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FOREWORD



UNIDO's mandate, as a specialized agency of the United Nations system, is to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID).

Industry is vital for job creation, sustainable livelihoods, food security and inclusive growth, and, ultimately, for eradicating poverty. In order to allow a better life and prosperity for the millions who remain excluded from a dignified human existence, the world needs to grow its industries in an inclusive, sustainable and resilient manner.

UNIDO has been active in mitigating the consequences of armed conflicts and natural disasters by securing, restoring and developing livelihoods and productive capacities for affected populations, which is known to be a gap during but also after the humanitarian operations. UNIDO's interventions lay the basis for stable societies and sustainable growth. For us, human security is a key development issue.

This brochure shows UNIDO's long-standing cooperation with the United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security and presents a series of brief descriptions of UNIDO activities that have been supported by the trust fund, to show how UNIDO, working with governments, UN agencies and local communities, contributes to the improvement of human security by developing the full potential of people in pursuit of inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

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LI Yong

Director General

UNIDO'S APPROACH TO HUMAN SECURITY

The inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) approach departs from the past models of development. It emphasizes the need to consider the impact of industrial development on economic growth, on communities and society, and on the environment. Inclusive and sustainable industrial growth contributes to shared prosperity for all segments of society, including young people and women, as well as for rural and urban communities. By generating employment and income opportunities, it will contribute to human dignity as well as social equity and cohesion, allowing the development of stable societies, and the achievement of the many developmental objectives that the international community is seeking to achieve, foremost of which is the eradication of poverty.



In September 2012, the United Nations General Assembly adopted General Assembly resolution 66/290 which provides an outline of what constitutes 'human security'. Human security is a holistic approach to address widespread and cross-cutting challenges to the survival, livelihood and dignity of people, recognizing the interlinkages between peace, development and human rights.

UNIDO strengthens the ability of individuals and vulnerable groups of people to reduce risks, threats and vulnerabilities, ensuring that there is no interruption in livelihoods and productive activities. It also integrates energy, health and environmental security concerns that affect people's productive capacities into its activities. UNIDO assistance ensures that the restored livelihoods and productive capacities will be as free as possible from future risks and vulnerabilities, and as green as possible. No human life is free from downside risks and shocks, but with higher resilience and reduced vulnerability, people are better able to cope with them and recover faster.

Interventions by different units and branches of UNIDO at headquarters and in the field are coordinated for synergies and an effective comprehensive approach. Activities in targeted sectors are linked to provide a comprehensive package tackling multiple human insecurities. This approach promotes inter-sectoral collaboration within UNIDO as well as with bilateral and multilateral development cooperation agencies, finance institutions, private sector, academia and civil society. UNIDO ensures that all stakeholders engage actively in the development process - another dimension of inclusiveness UNIDO emphasizes.



UNIDO AND THE UNITED NATIONS TRUST FUND FOR HUMAN SECURITY

The United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security was created in 1999 with initial support from the Government of Japan. The trust fund has since received contributions from the Governments of Greece, Malta, Mexico, Slovenia and Thailand. Its aim is to promote human security by financing comprehensive and integrated programmes by United Nations agencies and their partners to mitigate risks, prevent crises and strengthen the resilience of people and communities around the world. Programmes funded by the United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security demonstrate the added value of the human security approach and aim to extend its usage and awareness both within and outside of the United Nations system. The trust fund is managed by the United Nations Human Security Unit which reports to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General.



Since 2003, UNIDO has implemented a series of projects worldwide under the trust fund. The projects address a wide range of human security situations, from recovery after armed conflicts and natural disasters to problems that constitute a structural threat that endangers people's lives through increased productivity, better employability, livelihood and entrepreneurial opportunities but also through improved health, environment and access to energy. Brief summaries of these projects can be found in the back pocket of this publication. UNIDO works closely with the United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security to improve the lives of vulnerable and marginalized people and communities around the world.

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AFGHANISTAN

A RURAL REGION RECOVERS



Long years of war have destroyed communities, their means of living and rural infrastructure in most of Afghanistan. In areas where the situation has been stabilized, local people need outside help to rebuild the agricultural economy and to develop alternatives to opium-poppy cultivation.

In a project that covered 43 villages in the Ghazni and Herat provinces, UNIDO's primary focus was on people directly involved in food production: small farmers and women. The project improved their technical and business skills and facilitated their access to modern technologies for agricultural production. Rural providers of essential services - blacksmiths, carpenters, tailors, masons and extension workers - benefited in a similar way from the project. Special attention was given to the inclusion of former combatants.

For the project's success, intensive involvement of the local population was essential. This was achieved through the existing village and community organizations and women's groups established by the Danish Committee for Aid to Afghan Refugees, the main partner in the field. The interventions were closely linked to the Committee's micro-finance project, stimulating existing local business and creating new business ventures. Afghan partners included the Ministry of Agriculture and local authorities. Some 10,000 people benefited directly from the project. Food security was increased and youth were able to gain income by providing rural services such as blacksmithing, carpentry and masonry. Hundreds of women participated in tailoring and food processing micro projects.

Project title: Assistance in reducing the humanitarian deficits of war-affected rural communities through increased agricultural productivity and the promotion of auxiliary income-generating activities.

Duration: 2005-2006.

Implementing branch: Agri-Business Development Branch.



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