

Partnership with the NITI Aayog



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UNDP is proud of its longstanding partnership with the NITI Aayog

UNDP's partnership with the NITI Aayog (formerly Planning Commission) is one of its most strategic in India. Starting in 1999, UNDP has been privileged to support six projects with the NITI Aayog aimed at strengthening human development planning and budgeting. As part of on-going efforts to promote human development policies and programmes, UNDP has been proud to partner with the government at both central and state levels including with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and with twenty one states. UNDP has also partnered with top ranked institutions including the College of Agriculture Banking, the Reserve Bank of India, the National Institute for Public Finance and Policy and the Film and Television Institute of India.

Some of UNDP's highest impact projects have been with the NITI Aayog

- Human Development: Towards Bridging Inequality (2011-17)
- Strengthening Capacities for Decentralized Planning (2013-17)
- Capacity Development for District Planning (2008-12)
- Strengthening State Plans for Human Development (2005-2009)
- Rural Decentralization and Participatory Planning for Poverty Reduction (2004-07)
- Capacity building for preparation of State level Human Development Reports (1999-2004)

The partnership has supported key priorities

Many of the initiatives have focused on training at state and district levels and all projects have aimed to prioritize human development during the planning and implementation of social sector schemes and missions.

Through the *Human Development: Towards Bridging Inequality* project, state officials have been trained to use human development indicators to better plan and monitor social sector schemes.

Through the *Strengthening State Plans for Human Development* project, 21 states and 80 districts have prepared human development reports, several recognized globally, and disaggregated data has been used to better monitor health, education and income at district and block levels.

Through the *Capacity Development for District Planning* project, district officials have incorporated gender into district plans and innovative models of integrated district planning, community monitoring and change management have been introduced in different States.

Through the *Strengthening Capacities for Decentralised Planning* project, State and district officials and trainers have been trained to mainstream gender in planning and implementation and strengthen social accountability in major government schemes.

Key initiatives are planned for 2016

Under its on-going partnership with the NITI Aayog on human development, it has been agreed that UNDP will:

Provide technical assistance to NITI in support of its mandate to coordinate the Government of India's response to response to SDG implementation

Provide technical assistance to develop SDG monitoring and evaluation frameworks to strengthen SDG oriented planning and resource allocation at the state level

Collaborate with state governments that are finalizing their state HDRs to integrate SDG in planning processes

Under its on-going partnership with the NITI Aayog on decentralised planning, it has been agreed that UNDP will:

Help state governments introduce integrated district plans in line with SDG targets identified by state governments.

Support NITI in facilitating institutional convergence in integrated decentralized planning across different agencies and programmes.

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