



## UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is the UN lead agency on international development. Its mandate is to end poverty, strengthen democratic governance, as well as to support countries preventing and responding to crisis. It supports countries in formulating long-term, socially responsible and sustainable development strategies. With its presence in 170 countries, the UNDP has the largest external network within the UN and is the SDC's most important UN partner in terms of financial volume.

### Strategic Objectives

In its 2026-2029 Strategic Plan, UNDP defines four objectives and three accelerators:

Objectives for UNDP's strategic direction

- Prosperity for All
- Effective Governance
- Crisis Resilience
- Healthy Planet

Accelerators for systemic change

- Digital and AI Transformation
- Sustainable Finance
- Gender equality

### Key Results and Challenges

In 2022 and 2023, UNDP assisted the organisation of 36 elections totaling 439 million voters and helped 61 countries meet their international human rights obligations. Through its Crisis Office, UNDP improved the livelihoods of 9.6 million people in countries affected by conflicts and natural disasters in 2023. UNDP is also a central player in climate assistance, implementing projects in 142 countries, which directly benefit 37 million people. The UN agency supported 50 countries, including 15 least developed countries and 15 small island developing states, in their digital transformation, e.g. with digital identity systems and national digital infrastructure.

## FACTSHEET

### FACTS AND FIGURES

Type of organisation:  
United Nations' lead agency on international development

Head of organisation:  
Alexander De Croo (BE), Administrator

Headquarter:  
New York (USA)

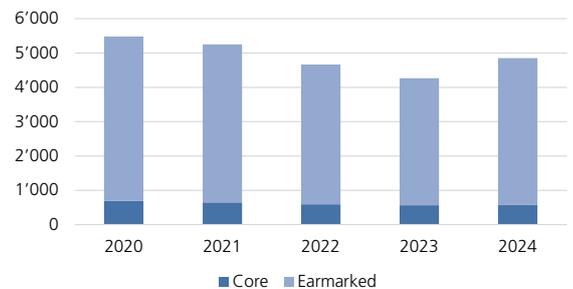
Country Offices:  
170

Total Personnel:  
Approx. 23'000

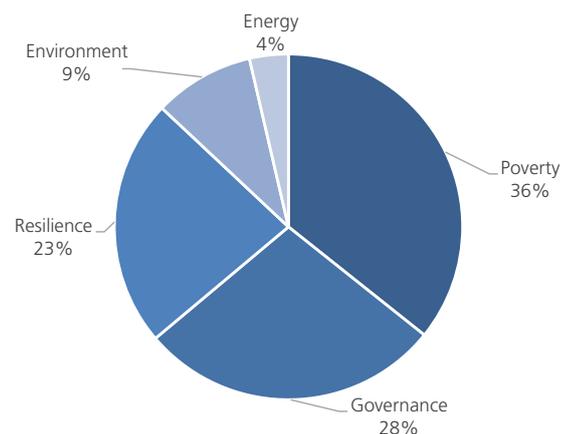
Established in:  
1965

Steering:  
Executive board with rotating membership

### UNDP Revenues 2020-2024 Core vs. Earmarked (USD mio)



### UNDP Expenditures 2024, thematic areas (%)





In Peru, where nearly 4 million people speak Quechua as their first language, bilingual election information contributed to an 80% voter turnout in the 2023 municipal elections. ©UNDP Peru/Bruno Cámara Rojo

## SWITZERLAND

Contributions 2024:

Total: CHF 86.7 million  
(13<sup>th</sup> largest gov. donor)

Core: CHF 44.2 million (4<sup>th</sup>)

Earmarked: CHF 42.5 million

Number of Swiss staff:

18

Involved Swiss government entities

SDC (UNO/MDB), PHRD, SEM, BAFU, SIF

## SWITZERLAND AND UNDP

### Switzerland's Strategic Priorities

1. Prevention and management of crises: Switzerland supports UNDP's efforts in preventing, managing and recovering from crisis. In a world marked by protracted crises, it is critical to break cycles of fragility.
2. Governance, democracy and rule of law: Switzerland encourages UNDP to strengthen inclusive, accountable and effective governance, through its support for elections, democratic institutions and delivery of services to all, including marginal groups.
3. UNDP Governance: Switzerland supports efforts to improve UNDP's efficiency, governance and oversight by being an active member of the executive board and through its strategic dialogue with the organisation.

Furthermore, Switzerland notably focuses on improving the audits and evaluation functions, as well as the organizational culture of the organisation.

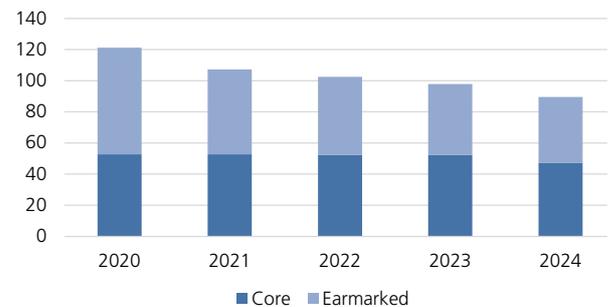
### Cooperation at Country-Level

Switzerland contributes to the implementation of UNDP's Strategic Plan at country level through specific contributions. In 2023 for example, Switzerland channeled CHF 35 million to 18 UNDP country programs, contributing to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across Africa, Asia, the Middle-East and the Caribbeans. Switzerland funded notably UNDP's peacebuilding efforts in Niger, Chad and Haiti as well as the organisation of elections in South Sudan.

### Cooperation at Global Level

Switzerland collaborates with UNDP at global level in the following thematic areas: crisis response, financing for development, and climate change. It supports the deployment of peace and development advisors in conflict-affected contexts to support governments and civil society peacebuilding efforts. Through UNDP's Financing for Development (F4D), Switzerland supports low- and middle-income countries to attract private sector investments in SDG-aligned initiatives.

### Swiss Contributions 2020-24 Core vs. Earmarked Funding (CHF million)



### UNDP in Myanmar - Sustainable Development in a Fragile Context

In Myanmar, which has seen a sharp increase of humanitarian needs since the military coup in 2021, SDC and UNDP address the immediate needs of vulnerable populations while laying the groundwork for long-term sustainable development in a context marked by an armed conflict between the Arakan Army (AA) and Myanmar Armed Forces (MAF) in Arakan state.

Efforts focused on repairing community roads, and rebuilding shelters benefiting over 25,000 individuals, providing agriculture input and livelihoods support for over 250,000 individuals and providing legal aid for marginalised groups to seek redress for grievances related to housing, land rights and sexual and gender-based violence, with 1600 individuals benefitting from such services in 2023 alone.

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