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PARTNERSHIPS AT THE FOREFRONT OF UNIDO'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

UNIDO's support to countries in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic centers on integrated service packages tailored to each Member State's needs, and partnerships at the global, regional and country levels. The [Organization's Response Framework](#) builds on three pillars of support, namely to prepare and contain, respond and adapt, and recover and transform.

As part of the UN family, UNIDO is engaged in various inter-agency responses to the socio-economic challenges stemming from the pandemic. The Organization submitted joint proposals to the first call of the UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Multi-Partner Trust Fund, and submitted 41 proposals to the Joint Sustainable Development Goals Fund in its financing call of April 2020.

UNIDO is also closely monitoring the COVID-19 response programmes of its international financial institution (IFI) partners. While the majority address national health sector needs, more recent waves of IFI-financed initiatives also support governments in rehabilitating their productive and manufacturing sectors. UNIDO is exploring project-level cooperation opportunities with IFIs and national partners through its headquarters and field office networks.

PROGRAMMES FOR COUNTRY PARTNERSHIP (PCPs) ADAPT TO NEW REALITIES AND PRIORITIES

Contingency plans were developed to advance implementation and programming in PCP countries in line with national response plans to COVID-19 and emerging priorities. Working with national counterparts, PCP teams are responding to new needs and requests for analytical and technical support to mitigate the impacts of this emergency, and support countries in their efforts towards socio-economic recovery.

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PCP ETHIOPIA TAKES STOCK OF ACHIEVEMENTS FROM 2015-2019; RECOMMENDATION TO EXTEND

Independent terminal evaluation of PCP Ethiopia recommends a second five-year phase: Results highlight the strong Government ownership of the PCP, and its success in bringing partners, expertise and resources together, especially for the development of agro-industries. The PCP has also played a key role in strengthening coordination among ministries. Five years is not enough to complete the large-scale flagship projects of the PCP, concluded the independent terminal evaluation finalized in March 2020. The Government of Ethiopia has expressed its commitment and wish to sustain the PCP through an official request to UNIDO. The Executive Board will decide on the way forward, building on lessons learned from the piloting phase and recommendations of the evaluation. A streamlined national coordination structure has already been discussed for the proposed next stage of the PCP.

Business continuity in the context of COVID-19; workplace safety in UNIDO projects: Audio recordings were prepared in three local languages to transmit key messages on workplace safety and protection for Ethiopian small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) operating in the context of COVID-19. The messages were disseminated through all projects being implemented by UNIDO. This particular initiative is part of an Italy-funded project focused on the Ethiopian leather industry.

Planning for Ethiopia's recovery from COVID-19: UNIDO is working with the UN Country Team in Ethiopia in the preparation of the socio-economic impact assessment of COVID-19. The PCP is expected to play a key role in three UN joint programmes being developed targeting economic recovery and job creation in the post-crisis phase. The joint programmes will focus on agriculture and manufacturing, targeting both the formal and informal economy, in particular: (i) Guiding business recovery for micro, small and medium enterprises; (ii) Job creation in urban areas, including in industrial parks; and (iii) Rural development.



A women-led SME adapts to safety measures at new premises allocated by the Government of Ethiopia, supported by UNIDO.



A young worker in a textile factory in the Hawassa industrial park, Ethiopia (pre-COVID 19).

AGREEMENTS SIGNED WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR SOUTHERN AGRO-POLE; PCP SENEGAL PROJECTS SUPPORT NATIONAL COVID-19 RESPONSE

African Development Bank (AfDB) and Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) invest \$70 million in PCP flagship project: The Government of Senegal has signed loan agreements with the AfDB and the IsDB for \$43 million and \$27 million, respectively, based on the feasibility study conducted by UNIDO. The investments will support the establishment of a competitive and integrated agro-pole in Casamance, a region in the South of Senegal. In parallel, the Government and the national private sector have each pledged around \$25 million. The PCP is supporting the establishment of three such agro-poles.



Signing ceremony (from left to right): Serge N'Guessan, AfDB Deputy Director General for West Africa; Amadou Hott, Minister of Economy, Planning and Cooperation; Moustapha Diop, Minister of Industrial Development and Small and Medium Industries (MDIPMI); Adama Ndiaye, Secretary General of MDIPMI; and Christophe Yvetot, UNIDO Representative in Senegal.

UNIDO project supports the safe disposal of medical waste in the context of COVID-19: Hospital staff were trained on the safe management of bio-medical waste and related equipment, including COVID-19 contaminated personal protective equipment, as part of a Global Environment Facility-funded project focused on hazardous waste. In addition, scooters procured by the project are supporting the safe collection of bio-medical waste from health centers.



