as possible.

The smart investments and unwavering financial support from our partners has been key to allowing UNDP to respond to countries' needs with agility and effectiveness. Core Resources, in particular, played a critical role over 2020 and 2021 enabling UNDP to quickly deploy funds, enable life-saving services, ensure business continuity for many governments and build digital capabilities to continue providing basic services. Now, Core Resources are helping us to remain operational in Ukraine throughout the conflict, scaling up work to preserve development gains and supporting the government to sustain governance structures and services during these challenging times.

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SUPPORTING THOSE WHO NEED THE MOST

UNDP directs three quarters of core funding to least developed and low-income countries, where its flexibility plays a significant role in both development and

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