

# CORE FUNDING IS CENTRAL TO UNDP'S COVID-19 RESPONSE



## COVID-19 IS A DEVELOPMENT CRISIS

As the leading United Nations agency on development, UNDP is playing a key role in supporting countries, as part of UN Country Teams, to:



RAPIDLY RESPOND TO COVID-19 CRISIS



SAFEGUARD PROGRESS ON THE SDGs



LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

## WHY CORE MATTERS



Core resources (un-earmarked funds or regular resources) underpin UNDP's **operational capacity and networks, and presence** at global, regional and country levels, across 170 countries and territories. This allows us to provide on-demand support to national governments as part of the broader UN System support.

Being the **most flexible funding modality**, core allows UNDP to lay the foundational work in programme design that will help attract more resources from other sources. This flexibility allowed us to quickly **re-purpose existing core** funds to directly support the needs of Country Offices.

UNDP requires an initial

US\$500 MILLION

for its INTEGRATED RESPONSE



over the FIRST 6 MONTHS



## TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The introduction of a COVID-19 Project Marker enables UNDP to report on the contribution of core resources and its impact in our integrated response.



## WHERE THE NEED IS GREATEST

Low-income countries, with pre-existing vulnerabilities, high levels of inequalities and weak institutions will struggle to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

UNDP continues to ensure that the majority (at least 85% as mandated by its Executive Board) of Core is spent on programmes in the **poorest countries**, while also addressing **pockets of poverty and vulnerability** – including women and marginalized communities – in middle-income countries.



## PROMOTING UN NORMS AND PRINCIPLES

Core resources enable UNDP's global presence and operations: present and actively engaging with governments, building trusted relationships to promote the values of the UN including human rights and the principle of 'leaving no one behind'.

## HOW FLEXIBILITY HELPS

### Select County Examples of how core resources enabled rapid response to COVID-19

Across regions, UNDP is using unspent and reprogrammed core resources at the country level as catalytic funding, and to jump-start critical activities for on-the-ground COVID-19 response.



#### ALBANIA

Core resources funded an information campaign by the country office in coordination with the Government, WHO and Telekom Albania. Once developed, non-core was mobilized to implement the campaign.



#### ETHIOPIA

UNDP is re-prioritizing existing programmes and projects up to a value of \$4 million in core resources to focus on rapid multi-sectoral social, economic and governance impact assessment, recovery planning and financing, continuity of critical government functions and strengthening public outreach. The aim is to leverage an additional \$12 million in additional non-core funding.



#### NIGER (SAHEL)

UNDP has re-prioritized US\$2.5million of core resources and is mobilizing an additional \$2.5million for digital e-governance solutions, community engagement and post-COVID recovery in support of the National COVID-19 pandemic plan.



#### STATE OF PALESTINE

UNDP's PAPP Accelerator Lab is assisting the national authorities to design and set up a crowd-funding platform targeting Palestinians in the diaspora to contribute to the national COVID-19 efforts.



#### SOMALIA

With approximately \$257,000 of core funds, an initiative to support awareness raising and correcting misinformation related to COVID-19 is being developed. It will target nationwide coverage involving radio, TV, social media and religious leaders.



**Core is central to UNDP's long-standing relationship and trust with governments before, during and after a crisis**

