

# UNDP Results

## MDG Achievement Fund



## Approach

The Millennium Development Goals Achievement Fund supports national efforts to reduce poverty and inequality and achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) worldwide. The United



Nations Development Programme (UNDP) manages the MDG Fund, which was established in December 2006 with an initial

contribution of \$US710 million from the Government of Spain to the United Nations system. The MDG Fund mainly finances programmes that make public policies more responsive to the needs of women, youth, minority groups and children, piloting examples that can be scaled up into national policy frameworks. It promotes a collaborative approach, bringing together almost 3,000 partners including national governments, local authorities and citizen associations to execute 128 joint programmes in 49 countries. These MDG Fund-financed programmes work to advance the national development agenda and improve the lives of the poor.

The MDG Fund's work builds on the expertise of over 20 UN agencies that collaborate on joint programming financed by the Fund. This approach is mirrored by national governments with dozens of ministries and local governments involved in the implementation of programmes, allowing for a strong intersectoral approach. Citizens and civil society are at the heart of what we do and are considered key players in all interventions.

In September 2008, at the UN High-Level Event on MDGs, Spain committed an additional US\$123 million to the MDG Fund, bringing the total amount to US\$826 million.

## RESULTS

### Eight programme areas

We focus on eight programme areas that receive 85 percent of MDG Fund resources (approximately \$700 million). A further \$75 million supports the UN in its effort to increase coherence and aid effectiveness through 'One UN' pilots. Additionally, concrete action on advocacy and social mobilization for the MDGs has been done nationally and globally as well as a rigorous implementation of our monitoring and evaluation and knowledge management strategies.

### Children, nutrition and food security

In **Ethiopia**, the MDG Fund is contributing to a Government-led national child nutrition programme. As a result:

- The programme has trained close to 700 health workers in 16 districts on the management of severe acute malnutrition cases in children;
- All 16 districts have begun therapeutic feeding interventions for 9,733 malnourished children receiving life-saving treatment in the first half of 2010. Eighty-five percent of these children have recovered.
- The nutrition programme is also improving the knowledge of government and civil society groups in eight districts on issues related to child malnutrition.

### Culture and development

In **Ecuador**, the Fund is financing a joint UN and Government programme led by the Ministry of Cultural Patrimony, which is at the forefront of the fight against discrimination and for social inclusion. As a result of the MDG Fund-financed programme:

- The Government has launched a national plan to combat discrimination based on race and ethnicity, and is working with mayors across Ecuador to identify how to translate the plan into concrete public policies.
- For the first time in Ecuador, the national census will include a section allowing for self-identification of racial and ethnic groups, which will help the Government obtain reliable disaggregated data that can be used in plans to tackle extreme poverty.

## MDG Achievement Fund Programmes Worldwide



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### Gender equality and women's empowerment

- In the **occupied Palestinian territory**, the MDG Fund's support to two women's coalitions — *Al Muntada* in the West Bank and *Amal* in Gaza — has resulted in the adoption of a joint advocacy action strategy to tackle violence against women and promote their effective participation in the political and economic sectors. Training for religious leaders, media students and health providers has resulted in two radio and five television spots that will be broadcast on nine local radio and six TV stations. This vital, citizen-driven campaigning effort complements the Ministry of Women's Affairs' 2011-2015 national strategy on gender violence.

### Advocacy and citizen action

- In the **Philippines**, the Fund supported a coalition of non-governmental organizations to create an alternative report on MDG achievement in the country. The report specifically reflected the

perspectives of citizens on MDG achievement, the very people who the MDGs are designed to help. The coalition also designed its own citizen roadmap for achieving the MDGs, analysing government anti-poverty programmes from the perspectives of citizens. Both of these initiatives are the result of a series of countrywide consultations, focusing on marginalized groups like women, Muslims, youth and indigenous peoples. In September, prior to the UN's 2010 MDG Review Summit, the Secretary of Finance and Budgets presented them at the National Parliament.

- At the **global level**, the Fund, together with the Institute of Development Studies in Sussex, United Kingdom, produced a new study called *Can the MDGs Provide a Pathway to Social Justice: the Challenge of Intersecting Inequalities* to demonstrate the relationship between social exclusion and the MDGs, deepen understanding of its underlying causes and make policy recommendations that address them. The report was launched in parallel to the MDG Summit and is being used by UN Agencies, academia and civil society for advocacy and the design of equity-based approaches.

#### Allocation of Funds by Programme Area

US\$ Millions

Culture and Development	95.60
Environment and Climate Change	89.50
Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding	94.00
Children, Nutrition and Food Security	134.50
Democratic Economic Governance	59.63
Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment	89.40
Private Sector and Development	63.10
Youth, Employment and Migration	79.67
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$705.40</b>

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