UNIDO supports the collection of bio-medical waste in Senegal.

Ensuring food security while paving the way for the next agro-pole: UNIDO is continuing to support agricultural production in rural areas through an ongoing project jointly implemented with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Maintaining business continuity in the context of COVID-19, UNIDO delivered equipment for solar dryers and processing units, among others, to help farmers increase productivity, reduce post-harvest losses and add value to products. The project is linked to the establishment of the agro-pole in the Centre of Senegal, and supports food security and increased incomes for farmers.

PCP PERU: MOVING TOWARDS A CIRCULAR ECONOMY MODEL

Government approves the PCP supported “Road map towards circular economy in the industrial sector”: The road map will support transition from linear to circular economy in the manufacturing and fish processing industries, through 42 lines of action and different approaches. The Ministry of Production and the Ministry of Environment developed the road map with the technical and advisory support of UNIDO. This was mainly part of the Partnership for Action in Green Economy (PAGE) programme and other complementary initiatives related to circular economy, including a study on the needs and capacities of the CITE Network, developed in collaboration with Peru’s Technological Institute of Production. Approved in February 2020, the road map is part of the policy measures of the new National Plan for Competitiveness and Productivity.



Validation of the road map during workshop held at the premises of the National Industry Association in Lima, Peru (pre-COVID 19).

Peru proposal part of the first financing call of the Joint Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Fund: The proposed programme aims to support sustainable financing for Peruvian bio-businesses in the Amazon. Supported by the UN Resident Coordinator in Peru, it was jointly developed by UNIDO, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) and the International Labour Organization (ILO), for funding consideration by the Joint SDG Fund. The results of the call are expected in July.



Validation workshop carried out within the framework of the Global Environment Facility-funded project supporting food security and enterprise development in the Peruvian Amazon in the context of climate change (February 2020).

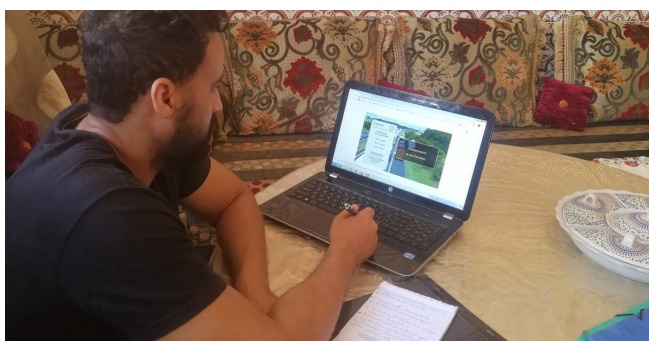
PCP MOROCCO STARTS IMPLEMENTATION; ASSESSING COVID-19 IMPACTS ON THE AGRO-FOOD INDUSTRY

Guide for digitalization of SMEs developed as part of PCP's E-commerce component: The guide will help traders and SMEs introduce online platforms for businesses as part of the economic response and recovery efforts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Working with partners to assess impacts and develop responses for the agro-food industry: As part of the PCP's agro-industry component, UNIDO and the African Development Bank (AfDB) are helping Morocco's National Federation of Agri-Business to assess the socio-economic impacts of the pandemic on the agro-food industry. This will be followed by a strategy to support Morocco's response and recovery, particularly targeting SMEs. The initiative is under the overall coordination of the Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Green and Digital Economy.

Joint programme approved in first call of UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Multi-Partner Trust Fund: UNIDO, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) will jointly implement a programme to support continuity of essential health-care services, and develop protection and prevention measures in the workplace. UNIDO's technical expertise will contribute to increased workplace safety, in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO), with a particular focus on essential industry services and SMEs.

Technical and vocational education and training projects embrace digital technologies during lockdown: ACCES, a specialized truck and bus driver training programme, was set to begin an inaugural training cycle before the pandemic. Adapting to new conditions, it launched instead a remote-based pre-training programme using E-learning and live video support for the 16 successful candidates and 4 trainers. Similarly, H2O Maghreb, which focuses on water and wastewater management training, adapted to online modules for its 11 trainers and 24 trainees. The sessions are accessible on all devices with access to Wi-Fi.



ACCESS training programme in Morocco.

