

Partnership with the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation



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UNDP has been privileged to support some of India's premier institutions on water issues over the past two decades

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UNDP is engaging with the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga rejuvenation in several ways

UNDP is currently discussing support for the implementation of various activities of the National Clean Ganga Mission at the national and state levels including support for human resource development, technical support, capacity development, procurement support, and coordinating international support for the Government's important priority of rejuvenating the Ganga. As part of this engagement, UNDP is currently in the process of initiating a project on Ganga rejuvenation in the State of Jharkhand.

UNDP has also initiated discussions to support the Central Ground Water Board and the National Water Mission to upscale UNDP initiatives on Climate Change Adaptation in Madhya Pradesh and Odisha. In both, UNDP is also engaging with the Irrigation Department and Department of Agriculture to strengthen water management strategies.

UNDP is also supporting improved water management efforts of other programmes implemented by other Ministries including:



- **Ministry of Rural Development:** Improved planning and implementation of soil and water conservation initiatives through Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in the states of Jharkhand and Odisha.
- **Ministry of Rural Development:** Pilot projects in 9 states for integration of community-led groundwater management strategies into the Integrated Watershed Management Programme.
- **Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change:** State Action Plan on Climate Change being developed in three states with water as an important focus area.
- **State Disaster in Bihar and Odisha:** Collaboration with IIT Kanpur to promote strategies for reducing waterlogging in the Ganga and Mahanadi basins. Knowledge Network Centre established at IIT Kanpur on floods and waterlogging issues.



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