PCP CAMBODIA: GEARING UP FOR THE START OF IMPLEMENTATION

Refined focus areas; Programme Document submitted to Government for endorsement: The PCP has revised its focus into two components: i) Agro-value chain development, including linkages with the tourism sector; and ii) Industrial diversification, innovation and special economic zone (SEZ) development. This will be supported by several cross-cutting interventions addressing issues from industrial policy and statistics to circular economy. In April, UNIDO submitted the PCP Programme Document to the Government of Cambodia for validation. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the document also incorporates UNIDO's envisioned support to Cambodia's response and recovery efforts. Moving into the implementation phase, the PCP will build on a portfolio of over US\$ 21 million for ongoing UNIDO technical cooperation, with additional projects in the pipeline for 2020. To date, investments leveraged from public and private partners towards PCP objectives are estimated at US\$ 20 million.

Assessing the impact of COVID-19 on SMEs: UNIDO is conducting a survey in several Asian countries, including Cambodia, to assess the impacts of COVID-19 on SMEs as part of the wider organizational response to the crisis. The assessment focuses on sectors most affected by the pandemic, taking into account intraregional variations and the stimulus packages put in place by governments and external partners. The results of the survey will feed into PCP interventions aimed at revitalizing Cambodian SMEs, among others.

Green Climate Fund (GCF) to support technology needs assessment for SEZs: Funded by the GCF Readiness Programme, the new project will support institutional capacity-building, coordination in climate action and finance, and the de-carbonization of the SEZ in Sihanoukville. UNIDO acts as the delivery partner for this GCF Readiness project, in line with the Framework Agreement signed between the two entities in 2018. The GCF proposal was developed by UNIDO in close coordination with the national counterparts, and will be implemented under the framework of PCP Cambodia.



Launch of a new project to support youth employment in Cambodia.

PCP EGYPT FINALIZES PROGRAMMING; INDUSTRY TO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Programming fast-tracked with strong support from the Government of Egypt: The finalized Programme Document is ready for signature; arrangements are being made for an official signing ceremony between the Director General of UNIDO and the Prime Minister of Egypt, Mostafa Madbouly.

Six priority areas identified: PCP Egypt will focus on: i) Industrial policy and governance; ii) Investment promotion; iii) Green industry; iv) Smart cities and sustainable industrial parks; v) Value chains; and vi) Mainstreaming industry 4.0. Two new projects are gearing up for the start of implementation: A US\$ 2.2 million project focused on the tomato value chain, funded by Italy and Slovenia, and a US\$ 4.4 million project on green industry, funded by Switzerland. Project documents for the other PCP components are under development.

UNIDO supports national road map for inclusive and sustainable industrial development (2020-2024): The road map was developed upon the request of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, building on the results of the country diagnostic conducted during PCP programming. It defines industrial development targets with a focus on the sectors of food, textiles, leather, furniture and handicrafts, and chemicals. Various stakeholders from the national public and private sectors and the international community were engaged in its development. The road map also includes policy measures for responding to the economic implications of COVID-19.

Setting up of a national task force on personal protective equipment (PPE): The task force brings together various public and private stakeholders to coordinate the production and supply of PPE in light of the increased demand. With technical assistance and guidance from UNIDO, the new task force aims to increase local capacity for the production of PPE, support the Egyptian Authority for Unified Procurement and Medical Supplies, and facilitate quality controls and policy advice to regulatory bodies.

PCP ZAMBIA: PROGRAMMING IN FULL SWING

Programming ongoing despite constraints of COVID-19; country diagnostic under finalization: In line with the Government-endorsed PCP contingency plan developed in the context of COVID-19, stakeholder consultations and programming activities are continuing through digital communication tools. The terms of reference of the national coordination body are under discussion and the country diagnostic exercise is nearly complete. The Government is currently reviewing the draft diagnostic report, which will support the development of the PCP programme document. A partner mapping is also underway to identify synergies with development partners, including with financial institutions and the business sector.

UNIDO engaged in the mid-term review of the United Nations Sustainable Development Partnership Framework (UNSDPF) 2016-2021 and collective efforts to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19: UNIDO is working with UN sister agencies and the Resident Coordinator for Zambia in the ongoing review of the UNSDPF. It provides an opportunity to align the new PCP with the priorities of the revised UNSDPF, and further engage with the UN Country Team (UNCT) in its collective efforts to support Zambia's Multi-Sectoral Contingency and Response Plan to COVID-19. UNIDO already provided inputs to the UNCT Flash Appeal related to COVID-19, with a focus on projects supporting skills development and job creation through contributions of the Zambian Industrial Training Academy (ZAMITA) project.



Technical and vocational education and training through the ZAMITA project in Zambia (pre-COVID 19).

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